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## **EASY TO VOTE IN ROTORUA TRUST ELECTION**

It's easy to vote in this year's election for trustees of the Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust (Rotorua Trust).

Rotorua Trust Chief Executive, Stuart Burns, said the Trust had adopted the postal ballot system because it made it easier for people to vote.

"We all lead very busy lives these days, so having the voting papers delivered to all those eligible to vote in the Rotorua District means people can make their choice in the comfort of their own home."

"People don't have to visit a polling place; just send the form back in the self-addressed envelope provided plus postage is free."

"The Trust made an informed decision not to send it's ballot papers out at the same time as those for the recent local district council and local area health board elections because we felt it could be confusing for people."

Fourteen people are standing in this year's election for the six Trustee positions available.

Profiles of the candidates, along with media releases and voting progress are available on the Trust website [www.rotoruatrust.org.nz](http://www.rotoruatrust.org.nz)

"At this early stage (5 November 2007), returns are a little higher than they were at the same time in the 2004 election (22.0 per cent compared to 20.4 per cent) but there's still a way to go," he said.

The election closes at 12 Noon on Saturday, 17 November 2007.

Mr Burns said a preliminary result should be available later that afternoon.

"If people had not received their voting papers in the mail by now then they should contact the Trust."

"We suggest they ring us and we can follow up on this, or they can come into the Trust's office (at 1358 Eruera Street, Rotorua) and cast a special vote."

The Trust has again adopted the early processing of returned voting documents, which was the case with the last election three years ago.

**Ends**

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