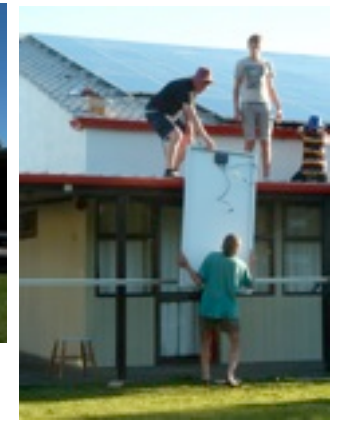


The **Open Day** at the Quaker Settlement on Jan 24th went ahead as planned. The Solar Array was completed, ready to operate. The day really came together beautifully; the weather was



perfect, our suppliers and electrician from Auckland were on site and worked together with our volunteers very happily. We had about 140-150 visitors and our resident 20 Earlham students as spectators. Interest in the installation went through the day and we had many people (some who had not visited before) including tradespeople, architects, Council planning staff, WEST members and others from Wellington, Palmerston North, Parihaka and overseas. Some showed considerable interest in the wider Settlement environment. There were many interesting comments like " you are doing things on the ground that we only talk about". Settlers were there as hosts and found many asking about Quakerism and taking literature. Our suppliers WhatPowerCrisis mounted an interesting exhibition of alternative energy products. A food and refreshment table was well patronised.



A good deal of preparatory work had been done in preparing the roof and fitting mounting rails, fitting ducting to carry the wiring to the installed inverter and this made it possible to complete the work within the day.



We can now report on the first full day of operation (fine with passing cloud). The peak output observed was **9.1 kilowatts** (very close it's maximum of 9.6 kw) and over the day delivered **54 kilowatt hours** to the grid. The information system which will report on the condition of the system and its production is under construction.



Our thanks to all those who have already contributed to making this project possible. To date we have \$15,725 towards the Appeal for \$20,000 so there is still opportunity for those who wish to contribute.