2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Central Energy Trust

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Margaret Kouvelis
Chairperson

Liam Greer
Deputy Chairperson

Murray Georgel
Trustee

Christine Jones
Trustee

Mark Cleaver
Trustee

TRUSTEE	ROLE	APPOINTED
Margaret Kouvelis	Chairperson	1 October 2018
Liam Greer	Deputy Chairperson	1 October 2021
Murray Georgel	Trustee	1 October 2018
Christine Jones	Trustee	1 October 2021
Mark Cleaver	Trustee	1 October 2024

DIRECTORY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ACCOUNTANTS / SECRETARY	Billie Stanley **BDO Manawatu Ltd** Amesbury Street, Palmerston North
BANKERS	**ANZ BANK** Rangitikei Street, Palmerston North **ASB Bank** The Square, Palmerston North
AUDITORS	**Auditlink** Broadway Avenue Palmerston North
SOLICITORS	**Greg Kelly Trust Law Ltd** Lambton Quay, Wellington **Cooper Rapley Lawyers** Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North
INVESTMENT ADVISORS	**Craigs Investment Partners** Shortland Street, Auckland

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Ngā mihi nui, ngā mihi mahana, ngā mihi aroha. Tēnā kotou katoa. Kind regards with warmth and affection – greetings to you all.

It is my pleasure to present the Central Energy Trust Annual Report for the 2024/2025 financial year on behalf of the trustees. This has been a year of significant progress, strategic development, and meaningful impact within our community, despite the challenging financial environment that has characterised much of the period.

As we reflect on the past twelve months, we are proud to report on our continued commitment to supporting the people and communities within our region. Our grant-making activities have continued to demonstrate the Trust's vital role in supporting community initiatives and individual development through grants, scholarships, and strategic investments that deliver lasting benefits. This year we have distributed a significant amount of money in excess of $4m which is a record. It is a privilege to be part of a Trust that has given over $63m to our communities in Palmerston North city, and the Manawatu and Tararua Districts since we began in 1993.

This year marks a significant transition in our leadership structure. We farewelled Ruma Karaitiana, who has served as Board Chair for the past three years and as a trustee since 2015. Ruma's decade of dedicated service has been instrumental in shaping the Trust's strategic direction and ensuring our community focus remains at the heart of everything we do. His wisdom, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our beneficiaries will be greatly missed, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for his exceptional contribution.

Throughout the 2024/2025 financial year, we have supported numerous projects and organisations that directly benefit our community members. The Trust has maintained its focus on addressing local needs through targeted funding that creates lasting positive change. Highlights of the year include $1m grant to Pūkaha, National Wildlife Centre. In July 2023 Pukaha National Wildlife Centre opened a brand new Whare Wananga, including an events centre, accommodation and a fully carved Marae. Such a facility would create environmental and educational opportunities for our rangatahi and the community. The Trust has been pleased to play its part in securing this national taonga for present and future generations.

Another highlight has been the contribution of $500k to PNCC Theatre Trust to enable Centrepoint Theatre, a Manawatu icon of professional theatre to renovate and refurbish its buildings. Another significant grant of $250k has been to the Feilding Civic Centre Trust for Feilding's Premier Multi- Purpose Community Centre.

One of our proudest achievements this year has been our continued partnership with Talent Central in delivering vocational and academic scholarships. These scholarships represent a significant investment in the future of our region, supporting talented individuals to pursue educational opportunities that might otherwise be beyond their reach. The scholarship programme demonstrates our commitment to building local capacity and ensuring that young people from our region have access to the educational opportunities they need to thrive. Through this partnership, this year we awarded 22 scholarships across diverse fields of study, from traditional academic pursuits to vocational training that directly supports our regional economy.

The 2024/2025 financial year has presented significant challenges in the investment environment, with global economic uncertainties, inflation pressures, and market volatility creating a complex landscape for asset management. Central Energy Trust's performance in this environment demonstrates the strength of our investment approach and the wisdom of our long-term strategic planning. While market conditions have been challenging, our diversified portfolio and conservative risk management have enabled us to maintain our commitment to community support while preserving the capital base that underpins our future activities. Our investment portfolio of $80m, administered by Craigs Investment Partners, has overall performed reliably and continued to generate the returns necessary to support our funding requests.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the team at Craigs Investment Partners for their professional management of our investment portfolio. Their expertise, market insight, and commitment to our objectives have been invaluable in navigating the challenging financial environment of the past year.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

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2025 Central Energy Trust Bursary Recipients

We also acknowledge the exceptional support provided by BDO, particularly Billie Stanley and Morgan Scott, whose professional services ensure our governance and administrative functions operate smoothly and effectively. Their attention to detail and commitment to excellence enable our board to focus on strategic decision-making while maintaining full confidence in our operational support.

Most importantly, I wish to thank our trustees for their wise counsel and decision-making throughout the year. Each trustee brings unique skills and perspectives to our deliberations, and their collective wisdom ensures that the interests of those in the community we serve remain first and foremost in all our considerations.

As we move into the new financial year, Central Energy Trust remains committed to our core mission of supporting our community through strategic grant-making, educational scholarships, and responsible investment management. The foundation work completed this year—including our Trust Deed review, SIPO updates, and the introduction of impact investment—positions us well for continued growth and impact.

The Central Energy Trust remains dedicated to being a catalyst for positive change in our region, supporting the aspirations of individuals and communities while ensuring the long-term sustainability of our operations.

We thank all our beneficiaries, stakeholders, and community partners for their continued support and engagement.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata - Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

Margaret Kouvelis

Chairperson

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2025 GRANTS AT A GLANCE

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

85%

VALUE OF GRANTS AWARDED

$4,139,553

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

117

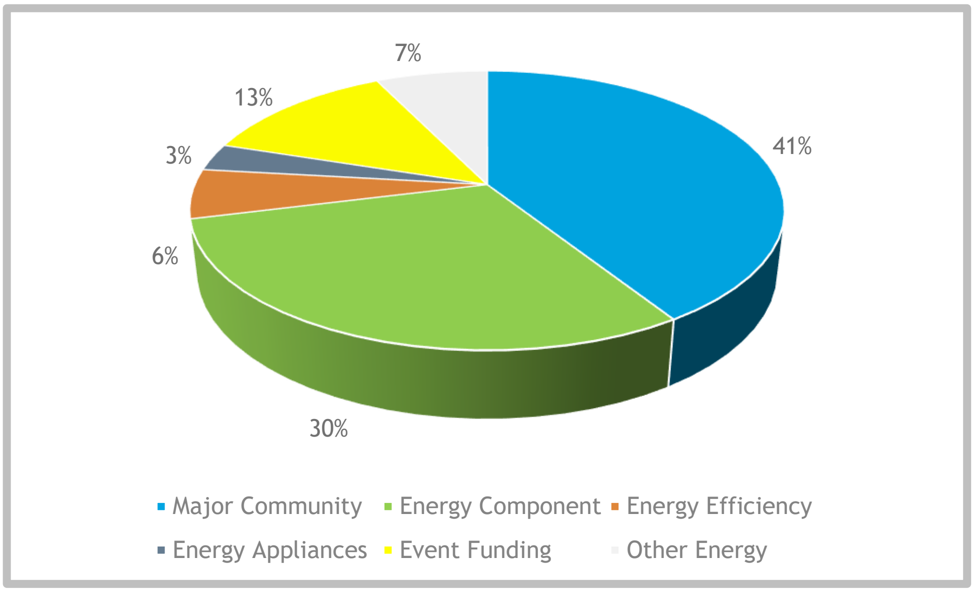
AVERAGE VALUE OF GRANTS AWARDED

$35,381

Individual grant applications range from

$521 - $1,000,000

PERCENTAGE OF FUNDING AWARDED BY CATEGORY



Operationally the Trust has had a strong year which resulted in 85% of grant applications being awarded. With the Not-For-Profit sector suffering increased costs pressures and increasing demand for services, it's often the small grass roots grants that have a profound impact on our communities. Over the last year 25% of grants awarded were less than $5,000, and it's pleasing to see how small payments can have a big impact.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW - *Continued*

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

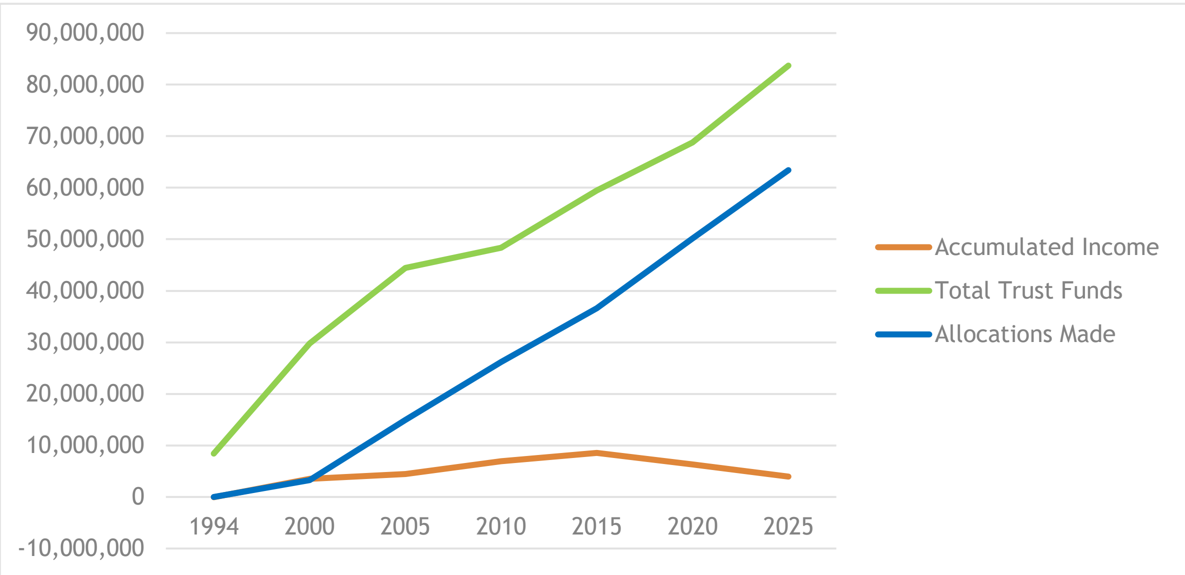
At $4.1 million of grant allocations for the year, the total allocations made were traditionally higher than in the past. The Trust investment portfolio performed exceptionally well in 2024 with $4.4 of gains and ultimately had another good result in 2025 with a further $2.4 million of portfolio gains. With a well-diversified portfolio, Trustees had the opportunity to allocate consolidated portfolio gains while maintaining total Trust Assets at $86 million dollars. The funding awarded in the 2025 financial year had a meaningful impact and 16% more recipients received funding when compared to the previous year.

Operationally income and expenditure for the year was steady and Central Energy Trust has reliable interest and dividends streams which have settled back in line with historical returns following extraordinary results in 2024. Expenditure did increase by $74 thousand dollars; however this is principally attributed to portfolio foreign exchange costs and the Trust's three yearly Trustee recruitment. After taking these into costs into consideration, expenditure increased by a modest 2.5%. The result for the year was a surplus of $513,732.

While the economic environment was challenging over the past twelve months, Central Energy Trust has performed well with a diversified Portfolio and guidance from our advisors Craig's Investment Partners. Maintaining investment performance continues to be a key priority and Trustees have commenced the process of updating our Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (SIPO) in conjunction with our strategic review.

Central Energy Trust is well placed to continue to provide funding into the future.

TOTAL TRUST FUNDS OF TRUST CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATED INCOME, AFTER FUND ALLOCATIONS AND PORTFOLIO MOVEMENTS IS NOW $84,692,946.



BURSARIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

This Financial year twenty two students were awarded Academic and Vocational Scholarships. Bursars studying over the next three to four years are:

2025 CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST BURSARY RECIPIENTS

Name	Degree
Alicia Squire	NZ Apprenticeship in Diversional Therapy
Amy Bezuidenhout	Bachelor of Aviation
Ben Shirley	Bachelor of Accountancy
Carly Philpot	Bachelor of Business
Connor Beales	Certificate of Carpentry - Level 4
Gary Salamonson	Fitter Turner Engineer - Level 4
Holly Pedley	Bachelor of Nursing
Jessica Carter	Bachelor of Horticulture Science
Jessie Weld	Bachelor of Veterinary Science
Ji'reh Williams	Bachelor of Nursing
Kaitlyn McIntosh	Bachelor of Arts and Psychology
Kyron Zaloumis	NZ Certificate in Refrigeration & Air Conditioning - Level 4
Lily Tavendale	Bachelor of Nursing
Mackenzie Cole	Bachelor of Veterinary science
Mackenzie True	Bachelor of Nursing
Rikki Woods	Certificate of Automotive Engineering
Riley Best	Bachelor of Science
Takutea Tengaipu Anga O Te Rangi	Bachelor of Design and Visual Arts
Thomas Revell	Bachelor of Veterinary Science
Xander Bayliss	Certificate of Carpentry - Level 4
Zachary Filer	Bachelor of Agribusiness
Zara McDonald	Bachelor of Veterinary Science

BURSARIES

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2025 CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST SUPREME RECIPIENT

Kaitlyn McIntosh was the recipient of this year’s 2025 Central Energy Trust Supreme Award being recognition of an outstanding applicant. The supreme award totals $15,000 per annum over a period of 3 years.

Kaitlyn attended Manukura and is studying towards a Bachelor of Arts and Psychology.

Trustees were impressed by Kaitlyn’s compassion and commitment to the wellbeing of those around her, inspiring them to succeed. Kaitlyn is an exceptional character with unwavering work ethic and maturity well beyond her years.

The Trustees wish Kaitlyn all the best for her studies.

BURSARIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2025 CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST BURSARY RECIPIENTS & CEREMONY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note		*2025*	*2024*
			$	*$*
Income				
Dividends		1,003,758		1,401,476
Interest		1,886,082		1,844,283
Foreign Exchange Gain		-		18,317
			2,889,840	3,264,076
Expenses				
Accounting and Administration		115,279		113,551
Advertising		7,472		6,578
Audit Fees		6,900		6,900
Bank Charges and Fees		327		259
Bursary and AGM Expenses		7,445		7,514
Consultants Fees (Internal)		6,800		6,860
Contracting Services		1,781		-
Digital Enhancement		3,880		1,308
Foreign Exchange Loss		26,070		-
General Expenses		248		-
Impact Investing		240		-
Insurance (Trustees)		6,835		6,510
Legal Expenses		16,315		27,450
Portfolio Management		132,052		128,891
Portfolio Brokerage		90,872		88,222
Printing, Stationery, and Tolls		5,819		4,991
Secretarial Fees		41,323		39,800
Trustees Expenses		4,772		2,892
Trustees Fees		92,969		89,748
Trustee Recruitment		34,257		
Website Expenses		474		1,122
GST on Expenses		45,116		40,234
			647,245	572,830
Operating surplus before distributions			2,242,595	2,691,246
Allocations				
Bursaries and scholarships paid		(86,500)		(98,500)
Grants approved during the year	1	(4,139,553)		(2,271,516)
Grant adjustments	1	75,446		45,881
Total allocations to beneficiaries			(4,150,606)	(2,324,135)
Income surplus (loss) before tax			(1,908,011)	367,111
Taxation for the year	4		(5,521)	(36,092)
Income surplus (loss) after tax			(1,913,532)	331,019
Investment portfolio movements				
Realised profit on disposal of investments	3	1,000,536		913,436
Realised loss on disposal of investments	3	(1,252,864)		(680,182)
Unrealised changes in investment values	3	2,679,591		4,191,680
Total investment portfolio movements			2,427,264	4,424,934
Trust surplus (loss) after tax and provision for grants			$513,732	$4,755,953

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the statement of accounting policies, notes to the financial statements and the Independent Auditors Report.

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN TRUST FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note		2025 $	2024 $
Trust funds at beginning of year			83,211,385	78,454,984
Net surplus (loss) for the year after tax and provision for Grants			513,732	4,755,953
Distribution from Manawatu Healthy Homes			-	448
Tax charge on behalf of beneficiaries	4		(32,171)	-
Trust funds at end of year	5		$83,692,946	$83,211,385
Represented by:				
Trust capital brought forward			77,297,050	72,871,668
Total investment portfolio movements			2,427,264	4,424,934
Distribution from Manawatu Healthy Homes			-	448
Trust capital at end of the year			$79,724,314	$77,297,050
Accumulated income reserve brought forward			5,914,335	5,583,316
Operating surplus		2,242,595		2,691,246
Less: Total allocations to beneficiaries		(4,150,606)		(2,324,135)
			(1,908,011)	367,111
Tax charge for the year			(5,521)	(36,092)
Tax charge on behalf of beneficiaries			(32,171)	-
Accumulated income reserve at end of year			$3,968,632	$5,914,335

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note		2025	2024
			$	$
Trust capital			79,724,314	77,297,050
Accumulated income reserve			3,968,632	5,914,335
Trust Funds	5		$83,692,946	$83,211,385
Represented by:				
Current Assets				
Cash at bank	2	4,872,406		2,347,924
Term deposits		549,473		525,259
Accrued interest		354,814		385,113
Prepayments		-		220,000
Taxation receivable	4	5,310		3,038
			5,782,003	3,481,333
Non-current Assets				
Shares and securities	3		80,765,372	82,275,281
Total Assets			86,547,375	85,756,615
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable		119,662		119,235
Grants approved not paid	1	2,734,767		2,425,995
Total Liabilities			2,854,429	2,545,230
Total Net Assets			$83,692,946	$83,211,385

M J Kouvelis
Chair

Dated: 04/07/2025

L Greer
Deputy Chair

4/7/25

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

(A) BASIS OF PREPARATION

Central Power Electricity Trust was established on 20 July 1993 by a Trust Deed pursuant to the Energy Companies Act 1992. On 17 February 2003 the Trustees passed a unanimous resolution to change the name of the Trust to Central Energy Trust.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand Dollars ($) which is the Trusts functional currency. The financial statements comprise statements of the following: accounting policies; financial performance; movements in equity; financial position; as well as notes to these statements.

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements and have been prepared for the reporting requirements of the Trustees and Beneficiaries of Central Energy Trust only in accordance with the following accounting policies.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except investments which are stated at fair value.

(B) INVESTMENTS

Impact Investments

Impact investments are stated at cost.

Shares and securities

Current investments are stated at quoted market value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in market value are recognised in the statement of financial performance. Sales and purchases of investments are recorded inclusive of trading charges. Brokerage fees are now shown separately on the statement of financial performance where previously purchases were recorded inclusive of these fees.

(C) TAXATION

Taxation expense recognised for the year is calculated using the taxes payables method and is determined using tax rules. Under the taxes payable method taxation expense is equal to the estimated income tax payable for the year, adjusted for any differences between the estimated and actual income tax payable in prior years. Taxation expense is reflected in the statement of financial performance.

(D) FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Foreign currency transactions are translated to New Zealand currency at the exchange rate ruling at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at balance date.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial performance.

(E) REVENUE

Revenue derived from investments held during the year comprise dividend and interest income. Dividend income (excluding imputation tax credits) is recognised in the statement of financial performance when the dividend is declared and paid. Interest income is recognised in the statement of financial performance on an accrual basis and is not included in the market value of the investment.

(F) GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The Trust is not registered for GST and therefore the statement of financial performance has been prepared with GST on expenses as a separate item.

(G) GRANTS

Grants are accounted for as they are approved to eligible organisations as approved by the Trustees. Grant adjustments relate to excess funds over that required to complete the project approved by the Trustees.

(H) CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in previous years.

(1) GRANTS APPROVED

	Approved and paid $	*Approved not paid $*	*Total $*
Act Three Productions	35,707	-	35,707
Alzheimers Society (Manawatu) Inc	-	4,385	4,385
Aotearoa Waitangi Awards Charitable Trust	-	4,878	4,878
Aotearoa Jazz Education and Performance Charitable Trust	10,212	-	10,212
Apiti Community Committee	10,997	-	10,997
Arohanui Hospice	-	3,500	3,500
Assembly of God (SALT)	-	30,326	30,326
Awahou School	-	17,507	17,507
Beyond Reality Media Premier	-	15,000	15,000
Bhartiya Samaj Lower North Island Trust	23,673	-	23,673
College Old Boys RFC	44,215	-	44,215
Dress for Success Palmerston North	-	6,323	6,323
Explore Pahiatua	-	4,244	4,244
Feilding I A & P Association	-	11,000	11,000
Feilding Brass Incorporated	-	3,236	3,236
Feilding Civic Centre Trust	53,888	146,112	200,000
Feilding Old Boys Oroua Rugby and Netball Club	1,850	-	1,850
Feilding Promotions	-	50,000	50,000
Freyberg Old Boys Rugby Football Club	-	162,780	162,780
Girls Rock! Camp Aotearoa Inc	6,000	-	6,000
Globe Theatre Trust	-	117,531	117,531
Gymnastics New Zealand	25,000	-	25,000
Highland Home Christian Camp	8,777	-	8,777
Himatangi Beach Community Trust Inc	1,411	-	1,411
Jets Basketball Ltd	-	12,500	12,500
K9 Search Medical Detection	-	54,000	54,000
Kimbolton Arts & Sculpture Trust	10,000	-	10,000
Kimbolton Arts & Sculpture Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Kimbolton Community Committee	-	9,800	9,800
Kimbolton Community Committee	-	17,613	17,613
Kimbolton Community Committee	-	1,399	1,399
Kind Hearts Trust	-	9,000	9,000
Legacy Community Centre	2,185	365	2,550
Legacy Community Centre	5,000	-	5,000
Legacy Community Centre	-	1,650	1,650
Legacy Community Centre - Summer Vibes	-	5,288	5,288
Legacy Housing	4,561	14,736	19,297
Legacy Housing	3,200	-	3,200
Legacy Property Group	13,156	-	13,156
Manawatu & West Coast A & P Asso - Annual A & P Show	4,174	-	4,174

(1) GRANTS APPROVED (continued)

	Approved and paid	*Approved not paid*	*Total*
	$	*$*	*$*
Manawatu County Club	3,170	-	3,170
Manawatu Cricket Association	6,087	-	6,087
Manawatu District Council	90,000	94,760	184,760
Manawatu Golf Club	23,085	-	23,085
Manawatu Harness Racing Club Inc	17,791	-	17,791
Manawatu Harness Racing Club Inc	43,999	156,001	200,000
Manawatu Jazz Club	-	15,000	15,000
Manawatu Jazz Club	9,513	-	9,513
Manawatu Just Released Accommodation Trust	-	2,415	2,415
Manawatu Regional Volleyball Association	-	30,000	30,000
Manawatu Rugby Union	22,007	-	22,007
Manawatu Summer Shakespeare (School of English & Media Studies '25)	12,000	-	12,000
Manawatu Tenants Union Inc	2,993	-	2,993
Manawatu Vintage Machinery Club Inc	-	2,000	2,000
Manawatu West Coast Agricultural & Pastoral Association	6,942	-	6,942
Manawatu Woodworkers Guild Inc.	19,275	-	19,275
Manawatu Youth Theatre Charitable Trust	50,000	-	50,000
Manchester House Social Services	1,374	-	1,374
MASH Trust	-	9,720	9,720
Massey University - Engineer Report	-	9,000	9,000
Mount Biggs Community Hall Society	-	6,012	6,012
Musical Theatre NZ Inc	-	13,475	13,475
Netball Manawatu Centre Inc	16,556	-	16,556
Netball Manawatu Centre Inc	10,950	-	10,950
NZ Rural Games Trust	90,000	-	90,000
Ohakea Memorial Centre Trust	-	2,579	2,579
Pahiatua Bowling Club	3,750	-	3,750
Palmerston North Dance Assn	10,000	-	10,000
Palmerston North Dance Assn	7,230	-	7,230
Palmerston North Golf Club	64,168	7,000	71,168
Palmerston North Street Van	2,303	-	2,303
Palmerston North Theatre Trust	-	500,000	500,000
Palmy Drag Fest	20,000	-	20,000
Parentline Manawatu Inc	-	521	521
PNCC - Central Energy Trust Arena	90,135	159,865	250,000
PNCC - 2024/25 New Year Event	20,000	-	20,000
PNCC - 2025 Puanga Matariki	-	16,000	16,000
Pohangina Hall Committee	2,124	-	2,124
Pukaha Mount Bruce	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
RACE Incorporated	-	85,275	85,275

(1) GRANTS APPROVED (continued)

	Approved and paid $	*Approved not paid* $	*Total* $
Red Sox Sports Club	39,939	-	39,939
Regent Theatre Trust Board	100,000	-	100,000
Rongo Mauri Trust	10,142	-	10,142
Rotary Club of Feilding Oroua	-	2,236	2,236
Royal Philatelic Society of NZ	16,000	-	16,000
Shakespeare's North Productions	3,496	-	3,496
Snails: Artist Run Spaces	-	4,919	4,919
Square Edge Community Arts	6,774	-	6,774
St Peter's College	8,394	-	8,394
St Peter's College	-	1,566	1,566
Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club	1,329	-	1,329
Te Kawau Memorial Rec Centre	12,250	-	12,250
Tennis Manawatu	30,000	-	30,000
The Christian Community Church	2,955	-	2,955
The Christian Community Church	6,345	-	6,345
The Factory - Investment Prep Programme	-	100,000	100,000
The Planet Ryan Family Trust	-	2,954	2,954
Whaioro Trust	-	33,000	33,000
WildBase - Year 7 operational costs	25,000	-	25,000
	$2,172,082	$1,967,471	$4,139,553

(1) GRANTS APPROVED (continued)

Add Grants approved in previous years and not paid

Ashhurst Community Trust	25,000
Best Care Whakapai Hauora Charitable Trust	3,818
Bush Aquatic Trust	500,000
Eketahuna Our Town Inc	22,000
Feilding & District Promotion Inc	21,250
Highland Home Christian Camp	3,350
Hiwinui Community Committee	7,055
Hokowhitu Baptist Church	14,270
K9 Search Medical Detection	5,000
Legacy Community Centre	761
Makino Rotary	7,500
Manawatu Golf Club	16,395
Manchester House Social Services	4,650
Manchester House Social Services	1,907
Order of St John Bush	50,000
Order of St John Bush	50,000
The Order of St John (Palmerston North)	17,904
The Rugby Museum Society of New Zealand	15,758
YMCA	677
Total grants approved in previous years and not paid	$767,295
Total grants approved, not paid as at 31 March 2025	$2,734,767

(1) GRANTS APPROVED (continued)

			2025 $	2024 $
Grants owing 1 April			2,425,995	3,353,969
Grants approved during year			4,139,553	2,271,516
			6,565,548	5,625,485
Grants paid during year	- current period	(2,172,082)		(1,170,927)
	- prior periods	(1,583,253)		(1,982,682)
			(3,755,335)	(3,153,609)
Grant adjustments			(75,446)	(45,881)
Total grants approved not paid as at 31 March 2025			$2,734,767	$2,425,995

(2) CASH AT BANK

		2025 $	2024 $
ANZ Bank cheque account		148	430
ANZ Bank deposit (on call)		279,454	504,989
ASB Bank cheque account		25	65
Craigs Investment Partners accounts			
Craigs Investment Partners NZD Broker account	508,136		-
Craigs Investment Partners AUD call account	187,090		623,158
Craigs Investment Partners GBP call account	2,448		1
Craigs Investment Partners EUR call account	122		5
Craigs Investment Partners NZD call account	1,501,390		657,690
Craigs Investment Partners USD call account	2,393,593		561,586
Total Craigs Investment Partners accounts		4,592,779	1,842,440
		$4,872,406	$2,347,924

The Craig's Investment Partners accounts are held as part of the investment portfolio and are transacted through by Craig's as part of administering the portfolio, the current balances are disclosed as above.

(3) SHARES AND SECURITIES

		2025 $	2024 $
New Zealand Equities		16,049,461	16,743,894
Australian Equities		7,992,207	8,474,527
European Equities		1,951,282	2,578,927
United Kingdom Equities		1,101,953	248,892
United States of America Equities		11,775,879	9,770,512
Fixed Interest Securities		40,227,280	42,815,205
Property Investments		1,667,310	1,643,324
Total Investments		$80,765,372	$82,275,281
Investment portfolio as at beginning of year		82,275,281	77,973,745
Maturities and realisation proceeds	(22,893,351)		(17,243,596)
Reinvestments (at cost)	18,956,179		17,120,198
Realised profit on disposal of investments	1,000,536		913,436
Realised loss on disposal of investments	(1,252,864)		(680,182)
		(4,189,500)	109,856
		78,085,781	78,083,601
Unrealised gain/(loss)		2,679,591	4,191,680
Total Investments		$80,765,372	$82,275,281

(4) TAXATION

	2025 $	2024 $
Taxation Reconciliation		
Operating Surplus before distributions	2,242,595	2,691,232
Permanent Differences		
Adjustment for tax treatment of investment income	662,313	(176,910)
Imputation credits received	160,241	180,839
Non-deductible expenditure	374,905	337,201
Taxable income available for distribution	3,440,054	3,032,362
Income distributed as beneficiary income	(2,908,055)	(2,407,811)
Taxation losses utilised	(276,982)	(244,166)
Net taxable income	$254,016	$380,385

Taxation at 39% (33% in 2024)	99,066	125,527
Imputation credits utilised	(93,545)	(89,435)
Taxation charge for the year	5,521	36,092

Taxation Payable

Taxation charge for year	5,521	36,092
Taxation paid on foreign income	(37,691)	(36,092)
Taxation distributed to beneficiaries	32,170	-
Prior year taxation not yet received	3,038	14
RWT paid	2,272	3,024
Taxation (payable) / refundable	$5,310	$3,038

As at 31 March 2025 unutilised imputation credits of $66,697 (2024: $91,404) were converted to a loss of $171,017 (2024: $276,982). This loss is available to be applied against future taxable income.

(5) TRUST FUNDS

The Trust was established on 20 July 1993 with a gift of $10. In the year ended 31 March 1994 the Trust was gifted 7,623,270 shares in Central Power Limited at a value of $8,461,830. In the year ended 31 March 1995, 205,000 shares were transferred from Central Power Consumer Trust.

At 31 March 2000 the Trust held 11,766,170 shares in Central Power Limited. On 31 August 2000 the amalgamation between Powerco and Central Power Limited was effected and the Trust sold their shareholding to Powerco Limited for a consideration of $47.6 million.

On 16 June 2000 Central Power Electricity Trust entered a Memorandum of Understanding with Palmerston North City Council. The Council settled a sum of $1.5 million on the Trust.

(6) COMMITMENTS

Scholarships

The Trust has a tertiary study scholarship scheme, whereby recipients are awarded a scholarship or tertiary study bursary for the term of up to four years providing certain conditions are met. At 31 March 2025 the commitment to future scholarships is as follows:

	2025	*2024*
	$	*$*
2025	-	48,000
2026	51,500	32,500
2027	27,500	-
	$79,000	$80,500

(6) COMMITMENTS (continued)

Grants

The Trust has agreed to make allocations from future income to approved entities subject to all relevant criteria being meet. At 31 March 2025 future income allocations were as follows:

2025	-	375,000
2026	625,000	275,000
2027 - 2029	650,000	-
	$1,275,000	$650,000

The Trust entered into an agreement with Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) to fund $2,200,000 to facilitate a programme to develop the infrastructure of Arena Manawatu, which was subsequently named Central Energy Trust Arena. The commitment to funding is over a ten year period. As at 31 March 2025 funding of $2,200,000 (2024: $1,950,000) had been approved and allocated, payments at balance date total $2,040,135 (2024: $1,950,000).

The Trustees have agreed to make $25,000 per annum available to the Wildbase Recovery Project for payment towards operational costs. The commitment to funding is over a ten year period. As at 31 March 2025 funding of $175,000 (2024: $150,000) had been allocated.

The Trust entered into an agreement to provide The Factory NZ Ltd funding towards start up businesses in the amount of $400,000 over four years beginning 2024. As at 31 March 2025 funding of $200,000 (2024: $100,000) had been approved and allocated, payments at balance date total $100,000 (2024: $100,000).

The Trust entered into an agreement with Manukura to fund $644,390 for the lighting as a part of the new school build. As at 31 March 2025 funding of $644,390 (2024: $644,390) had been approved and allocated, payments at balance date total $644,390 (2024: $Nil).

In 2024 The Trust has expressed it's intention to loan funds, in accordance with the Trust Deed, to a charitable organisation to support the Pukaha National Wildlife Centre facility. The impact investment loan was entered into May 2024 and converted to grant March 2025.

In 2025 The Trust has expressed it's intention to loan funds, in accordance with the Trust Deed, to Manawatu Community Trust for social housing. The commitment is the amount of $1,000,000, with a maximum term of 5 years with an interest rate of 1% less than the Official Cash Rate per annum paid monthly. The loan is unsecured and the interest rate is reassessed annually. The loan agreement is expected to be entered into July 2025.

(7) STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities in this reporting period (2024: Nil)

(8) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trust maintains an interests register of all Trustees personal interest. Grants have been approved during this year for the following entities in which one or more Trustees have an interest. The Trustees declared their involvement with the entity and did not participate in the grant allocation process where appropriate.

2025	
R M Karaitiana	The Factory NZ Limited
M Georgel	Arohanui Hospice Service Trust
	Manawatū Golf Club
	The Factory NZ Limited
M J Kouvelis	NZ Rural Games Trust
L Greer	Manawatū Community Trust

2024	
R M Karaitiana	The Factory NZ Limited
M Georgel	Arohanui Hospice Service Trust
	Manawatu Golf Club
	Palmerston North Theatre Trust
	The Factory NZ Limited
M J Kouvelis	NZ Rural Games Trust
C Jones	The Brave Thinkers

During the year Talent Central Charitable Trust were contracted to provide services in relation to awarding and managing vocational bursaries. No payments have been made to date to Talent Central. M J Kouvelis was an Executive Director of Talent Central during the 2024/2025 financial years.

(9) MANAWATU HEALTHY HOMES LIMITED

Central Energy Trust owned 100% of the shares.

Manawatu Healthy Homes Limited was formed purposely for the distribution of funds to the Manawatu Healthy Homes Project.

The Manawatu Healthy Homes Limited is currently in the process of being wound up.

	2025	*2024*
	$	*$*
Interest received	-	8
Net profit/(loss)	-	8
Retained Earnings at beginning of the year	-	440
Current year profit/(loss)	-	8
Distribution to Central Energy Trust	-	(448)
Retained earnings end of the year	-	-
Represented by:		
ANZ Bank cheque account	-	-

(11) EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

There are no other events that have occurred after balance date that would have a material impact on the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Central Energy Trust (the Trust), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2025, and the statement of financial performance and statement of movement in trust funds for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust as at 31 March 2025, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with A Special Purpose Financial Reporting Framework for use by For-Profit Entities originally published by NZICA and updated in 2018 by CAANZ.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Trust.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note A to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared to assist the Entity to comply with the financial reporting provisions of the rules of the Trust. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report on that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Other Information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Trust Directory, Chairperson's Report, The year in Review and Bursaries but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Responsibilities of Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements
Those charged with governance are responsible on behalf of the Trust for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with A Special Purpose Financial Reporting Framework for use by For-Profit Entities originally published by NZICA and updated in 2018 by CAANZ, and for such internal control as those charged with governance determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, those charged with governance are responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless those charged with governance either intends to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or override of internal controls.

- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by those charged with governance and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conclusions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant findings, including and significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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4 July 2025