

Northpower



ConsumerLine

Summer safety, \$120 credit on your bill, Fibre working with our community



Photo credit: Iain Urquhart

An early Christmas present!



**\$120 credit** on your powerbill

# Word from the CEO

Summer is shaping up to be a busy one for us here in Northpower, as our community takes a breath, and holidaymakers head north to enjoy everything that Northland has to offer.

For us, the holiday season is business as usual, as our team focuses on ensuring hassle-free power and communications to help support the Christmas break. We will have staff on hand to keep an eye on our electricity and fibre networks so feel free to give us a call in the unlikely event that you do have any issues. It's what we are here for.

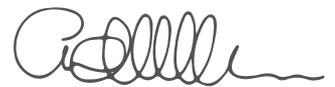
Looking back over the year, it's been a busy one for Northland, as we support ongoing growth in the region. Northland continues to see a very positive lift across all aspects of the economy, and it's wonderful to see our communities benefit from this.

We're working hard to do our part to support this growth by providing access to a reliable power supply and to leading communications via our fibre networks.

As a parting thought, I'd like to acknowledge our Northland Rescue Helicopter service which recently celebrated 30 years of operation. We've been a long-term sponsor and the team behind the service is an excellent example of the skills, capabilities, and professionalism we have up here in the North.

*Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season and a prosperous New Year.*

**Andrew McLeod**  
Chief Executive



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## Northpower embarks on intern programme

Northpower puts a big focus on local employment and that's why we have launched a 20-week summer student intern programme to nurture our home-grown university talent.

We are trying to help true-blue Northlanders in the hope of further developing our local workforce in the future.

So we've created two intern positions for engineering and environmental students and we are stoked to welcome Tamaterau's Macey Polwart and Mairtown's Jeremy Towers as our interns this summer.

Both are very excited about gaining work experience with a locally owned company and as Jeremy points out – "everyone knows someone who knows someone at Northpower".

Macey and Jeremy will learn the importance of health and safety, get to know our business and see what we do in the Northland community.

Northpower's Environmental and Consents Advisor Marina Hetaraka believes investing in local talent will help create our future leaders.



Macey Polwart and Jeremy Towers  
- our summer interns



Win LED Christmas lights valued at \$100

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# Northpower Trust distribution to consumer beneficiaries 2018



## \$120 credit to every account holder

Christmas has come early for our electricity customers in Kaipara and Whangarei with a \$120 credit due to land on your power bill any day soon.

Northpower Trust Chairman Erc Angelo has confirmed the distribution to every household or business on the Northpower electricity network.

"The credit will be displayed on power bills sent out by your electricity retailer in either December or January," says Mr Angelo.

"This year's distribution is really significant and is testimony to the value of the consumer owned Trust model that we have.

"Looking back over the last 25 years, it is great knowing we have been able to give back so much.

"Northpower is owned by you, our consumer beneficiaries," says Mr Angelo.

## 1993 to 2018 - Northpower Trust and Northpower Limited have returned \$211 million to you, our owners

### What to look for on your December / January power bill

A breakdown of your power bill	
Opening balance	\$0.00
Current charges inc GST	\$209.56
<b>Northpower Trust Distribution</b>	<b>-\$120.00</b>
<b>Total amount due</b>	<b>\$89.56</b>

EXAMPLE

# Putting in the hard yards for wellness

Earlier this year Iain Urquhart smoked 20 cigarettes a day and had not exercised for 15 years.

The chance to take part in Northpower's biggest wellbeing programme in the company's history changed that overnight.

Thirty-two Northland-based staff took up the challenge, as 120 people company-wide prepared to compete in the Taupo Ultramarathon.

One Northpower staff member conquered the 100km individual event, three completed the 50km, 50 the 24km and 14 Northpower teams featured in the 100km relay. In total, Northpower entrants ran and walked 2850km on the day.

Eight months on, Iain says has well and truly kicked the smoking habit, lost 10kg and is hooked on running. So are dozens of his work mates, many of whom have also made major lifestyle changes and lost weight. The team are now pushing on doing other events and so, the unofficial 'Northpower Runners' club has been borne!



Iain taking on the Kerikeri half marathon.

## Thanks for supporting our Rescue Chopper

We've reached the end of our 30-year celebration with the Northland Rescue Chopper service.

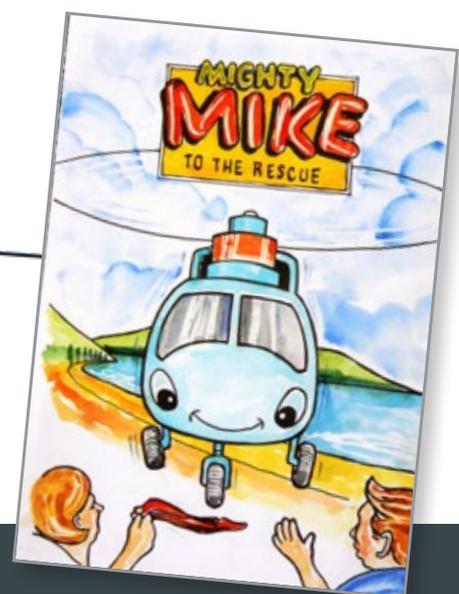
Once again the generosity of the people of Te Tai Tokerau has shone through with well over \$260,000 flowing in.

We marked the anniversary with three fun-filled community breakfasts at Kaitaia, Kerikeri and Dargaville – in all, 30 events to celebrate 30 years.

We also launched our third children's book – **Mighty Mike to the Rescue**.

It's a great XMAS present which you can buy for just \$10 or win one of **10 copies by liking us on facebook!**

Northpower is proud to have been an official sponsor since 1988 and we appreciate the work of all involved in the amazing Northland Rescue Chopper service which is so vital to our community.



### Ways to donate:

- 1 Official Appeal Envelope in your letterbox
- 2 Any ASB branch
- 3 [www.nest.org.nz/donate](http://www.nest.org.nz/donate)

- 4 Online Banking:  
RH Appeal - 12 3106 0046000 00

 [fb.com/northland.rescuehelicopter](https://fb.com/northland.rescuehelicopter)

# FIBRE: Working with our communities

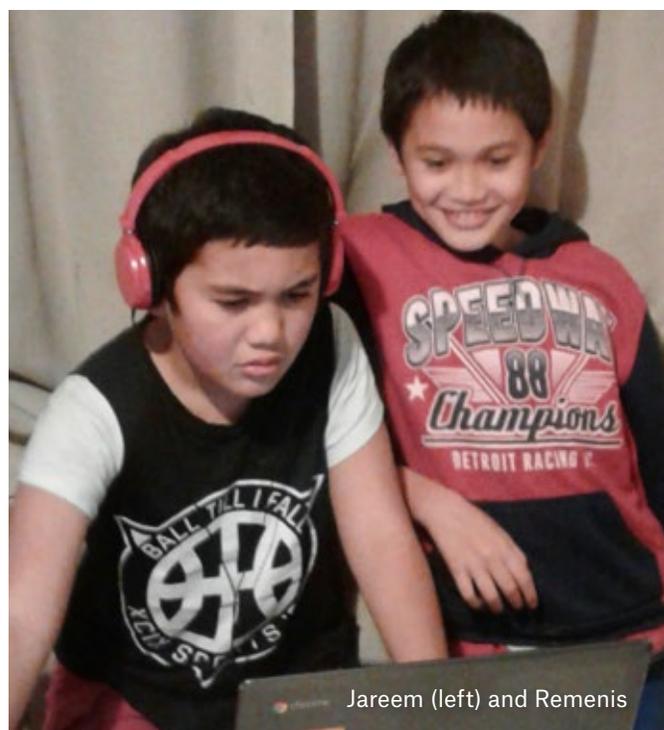
Taitokerau Education Trust is among the community initiatives Northpower Fibre proudly supports. The aim of the Trust is to raise

achievement levels by making personal-use devices accessible to digital immersion students in schools from lower income households.

## Success story: Digital immersion enhances learning for the whole whānau

The biggest problem mother of six Michelle Toko has is not getting her children to do their homework but limiting the time they spend doing it.

“I’m just glad my kids don’t mind sharing,” she says, referring to the two Chromebooks the family now owns through Taitokerau Education Trust’s lease to buy scheme.



Jareem (left) and Remenis

Michelle’s three youngest children, Jareem (9), Remenis (8) and Isis (11), are in digital classrooms at Whau Valley Primary.

Michelle says she heard about Taitokerau Education Trust through the school and chose to purchase their Chromebooks through the Trust because they were so affordable.

She is grateful that the Trust has given her children the opportunity to stay up to date with the modern world.

“There was a time when we thought these devices were out of our price range and having them in our home wasn’t even an option.”

“The Taitokerau Education Trust has bridged the digital gap so everyone can learn equally.”

She says the programme has enhanced learning for each of her children. Michelle says digital learning has been particularly beneficial for Remenis who is autistic. Michelle is now planning to get two more devices for the family.

For more information go to [www.taitokerau.education](http://www.taitokerau.education)

## 3 Easy steps to connect to Fibre

- 1 Register your interest at [northpowerfibre.co.nz](http://northpowerfibre.co.nz)
- 2 Choose a retailer
- 3 Relax, we will be in touch

# ASK FOR FIBRE

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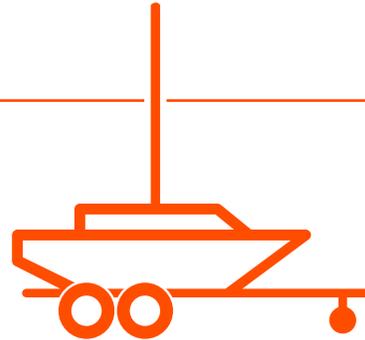
It’s usually FREE to connect Northpower Fibre to your house, with the monthly retailer cost normally the same as you pay today.

# Summer Holiday Safety tips:

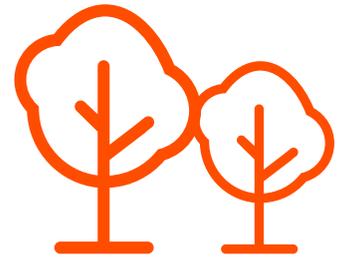
- 1 Outdoor jobs:** Look out for overhead lines when working with objects like ladders, aerials or scaffolding.



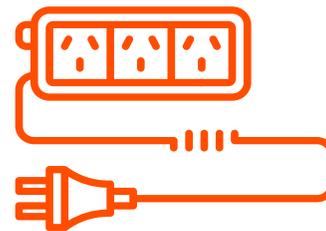
- 2 Boating:** Know the height of your mast and aerial before towing and look out for overhead lines when sailing.



- 3 Gardening:** Don't plant trees directly under powerlines – they grow quickly and will require trimming so they don't pose a safety risk.



- 4 Camping:** Make sure you use an RCD (Residual Current Device). RCDs should also be used for any outdoor power needs.



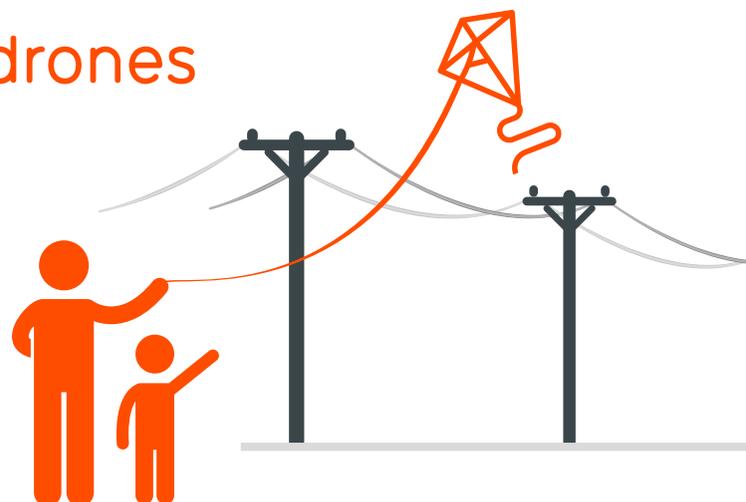
## Electrical Warrant of Fitness

Under New Zealand law, holiday parks and marinas will require your caravan or boat to have a current EWOFF before supplying you with a powered site. An EWOFF is valid for five years.



## Be safe with kites and drones

Please make sure you keep children safe this summer – ensure kites and drones are only flown in clear spaces – well clear of powerlines, power poles and substations.



If something gets caught in powerlines, keep clear and call Northpower faults **0800 10 40 40**.