

Subsidised heat pump scheme popular

More than 1000 people have entered the ballot for subsidised heat pumps — a new energy efficiency scheme led by LineTrust South Canterbury.

The trust along with Energy Mad, Environment Canterbury, local heat pump retailers and ASB Timaru

launched the scheme in late September for 1250 local households to win a ballot for the pumps.

Trust spokesperson Janya Lobb said the scheme was nearly fully subscribed with more than 1000 entries and unless they did not comply all would take part in the scheme.

“Some people have already been

contacted and we hope that everyone will have heard by Christmas, but basically everyone that has entered will be part of the project.

“The only thing that might change that is if they are found not to comply, for example the house might not be fully insulated, when the homes are visited.

“It may be that some are directed

to the rebate scheme rather than the subsidised pumps which 750 people will be able to buy for \$1850.

“With the rebate scheme, people will receive a voucher for \$350. This is the Ecan part of the scheme and we have more flexibility in this section.

“It could be that people on the rebate scheme need a different sized pump than the 4kW Mitsubishi

pumps available on subsidy.”

Mrs Lobb said those people would be directed towards the pump most suitable for their home. It is possible there could be another chance for people to enter the ballot those already in it did not comply

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