

DELIVERING FOR YOU



YOUR NETWORK, YOUR NEWS.

Aurora Energy (your local electricity distribution company) manages and services the network in Queenstown Lakes, Central Otago/ Wānaka and Dunedin. We have a huge, 5-year work programme underway and are investing over \$560 million to upgrade the network and are focused on planning to ensure it has the capacity to enable the energy future of our communities. This means there will be more planned power outages, to keep you and our contractors safe while we carry out the work. Thank you for your patience as we work hard to provide you with a safer and more reliable electricity supply.

QUEENSTOWN LAKES ELECTRICITY NETWORK

We have a number of projects underway to ensure the future resilience of the area, as well as upgrading existing assets. Below is a snapshot of a few major projects either recently completed, currently underway or upcoming in your area. Large infrastructure projects can take a long time to deliver and we hope you enjoy following the updates as they progress. Stay tuned!

COMPLETE

Morven Ferry Road

In December, Connetics completed maintenance work along Morven Ferry Road, to improve the safety and reliability of the power supply to the Gibbston Valley area.

This wraps up a large programme of work in the wider Arrowtown and Gibbston Valley area in the second half of last year, which included replacing 45 power poles, 75 cross arms, 2km of power lines, and two distribution transformers.



UNDERWAY

Gibbston Valley

Over the summer months, ElectroNet and Atlas Contracting are replacing 15 power poles, 1.8km of overhead power lines, and 500m of underground cable through Chard Farm and across Kawarau River.

We are working closely with Department of Conservation and Wildland Consultants to ensure the welfare of the local lizard population while the work is carried out. Helicopters will also be used to remove and install the power poles to reduce impact.



UPCOMING

Queenstown zone substation

We're preparing to upgrade the Queenstown zone substation, with construction of the new control room and switchgear building scheduled to begin mid-year. This will include installing new indoor 11 kV switchgear, and replacing the electrical protection and control systems. The project is scheduled to be completed next year and will lay the groundwork for the future outdoor 33 kV switchgear replacement project.

Watch this space for more updates! 

This is just one of our upcoming projects to upgrade the electricity network in Queenstown Lakes, Central Otago/ Wānaka and Dunedin.

ELECTRICITY PRICING - HOW IT WORKS

Aurora Energy's line charge prices recover the direct costs of distributing electricity to you across our network (distribution prices), and other indirect costs (pass-through prices) including regulatory levies and electricity transmission from the national grid.

Our costs make up roughly 28-40% of your overall power bill. Every retailer (who you pay your bill to) packages up the costs differently. Some combine the costs and others itemise them. You can find out more about pricing on our website.

The way electricity prices are set will change over the next few years, to make them fairer and easier to understand and to support New Zealand's drive towards electrification and reducing carbon emissions. Aurora Energy's future changes will be phased in, to give everyone time to understand and adjust to the changes. We'll help you understand what they mean so you can benefit by actively managing how you use electricity at critical times of the day.

ANY QUESTIONS?
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