

The Town Reserves Regularisation Project

KIMBERLEY REGION

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This newsletter is to inform you of the Town Reserves Regularisation Project in the Kimberley region. A joint Department of Housing and Works and Western Power project to regularise the power supply arrangements in Indigenous Town Reserve communities.

First ready power customers in Nulleywah

On Friday, 14 October 2005, the Minister for Housing and Works, Hon Francis Logan MLA officially launched the new power supply and road upgrades at Nulleywah community in Kununurra.

Western Power's Managing Director,

Tony Iannello and General Manager, Regional Power Ken Bowron, also attended the launch. A community barbecue was held to celebrate the occasion.

Under the Town Reserves Regularisation Project, Western Power has completed significant upgrades to Nulleywah's electricity



Nulleywah resident, Emily Hester is one of *ready power's* first customers.

network including installing underground power and upgrading streetlighting.

The Minister congratulated Western Power for introducing *ready power*, a pre-payment meter-based service which allows residents to pay for their power as they use it, so it's easier to budget for their power use.

ready power will be progressively introduced into other Town Reserve Communities, initially in the Kimberley Region, as follows in the top table over the page.

Distribution Network Upgrades

Due to the Kimberley wet season (typically November to March), Western Power will not be able to complete the distribution upgrades in the other nominated communities until after the ground conditions improve.

The proposed program of works to the distribution systems is as follows in the bottom table over the page.

Representatives from Western Power visited these communities during September to advise them of the timetable, as well as collecting customer information in Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek.

Metering and Retail

Regional Town	Town Reserve	Retail Date
Kununurra	Nulleywah	14 October 2005
Kununurra	Mirima	November 2005*
Halls Creek	Red Hill (<i>Lundja</i>) Nicholson Camp	10 November 2005
Fitzroy Crossing	Kurnangki Mindi Rardi	21 November 2005
Wyndham	Guda Guda Warrayu	23 November 2005

* Customers in Mirima already have normal meters. Western Power has recently written to these customers offering them the choice to change to a pre-paid meter.

The *ready power* service is scheduled to commence in communities in Broome and Derby when the distribution upgrade work is completed.

Distribution Network Upgrades

Regional Town	Town Reserve	Upgrade Date
Fitzroy Crossing	Kurnangki Mindi Rardi	mid March to early April 2006
Derby	Budula Burununga Djimund Nugda Karmulinunga	mid April to end May 2006
Halls Creek	Red Hill (<i>Lundja</i>) Nicholson Camp	April 2006
Wyndham	Guda Guda Warrayu	May 2006
Kununurra	Emu Creek	June 2006
Broome	Mallingbar Nillir Irbanjin	June 2006

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L-R Launching the road and sewerage upgrades: Hon Francis Logan, MLA, Minister for Housing & Works, Andy Ellet - Arup, Trevor Brewster - G&B Drainage, Lola Taylor - Community Chairperson and Mrs Carol Martin MLA, Member for Kimberley.