Central Energy Trust

2025 Feilding Diwali Festival
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2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Front Row: Margaret Kouvelis (Chairperson), Christine Jones (Trustee), Mark Cleaver (Trustee)
Back Row: Murray Georgel (Trustee), Liam Greer (Deputy Chairperson), Craig Nash (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
Craig Nash	Trustee	1 September 2025

DIRECTORY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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 2026

Ngā mihi nui, ngā mihi mahana, ngā mihi aroha. Tēnā kotou katoa.

Kind regards with warmth and affection – greetings to you all.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be able to present the Annual Report for Central Energy Trust, on behalf of the trustees. Having divested myself of a number of governance roles over the last few years, CET currently remains my last role as Chairperson and without doubt the most effective board on which I have served. Why is that? Because the calibre of trustees and the service from BDO makes for a governance team whose strong relationships deliver on our purpose; to make good decisions, to challenge each other respectfully and to work together with integrity and humour, to make a difference for our communities. Each trustee brings unique and valuable knowledge, enhancing the impact and energy sustained over time. As AA Milne’s famous poem says, ‘Now we are six, we are clever as clever – and so we’ll be six forever and ever’. We made some variations to our Trust Deed which enabled us among other things to appoint a sixth trustee, Craig Nash, whom we welcomed in September.

The Year in Review

2026 was a year in which many households and community organisations continued to face financial pressures, reinforcing the importance of Central Energy Trust's commitment to supporting community wellbeing and regional development. Despite the challenging economic climate, we have been able to make wise decisions and effect lasting outcomes. Much of this is because of the nature and diversity of our invested funds, managed effectively on our behalf by Craig’s Investment Partners. The Craig’s portfolio performed exceptionally well during the year, however, in the month of March the Iran war resulted in a significant market reduction. Overall, the portfolio has performed well since its inception in 2002, which is most encouraging.

In times when uncertainty is prevalent, where economic hardship, natural disasters and external crises threaten to disrupt our social cohesion, there is a greater need for funders to connect and build meaningful relationships; with those in our local government entities responsible for long term projects as well as those organisations operating at the grassroots.

Community Impact Highlights

Some of the highlights this year that have produced significant impact for various communities are not as obvious as lighting up a sports arena or funding a multi-cultural event, but they are nevertheless the result of building on good relationships, financial scrutiny and transparent processes. The outcome of such diligence is assurance for us as funders around appropriateness, accountability and performance.

During the year we sought to modernise the Trust Deed and amend its terms to provide more flexibility in how the Trust is managed in the future. We sought feedback from our stakeholders and the public on variations including increasing the permitted number of trustees, allowing trust meetings to be held by audio-visual means, changing the lifespan of the Trust, and extending the powers of the Trustees to better facilitate trust administration and bring the operation of the Trust in line with modern practices.

Manawatū Community Trust’s $1.6 million project in Prince Street, Feilding, has been supported by Impact Investment financing from the Central Energy Trust and other funders. Completed this year the four homes were designed with tenant wellbeing in mind, to cater to older adults with limited or modest finances. The four 68-square-metre units were designed to be practical, low-maintenance, and energy efficient. This reflects MCT’s continued focus to address the housing need in the Manawatū by delivering high-quality, accessible homes for those who need them most. This is another fine example of the collective impact of a community project built by a local construction company assisted by community funds.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - *Continued*

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2026 Central Energy Trust Bursary Recipients

We have also reviewed our funding for Bursary recipients given the current economic climate. From 2026 the Academic bursary recipients will receive a total of $8,000 over three years and the Vocational bursary recipients will receive a total of $5,000. The Supreme award remains unchanged at $15,000.

Talent Central has been engaged this year to support the delivery and administration of bursaries. The Alumni of bursary recipients continues to grow. This year we began offering recipients past and present, two sessions where they can get together socially and explore topics of their choice with an expert. This year the topics were AI and financial management.

Another development that will produce significant impact for the wider community has been the memorandum of understanding between Palmerston North City Council and CET whereby the Council undertakes various capital works and community projects that benefit Palmerston North and across the Manawatū district. PNCC and the Trust share a mutual interest in supporting projects that promote energy conservation, assist business growth and economic development, create ongoing benefits for the community. In aligning our interests, we can guarantee funding that will support wise planning and timely execution to achieve outcomes across the wider community.

Strategic Priorities for 2027

One of the initiatives we have undertaken this year is to review our strategies for delivering outcomes with greater impact for our communities. The willingness of the trustees to engage in critical thinking and ask ourselves could we do better for our not-for-profit organisations? Are we sure that those who most need our help know about us? Are we able to work with other funders to ensure that there are appropriate systems in place for the variety of needs to be appropriately addressed and funded? As a Trust founded upon energy company assets, what are we doing about hosting discussion on the future of renewable energy for our region? As one of New Zealand's leading renewable energy regions, we believe there is a significant opportunity to help our communities understand and benefit from the transition to a low-emissions future.

In closing I wish to thank all our beneficiaries, stakeholders, and community partners for their continued support and engagement.

Mā te whanaukataka, mā te mahi tahi, ka piki te ora o te hapori.
Through connection and collaboration the well-being of the community is uplifted.

Margaret Kouvelis
Central Energy Trust

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2026 GRANTS AT A GLANCE

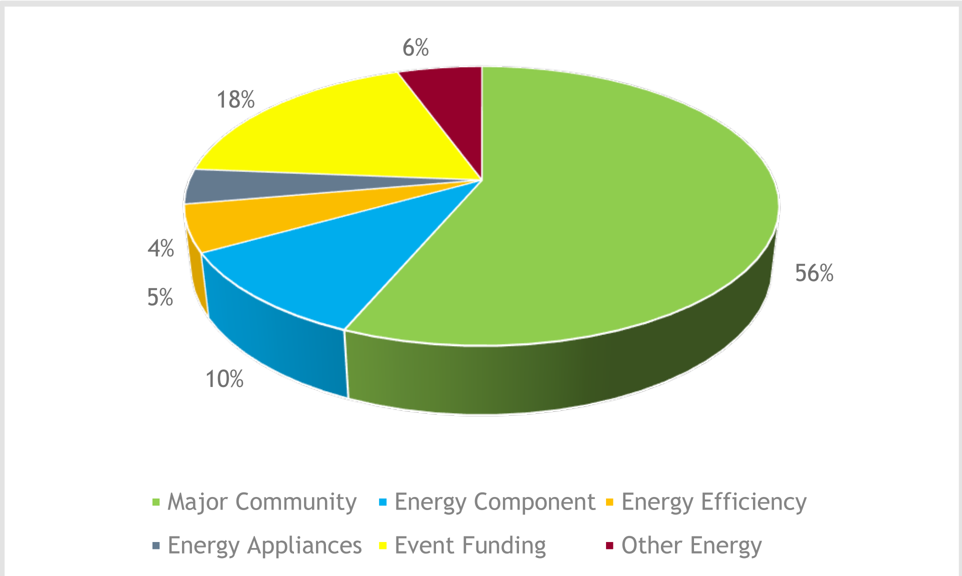
SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS
86%

VALUE OF GRANTS AWARDED
$2,996,869

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
115

AVERAGE VALUE OF GRANTS AWARDED
$30,271
Individual grant applications range from
$412 - $500,000

PERCENTAGE OF FUNDING AWARDED BY CATEGORY



The 2026 financial year was another positive year for Central Energy Trust, reflecting the benefits of a diversified investment portfolio, prudent financial management, and a continued focus on supporting our communities while preserving the Trust's long term capital base.

During the year the Trust approved $3 million of grants and bursaries to community organisations, events and strategic projects across the region. While total allocations were lower than the previous year's funding levels, the Trust continued to provide significant support for initiatives that deliver lasting community benefit and social impact. In addition, bursary funding increased to $123,000, reflecting the Trust's ongoing commitment to investing in the future capability and leadership of our region.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW *- Continued*

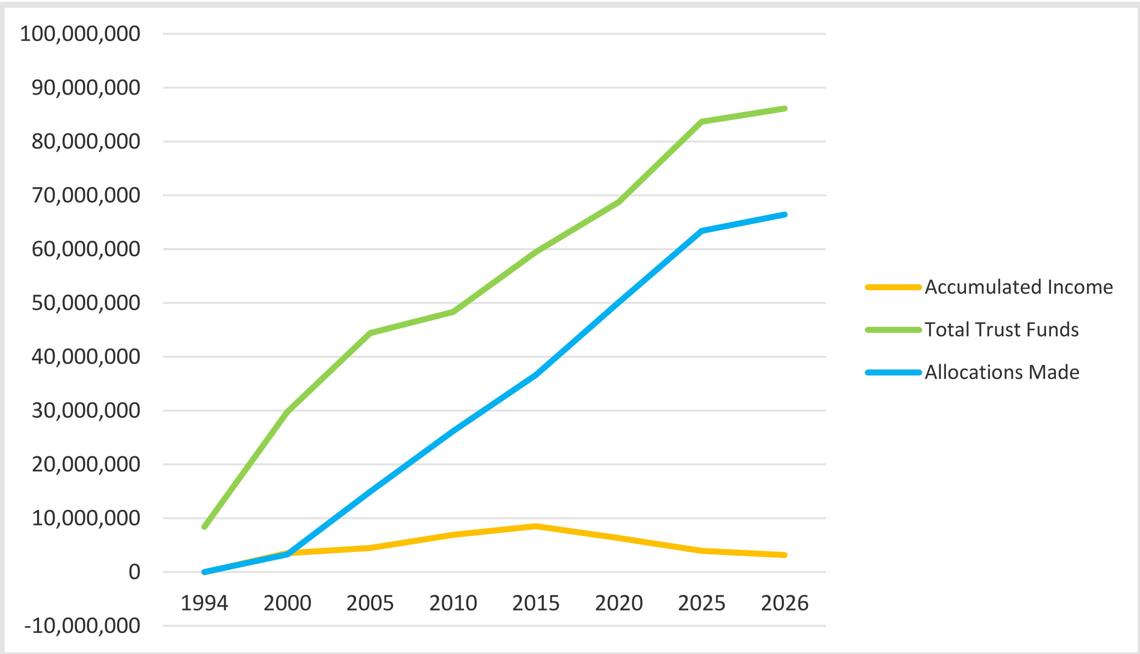
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Operational income and expenditure increased during the year with both dividends and interest exceeding $3 million, an increase of 4% on the previous year. Operating expenditure for the year increased to $778,000, primarily due to higher portfolio service fees, increased bursary administration costs, trustee appointments and foreign exchange movements. Despite these additional costs, the Trust generated an operating surplus before distributions of $2.2 million, consistent with historical performance.

The Trust investment portfolio performed well, finishing the year with combined realised and unrealised gains contributing to total portfolio movements of $3.3 million, this result demonstrates the ongoing value of maintaining a diversified portfolio. After accounting for grant allocations, bursaries and taxation, the Trust recorded a total surplus of $2.5 million for the year, a strong result underpinned by strong portfolio performance which has enabled the Trust to continue to grow its capital base while maintaining substantial support for community initiatives.

As a result of the year's performance, total Trust funds increased from $84 million to $86 million. The Trust remains well positioned to meet funding needs while maintaining flexibility to respond to emerging opportunities and community requirements of the Palmerston North, Manawatū and Tararua communities.

TOTAL TRUST FUNDS OF TRUST CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATED INCOME, AFTER FUND ALLOCATIONS AND PORTFOLIO MOVEMENTS IS NOW $86,173,723.



BURSARIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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

2026 CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST BURSARY RECIPIENTS	
Recipient	**Qualification**
Alexus-Anne Richardson	Bachelor of Aviation
Alice Lee	Bachelor of Nursing
Amanda Hayward	Bachelor of Veterinary Science
Ann Gibu Joseph	Bachelor of Aviation Management
Bailey Ngatai-Cribb	Bachelor of Business
Caitlin Murphy	Bachelor of Agricultural Science
Elleanor King	Bachelor of Art
Harry Dickson	Building and Construction
Jaela-Paige Auker	Bachelor of Creative Media
Jessica Forno	Bachelor of Applied Science
Jessica Hagan	Bachelor of Science
Logan Wheeler	Utility Arboriculture
Mac Kowalewski	Building and Construction
Maddison Pearson	Bachelor of Teaching
Natalia Harding	Bachelor of Science
Olivia McIntyre	Bachelor of Veterinary Science
Rachel Grapentin	Bachelor of Accounting
Sophie Anderson-Can	Bachelor of Nursing
Zackary Manson	Professional Cookery
Zara Williams	Bachelor of Agricultural Business

BURSARIES - *Continued*

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2026 CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST SUPREME RECIPIENT

Olivia McIntyre was the recipient of this year's 2026 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.

Olivia previously attended Cornerstone Christian School in 2024 as Dux, and following a gap year where she volunteered at Camp America in Texas, Olivia has enrolled in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science at Massey University.

This overseas experience helped her develop independence, people skills and resilience, after deciding to stay on to help clean up after devastating floods swept through the area during her time in Texas. Living on a working dairy farm has developed her passion for animals and their welfare. Her part-time work for Livestock Improvement Corporation has ignited an interest in genetics, and it has been a fascinating experience seeing other farms and how they operate.

Her outgoing personality and ability to build rapport and engage people made her stand out in her interview.

The Trustees wish Olivia all the best for her studies.

2026 CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST BURSARY RECIPIENTS & CEREMONY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	*2026*		*2025*
			$	*$*
Income				
Dividends		1,183,601		1,001,935
Interest		1,817,097		1,886,082
Other Income		4,445		1,823
			3,005,143	2,889,840
Expenses				
Accounting and Administration		121,552		115,279
Advertising		9,882		7,472
Audit Fees		7,975		6,900
Bank Charges and Fees		285		327
Bursary and AGM Expenses		37,693		7,445
Consultants Fees (Internal)		6,914		6,800
Contracting Services		1,061		1,781
Digital Enhancement		5,684		3,880
Foreign Exchange Loss		116,250		26,070
General Expenses		-		248
Impact Investing		2,473		240
Insurance (Trustees)		6,885		6,835
Legal Expenses		2,890		16,315
Portfolio Service Fees		232,811		222,924
Printing, Stationery, and Tolls		5,471		5,819
Secretarial Fees		44,659		41,323
Trustees Expenses		1,869		4,772
Trustees Fees		126,000		92,969
Trustee Recruitment		-		34,257
Trustee Remuneration Review		3,857		-
Website Expenses		48		474
GST on Expenses		43,745		45,116
			778,004	647,245
Operating surplus before distributions			2,227,139	2,242,596
Allocations				
Bursaries and scholarships paid		(123,000)		(86,500)
Grants approved during the year	1	(2,996,869)		(4,139,553)
Grant adjustments	1	101,123		75,446
Total allocations to beneficiaries			(3,018,746)	(4,150,606)
Income surplus (loss) before tax			(791,607)	(1,908,011)
Taxation for the year	4		(8,335)	(5,521)
Income surplus (loss) after tax			(799,942)	(1,913,532)
Investment portfolio movements				
Realised profit on disposal of investments	3	1,080,545		1,000,536
Realised loss on disposal of investments	3	(1,047,107)		(1,252,864)
Unrealised changes in investment values	3	3,274,906		2,679,591
Total investment portfolio movements			3,308,344	2,427,264
Trust surplus (loss) after tax and provision for grants			**$2,508,402**	**$513,732**

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 2026

	Note		2026 $	2025 $
Trust funds at beginning of year			83,692,946	83,211,385
Net surplus (loss) for the year after tax and provision for Grants			2,508,402	513,732
Tax charge on behalf of beneficiaries	4		(27,624)	(32,171)
Trust funds at end of year	5		**$86,173,723**	**$83,692,946**
Represented by:				
Trust capital brought forward			79,724,314	77,297,050
Total investment portfolio movements			3,308,344	2,427,264
Trust capital at end of the year			**$83,032,658**	**$79,724,314**
Accumulated income reserve brought forward			3,968,632	5,914,335
Operating surplus		2,227,139		2,242,595
Less: Total allocations to beneficiaries		(3,018,746)		(4,150,606)
			(791,607)	(1,908,011)
Tax charge for the year			(8,335)	(5,521)
Tax charge on behalf of beneficiaries			(27,624)	(32,171)
Accumulated income reserve at end of year			**$3,141,065**	**$3,968,632**

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note		2026 $	2025 $
Trust capital			83,032,658	79,724,314
Accumulated income reserve			3,141,065	3,968,632
Trust Funds	5		**$86,173,723**	**$83,692,946**
Represented by:				
Current Assets				
Cash at bank	2	4,803,459		4,872,406
Term deposits		568,142		549,473
Accrued interest		321,087		354,814
Taxation receivable	4	3,340		5,310
			5,696,028	5,782,003
Non-current Assets				
Impact Investment	7	1,000,000		-
Shares and securities	3	83,843,975		80,765,372
			84,843,975	
Total Assets			90,540,003	86,547,375
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable		152,869		119,662
Grants approved not paid	1	4,213,411		2,734,767
Total Liabilities			4,366,280	2,854,429
Total Net Assets			**$86,173,723**	**$83,692,946**

M J Kouvelis
Chair

Dated.: 29/06/2026

L Greer
Deputy Chair

29/06/2026

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

(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. Portfolio Service 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) DISTRIBUTIONS TO BENEFICIARIES

The Trust earns income predominantly through its investment portfolio. Final net income for a financial year can only be determined after balance date, once investment manager reports for the year are received and processed.

Under clause 3.1(b) of the Trust Deed, the Trustees may, in their absolute discretion and at such times as they determine, apply the net income of the Trust for the direct or indirect benefit of Consumers, including by way of grants and community projects.

Trustee resolutions made after balance date that appropriate net income of a financial year to specific distributions are recognised as distributions of that financial year, on the basis that the income existed at balance date and was held on trust under clause 3.1 of the Deed pending Trustee determination. A beneficiary's entitlement vests only upon Trustee appropriation in accordance with clause 3.1(c); accordingly, draft or proposed allocations existing prior to Trustee resolution do not constitute liabilities of the Trust.

Distributions are not recognised as operating expenses, as they represent an application of trust income rather than consideration for goods or services received by the Trust. Where a distribution is funded from capital under clause 4.1 of the Deed rather than from income, this is disclosed separately.

(l) 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*
	$	*$*	*$*
Abbeyfield Palmerston North Inc	4,310	-	4,310
Act Three Productions	12,000	-	12,000
ACROSS Te Kotahitanga o te Wairua	11,972	-	11,972
Alliance Francaise Palmerston North Inc	-	2,050	2,050
Altitude Studios Whanganui Ltd – Dynasty Pole Competition 2026	-	8,000	8,000
Aokautere School Board of Trustees	-	1,041	1,041
Aotearoa Jazz Education and Performance Charitable Trust	18,235	-	18,235
Arohanui Hospice Foundation	8,000	-	8,000
Bhartiya Samaj Lower North Island Trust	25,000	-	25,000
Bush Children's Day Trust	10,000	-	10,000
Bush Multisport Trust	23,830	-	23,830
Cancer Society of NZ Manawatu Centre Inc	1,891	-	1,891
Carncot Private School Trust	-	26,271	26,271
City Mission Palmerston North	1,616	-	1,616
Comedy Hub Palmerston North Incorporated	-	2,944	2,944
County Fayre Inc	5,204	3,753	8,957
Creative Sounds Society Inc	8,179	-	8,179
Crossroads (PN) Church Street	10,070	-	10,070
Eketahuna Swimming Pool Management	-	50,000	50,000
Feilding & District Art Society	-	5,365	5,365
Feilding & Districts Caledonian Society and Pipe Band Inc	-	13,730	13,730
Feilding I A & P Association	10,486	-	10.486
Feilding Aerodrome	-	34,848	34,848
Feilding Civic Centre Trust	49,064	-	49,064
Feilding Playcentre	-	2,188	2,188
Girls Rock! Camp Aotearoa Inc	6,500	-	6,500
Hiwinui Community Centre	5,819	-	5,819
Kainga Whakatipu Healthy Homes	-	20,000	20,000
Kids for Kids Charitable Trust	10,000	-	10,000
Kids for Kids Charitable Trust	-	10,000	10,000
Kimbolton Community Committee	-	2,758	2,758
Kind Hearts Trust	-	10,500	10,500
Kumeroa Domain Board	1,287	-	1,287
Learning and Growing Together Trust	-	4,852	4,852
Legacy Community Centre	2,961	-	2,961
Legacy Community Centre	1,043	-	1,043
Legacy Community Centre – Light Party	4,584	-	4,584
Legacy Community Centre - Summer Vibes 2026	-	4,299	4,299
Lions Club of Rongotea & District	-	11,000	11,000
Lutheran Homes Trust Board	-	20,627	20,627

(1) **GRANTS APPROVED** (continued)

	Approved and paid *$*	*Approved not paid* *$*	*Total* *$*
Manawatu Community Trust	-	96,950	96,950
Manawatu & West Coast A & P Asso - Annual A & P Show	6,825	-	6,825
Manawatu & West Coast A & P Asso – NZ Dairy Event 2026	9,843	-	9,843
Manawatu Classic Motorcycle Club	3,000	-	3,000
Manawatu District Council	-	42,373	42,373
Manawatu District Council	-	8,879	8,879
Manawatu Equestrian	-	25,000	25,000
Manawatu International Jazz & Blues Festival	-	15,485	15,485
Manawatu Naturist Club Incorporated	-	27,500	27,500
Manawatu Regional Volleyball Association	-	30,000	30,000
Manawatu Rugby Union	20,597	-	20,597
Manawatu Smallbore Rifle Club	-	8,315	8,315
Manawatu Summer Shakespeare (School of English & Media Studies '26)	12,000	-	12,000
Manawatu Woodworkers Guild Inc.	-	6,000	6,000
Manchester House Social Services	4,796	-	4,796
Mangamaire Community Hall Society Inc.	-	9,900	9,900
MASH Trust	-	14,945	14,945
Milson Scout Group – SANZ	1,271	-	1,271
Newbury Hall Society (2000) Inc.	5,958	-	5,958
NZ Central Southern Muslim Youth & Sports Association Inc	5,000	-	5,000
NZ Rural Games Trust	-	92,500	92,500
Pahiatua School	-	1,173	1,173
Palmerston North Boys High School	-	23,545	23,545
Palmerston North Brass Band	805	-	805
Palmerston North Dance Assn	10,000	-	10,000
Palmerston North Dance Assn	9,323	-	9,323
Palmerston North Squash Gym	15,838	-	15,838
Palmerston North Theatre Trust	-	500,000	500,000
Palmy Drag Fest	21,000	-	21,000
Parentline Manawatu Inc	3,233	-	3,233
PNCC – Pasifika Community Centre Redevelopment	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
PNCC - 2025/26 New Year Event	-	20,000	20,000
PNCC - 2026 Puanga Matariki	-	16,000	16,000
Pohangina Hall Committee	375	-	375
Regent Theatre Trust Board	100,000	-	100,000
Rotary Club of Makino Incorporated	-	2,712	2,712
Ruahine Kindergarten Association	2,690	-	2,690
Ruahine Kindergarten Association – Milverton Kindy	1,260	-	1,260
Ruahine Kindergarten Association – Riverdale Kindy	1,260	-	1,260
Ruahine Kindergarten Association – Kelvin Grove	662	-	662
Ruahine Kindergarten Association – Roslyn	465	-	465

(1) **GRANTS APPROVED** (continued)

	Approved and paid *$*	*Approved not paid* *$*	*Total* *$*
Russell Street School	-	53,166	53,166
Sport Manawatu	-	30,000	30,000
St Alban's Presbyterian Church	5,501	-	5,501
St Alban's Presbyterian Church	1,724	-	1,724
St Peter's College	-	1,334	1,334
Talent Central Charitable Trust	-	30,000	30,000
Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club	3,535	-	3,535
Tennis Manawatu	30,000	-	30,000
Te Pu Harakeke – Community Collective Manawatu Inc	3,557	-	3,557
The Earle Manawatu/Rangitikei Creativity & Development Trust	-	4,500	4,500
The Factory - Investment Prep Programme	-	100,000	100,000
The Marist Club (PN) Inc.	-	2,000	2,000
The Order of St John (Feilding)	16,170	-	16,170
The Royal NZ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)	9,128	-	9,128
The Salvation Army NZ Trust	27,635	-	27,635
West End Scout Group Scouts Aotearoa	-	5,726	5,726
Whakarongo School	4,138	-	4,138
WildBase - Year 8 operational costs	-	25,000	25,000
	$569,640	$2,427,229	$2,996,869

(1) **GRANTS APPROVED** (continued)

Add **Grants approved in previous years and not paid**

Aotearoa Waitangi Awards Charitable Trust	4,878
Ashhurst Community Trust	25,000
Best Care Whakapai Hauora Charitable Trust	3,818
Bush Aquatic Trust	500,000
Explore Pahiatua	4,244
Feilding & District Promotion Inc	21,250
Feilding Brass Incorporated	3,236
Feilding Promotions	50,000
Freyberg Old Boys Rugby Football Club	162,780
Globe Theatre Trust	11,865
Hokowhitu Baptist Church	14,270
K9 Search Medical Detection	54,000
Kimbolton Community Committee	9,800
Kimbolton Community Committee	17,613
Legacy Housing	10,588
Makino Rotary	7,500
Manawatu Just Released Accommodation Trust	2,415
Manawatu Vintage Machinery Club Inc.	2,000
Massey University – Engineer Report	9,000
Mount Biggs Community Hall Society	6,012
Order of St John Bush	10,869
Palmerston North Golf Club	7,000
Palmerston North Theatre Trust	500,000
PNCC – Central Energy Trust Arena	144,865
RACE Incorporated	85,275
The Factory – Investment Prep Programme	100,000
The Order of St John (Palmerston North)	17,904
Total grants approved in previous years and not paid	**$1,786,182**
Total grants approved, not paid as at 31 March 2026	**$4,213,411**

(1) GRANTS APPROVED (continued)

			2026 $	2025 $
Grants owing 1 April			2,734,767	2,425,995
Grants approved during year			2,996,869	4,139,553
			5,731,636	6,565,548
Grants paid during year	- current period	(569,640)		(2,172,082)
	- prior periods	(847,462)		(1,583,253)
			(1,417,102)	(3,755,335)
Grant adjustments			(101,123)	(75,446)
Total grants approved not paid as at 31 March 2026			**$4,213,411**	**$2,734,767**

(2) CASH AT BANK

		2026 $	2025 $
ANZ Bank cheque account		4,462	148
ANZ Bank deposit (on call)		1,253,625	279,454
ASB Bank cheque account		25	25
Craigs Investment Partners accounts			
Craigs Investment Partners NZD Broker account	673,700		508,136
Craigs Investment Partners AUD Broker account	(74,877)		-
Craigs Investment Partners AUD call account	192,777		187,090
Craigs Investment Partners GBP call account	38,150		2,448
Craigs Investment Partners EUR call account	99		122
Craigs Investment Partners NZD call account	2,712,360		1,501,390
Craigs Investment Partners USD call account	3,137		2,393,593
Total Craigs Investment Partners accounts		3,545,347	4,592,779
		$4,803,459	**$4,872,406**

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

		2026 $	2025 $
New Zealand Equities		15,365,864	16,049,461
Australian Equities		9,274,432	7,992,207
European Equities		2,311,357	1,951,282
United Kingdom Equities		1,456,708	1,101,953
United States of America Equities		16,344,610	11,775,879
Fixed Interest Securities		32,339,991	40,227,280
Property Investments		6,751,014	1,667,310
Total Investments		**$83,843,975**	**$80,765,372**
Investment portfolio as at beginning of year		80,765,372	82,275,281
Maturities and realisation proceeds	(26,491,907)		(22,893,351)
Reinvestments (at cost)	26,262,166		18,956,179
Realised profit on disposal of investments	1,080,545		1,000,536
Realised loss on disposal of investments	(1,047,107)		(1,252,864)
		(196,303)	(4,189,500)
		80,569,069	**78,085,781**
Unrealised gain/(loss)		3,274,906	2,679,591
Total Investments		**$83,843,975**	**$80,765,372**

(4) TAXATION

	2026 $	2025 $
Taxation Reconciliation		
Operating Surplus before distributions	2,227,139	2,242,595
Permanent Differences		
Adjustment for tax treatment of investment income	283,673	662,313
Imputation credits received	195,356	160,241
Non-deductible expenditure	380,915	374,905
Taxable income available for distribution	**3,087,083**	**3,440,054**
Income distributed as beneficiary income	(2,791,053)	(2,908,055)
Taxation losses utilised	(171,017)	(276,982)
Net taxable income	**$125,013**	**$254,016**

Taxation at 33% (2025: 39%)	**41,254**	**99,066**
Imputation credits utilised	(32,919)	(93,545)
Taxation charge for the year	**8,335**	**5,521**

Taxation Payable

Taxation charge for year	8,335	5,521
Taxation paid on foreign income	(35,959)	(37,691)
Taxation distributed to beneficiaries	27,624	32,170
Prior year taxation not yet received	2,272	3,038
RWT paid	1,069	2,272
Taxation (payable) / refundable	**$3,341**	**$5,310**

As at 31 March 2026 unutilised imputation credits of $162,439 (2025: $66,697) were converted to a loss of $492,240 (2025: $171,017). 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 2026 the commitment to future scholarships is as follows:

	2026	***2025***
	$	***$***
2026	-	51,500
2027	67,000	27,500
2028	46,000	-
	$113,000	**$79,000**

(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 2026 future income allocations were as follows:

2026	-	625,000
2027	1,125,000	625,000
2028 - 2030	3,025,000	25,000
2031	500,000	-
	$4,650,000	**$1,275,000**

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 2026 funding of $200,000 (2025: $175,000) 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 2026 funding of $300,000 (2025: $200,000) had been approved and allocated, payments at balance date total $100,000 (2025: $100,000).

The Trust entered into an agreement with Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) to fund $5,000,000 towards community projects and events. The commitment to funding is over a five-year period. As at 31 March 2026 funding of $1,000,000 had been approved and allocated, payments at balance date total $500,000.

Palmerston North Theatre Trust was awarded $1,000,000 across the 2024 and 2025 financial years. As at 31 March 2026, all funds have been approved and reflected in grants payable.

(7) **IMPACT INVESTMENT**

In July 2025, the Trust entered into an impact investment loan of $1,000,000 with Manawatu Community Trust to support social housing outcomes. The loan has a maximum term of five years and carries an interest rate of 2.25% per annum.

The loan is unsecured, with the interest rate subject to annual review. The next interest rate reset date is 17 July 2026.

(8) STATEMENT OF CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities in this reporting period (2025: Nil)

(9) 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.

2026

M Georgel	Arohanui Hospice Service Trust Arohanui Hospice Foundation Trust
M J Kouvelis	NZ Rural Games Trust
L Greer	Manawatū Community Trust

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

During the year Talent Central Charitable Trust were contracted to provide services in relation to awarding and managing vocational bursaries. $30,000 is payable to Talent Central as at 31 March 2026. M J Kouvelis was an Executive Director of Talent Central during the 2025/2026 financial years, however resigned from her position November 2025.

(10) 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 was wound up on 13 November 2025.

(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.

(12) COMPARATIVES

There has been a reclassification in prior period comparatives to make disclosure consistent with the current year including:

- Rebates have now been reclassified to other income from dividends received.
- Portfolio management fees and brokerage fees are now combined as portfolio service fees in line with Craigs Investments updated reporting.

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 2026, 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 2026, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies included in the financial statements.

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 International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) 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 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared for the reporting requirements of the Trustees and Beneficiaries of Central Energy Trust only in accordance with the accounting policies included in the financial statements. 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 Chairperson's Report and Trust Directory 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 the accounting policies included in the financial statements
, 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.

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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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29 June 2026