

FINANCE NEWSLETTER 194

TO: Parish Treasurers, Presbytery and Parish clerks
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1.	Power cost saving offer open to parishoners
2.	Church Management Support Guide update posted

1. Power cost saving offer open to parishoners

We have had excellent results from the Power Saving offer made to churches last year. As a result of the offers made by Nice 1, 110 churches have switched power suppliers and are achieving average annual power cost savings estimated at \$1,028 or 23.8%.

	Participating Churches	Sum of Est. 12 Mth Spend - Current	Sum of Best Offer - Estimated Savings	Average of Best Offer - Estimated Savings (\$)	Average Best Offer - Estimated Savings (%)
Churches that Accepted Offer	110	\$476,011	\$113,094	\$1,028	23.8%
Churches that did NOT Accept Offer	93	\$391,392	\$71,072	\$764	18.2%
Total of all Participating Churches	195	\$867,402.84	\$184,166.93	\$896.18	21.0%

Note that there is an additional group of 93 churches that have completed the survey and received offers with an average estimated 18% saving, that have not taken up the offer. If your church is in this group, or you wish to review your current power/gas costs to secure similar savings, please contact Nice1 at power@nice1.co.nz.

Further good news is that Nice1 have now **opened this offer to church staff, volunteers, parishoners** and businesses associated with parishoners. This is an exciting opportunity to achieve similar cost saving as those achieved by participating churches. Please relay this message to church staff and members of your congregation with my recommendation that this opportunity should be investigated. Information on the process and a link to the survey is contained in the appendix, and is also posted on the PCANZ website.

2. Church Management Support Guide update posted

Further to the November newsletter, an update to the Church Management Support guide has been posted on the PCANZ website:

[http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/public_files/for_parishes/CMS_Guide - Update 26 April Final.docx.pdf](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/public_files/for_parishes/CMS_Guide_-_Update_26_April_Final.docx.pdf)

You may also access the document by going to www.presbyterian.org.nz and clicking on Find Something Fast / Treasurers Information.

I have not reverted the name of the document to the Treasurers Manual as it was pointed out to me that much of the subject matter applies to church roles other than that of treasurer.

The update expands on church administration matters including:

- Church charities registration and annual reporting responsibilities
- Stipend changes resulting from the change to the Beneficiary Fund
- Audit or review of church annual accounts
- Tax liabilities and property rates
- Health and Safety responsibilities for staff and volunteers
- Products and services available to Presbyterian and Cooperating churches to assist with administration

Multiple links to documents produced by General Assembly, Charities Services, Inland Revenue and Interchurch Bureau have been updated, and the section you require may be accessed by clicking on the topic in the Table of Contents.

Note the ministers stipend calculations presented on the guide remain provisional pending confirmation of the labour cost index to 31 March. When this is published by the Department of Statistics in a few weeks I will advise churches and update the document again.

As always, if you have any suggestions of additions or adjustments that may improve the document, please advise me.



Power and Gas offer for the staff, volunteers, friends and family of Presbyterian Churches

Presbyterian Churches is working with Nice1 to deliver you savings on your power and gas as they did earlier this year with many of our churches. In 2016 alone, Nice1 have saved over 700 churches \$640,000 in power costs with an average of 20% savings per client. For the Presbyterian Churches we have saved on average 22% on the churches power and gas costs.

The Nice1 approach is unique in that Nice1 will tender your account to the main selected retailers and present you with the best deal. And even better, it's free even if you switch your power!

The process is simple and takes about 10 minutes of your time.

STEP 1: Fill in the online questionnaire. If you have a business, see what can be done too!

[Click here for our consumer survey](#)

[Click here for our business survey](#)

STEP 2: Send Nice1 a full copy of your latest power bill. We need the entire bill, both sides, end to end, to be emailed to:

- Fax: (09) 302 3332
- Email: Power@nice1.co.nz
- Post: PO Box 91028, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142

STEP 3: Sit back and wait for Nice1 to send you an offer (2-3 weeks)

STEP 4: Accept the offer by completing a quick online form and Nice1 / the chosen power company does the rest. Things to know:

- Providing us with your bill and completing our survey does not commit you to changing.
- If you are in a current agreement with a power retailer any cancellation fees are at your cost.
- Agreements with Nice1 retailers will run for two years. Prior to the renewal of your agreement, we will retender you business to ensure you are still on the best deal, unless you don't want us to.
- You can forward this to your family and friends if you wish.

Thanking you for your participation!

the Nice1 team