

Obituary - Bob Hewett

Bob Hewett, a long serving Director of MainPower New Zealand Limited, died suddenly on 10 May. Bob had been serving the communities of North Canterbury and Kaikoura as a Director of MainPower for over 20 years and was still actively involved on the Board when he died. Bob was also MainPower's appointment to the MainPower Trust from the date that the Trust was established in 1995 through until the date he died.

Earlier in the year Bob and his wife Betty, sold their farm at Cheviot and had established a new home in Blenheim. Bob had intended to step down from the MainPower Board at the next Annual General Meeting to be held in August.

Bob will be missed by the Board and staff at MainPower and by the community that he served so well.

Bob is survived by his wife, Betty, four children and seven grandchildren.



Bob Hewett - 1935-2005

Changes to the MainPower Trust

Brent Hassall has recently been reappointed as Chairman of the MainPower Trust. Brent has been actively involved in MainPower's affairs for close to 20 years, firstly as a member of the North Canterbury Electric Power Board and more recently as a Trustee of the MainPower Trust. Brent has held the position of Chairman of the Trust since 1995.

Richard Allison has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the MainPower Trust replacing Mr Peter Cosgriff, who recently retired from the Trust.

Elaine Cole became a Trustee in March this year. Elaine is a qualified barrister and solicitor, and having retired from active practice, enjoys being involved in community-related activities. Elaine has lived much of her life in the North Canterbury area and spent one term (1998-2001) on the Waimakariri District Council.

Trustees of the MainPower Trust are Brent Hassall (Chairman), Richard Allison (Deputy Chairman), Daniel Crossen, Max Smith, Tony Hall, Elaine Cole, Lindsay Martin (Secretary). MainPower's appointment to the MainPower Trust remains vacant following the death of Mr Bob Hewett.



Mobile Generator Commissioned



MainPower has invested approximately \$200,000 in establishing a modern 275kVA mobile generator for use in the North Canterbury and Kaikoura region. The development of the mobile generation capability is another example of MainPower's commitment to customer service, said Mr Peter Hurford, MainPower's Network Manager.

The mobile generator will provide MainPower with the opportunity to keep power connected to customers where, under normal circumstances, disconnection of the power would be unavoidable.

A buoyant regional economy and the increasing demand for new electricity supplies often leaves the Board with no alternative but to disconnect the supply of electricity to allow new load to be connected. The need for MainPower staff to undertake maintenance on the lines also results in the supply being disconnected from time to time. The new mobile generator will reduce significantly the extent to which the power supply needs to be turned off and thereby inconveniencing customers.



MainPower's new mobile generator alongside a number of the company's hiab fleet

Upgrade at MainPower's Head Office

The upgrade of MainPower's Head Office site in Rangiora, including the redevelopment of the company's car park and associated landscaping is progressing well, albeit with some inconvenience to customers. The upgrade will take several months to complete and customers are urged to note temporary access arrangements for both the Head Office building and MainPower Contracting's office and yard.



Architectural drawings of the completed upgrade



Progress on MainPower's head office upgrade

Julia Brown Strives for Greater Heights



Julia, the recipient of one of MainPower's youth scholarships, is one of a New Zealand team of 33 U18 athletes who reached the world qualifying standard by 10 April 2005 in order to be considered for the World Youth Champs to be held in Marrakech, Morocco in mid-July 2005. Julia achieved her qualifying pole vault of 3.5 metres at the National Track and Field Championships at Wanganui in March. The team will travel to Europe in advance of the

championships in order to acclimatise and to participate in local athletic competitions.

It is also pleasing to note that Julia came 5th in the pole vault at the recent Australian U20 championships held in Brisbane.

Andrew Bailey

MainPower Technician, Andrew Bailey is currently studying for his Diploma in Electrotechnology, with assistance from the Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation Up-Skill Scholarships. Through distance learning and MainPower's support of on-the-job training, Andrew is learning and upgrading his skills in today's advanced technological environment to ensure that customer service is delivered as and when required.



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