

HEALTHY HOMES MEETING HELD 15 DECEMBER 2011

This was the second meeting held this year. The main provider of insulation (Energysmart) was placed in liquidation in September 2011. Terra Lana (ChCh based company) has bought the company and continued with the Energysmart name. Terra Lana are famous for their innovative use of sheep wool and carpet scraps to make products such as Ugg boots, duvets, woollen blankets and insulation.

Install numbers will be down in 2011 because of this disruption and a drop off in referrals from GP's and health professionals. Figures are available from January to June 2011 and show there were only 2 houses in Greytown, 4 in Featherston and 1 in Martinborough insulated which includes 2 rental houses. Another insulation provider company has approached the Committee Chair (R.Francis) with a view to entering the Wairarapa market. Negotiations are continuing.

The Committee decided to produce a Poster and have it placed in Surgery Waiting Rooms, Plunket Rooms, Hospital, Healthcare Agencies, Libraries etc., so people are aware that if they have a Community Card and health issues they may qualify to have their home insulated.

Lyn Tankersley Project Manager for EnergySmart Ltd has indicated she would like to speak at the next Combined Council Meeting in South Wairarapa in the New Year.

Cr Riddell
16 December 2011