# DELIVERING FOR YOU



YOUR NETWORK, YOUR NEWS.

Aurora Energy (your local electricity distribution company) manages and services the network in Dunedin, Central Otago/Wānaka and Queenstown Lakes. 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 may need to 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.

### JNEDIN 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** -



#### - UNDERWAY



#### - UPCOMING



#### Henley bundled work

In November, we upgraded the network that provides electricity to 250 customers in Henley, south of Dunedin. We replaced a large amount of equipment at the end of life to improve the safety and reliability of the power supply.

We collaborated with Otago Regional Council, taking advantage of their planned works around the Taieri River flood banks, which resulted in a positive outcome for both parties.



Our contractors Unison during their daily briefings. Thanks for all your work team!

#### **Andersons Bay** zone substation

We are future-proofing the network and strengthening the electricity supply for customers in Andersons Bay and the Otago Peninsula by replacing the current transformers and aging equipment and building a new switch room.

Work is progressing well on the \$8.4m upgrade, with the construction phase underway. New electrical equipment will be installed mid-2023, with the project due to be finished later in the year, once landscaping is complete.



#### **Green Island** zone substation

Another one of our Dunedin zone substations is scheduled for a full upgrade this year and will help future-proof the network and strengthen the electricity supply for customers in the Green Island community and surrounding areas.

The existing transformers, circuit breakers, and substation equipment will be upgraded, and new switchgear will be installed.

Watch this space for more updates!



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

## LECTRICITY PRICING - HOW IT WORK

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.

**QUESTIONS?** 



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