

The Town Reserves Regularisation Project

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

Distribution Network Upgrades Commence

Complete Underground Services has been engaged to upgrade the distribution networks in the communities listed below, with work already underway in Fitzroy Crossing. The commencement of the upgrades was held up a little by the longer than usual wet season.

Community representatives have been kept informed of when work will be undertaken in their communities.

Following the completion of the distribution network upgrade work, Horizon Power will assume ongoing responsibility for operation, maintenance and repair.

Tender documents have been issued for the distribution network upgrade in Nillir Irbanjin, Broome. It is expected that this work may commence in September, followed by Mallingbar in October of this year.

Yardgee community converted to Ready Power

Residents of Yardgee community (Hazlett Place) in Halls Creek commenced as Ready Power customers on 8 June 2006 replacing the community based card system. Horizon Power already owned the infrastructure assets and no upgrade work was required.

Emu Creek, Kununurra

Horizon Power is currently assessing what upgrading is required to the network to enable Emu Creek to be included in the Regularisation project, when this cost is known the Department of Housing and Works will decide if funding can be made available for this project.



This infrastructure in Kurnangki community, Fitzroy Crossing, will soon be placed underground improving the safety and reliability of the community's distribution network.

Other Communities

The Department of Housing and Works is currently considering other communities for inclusion in the Town Reserves Regularisation Project, including Mardiwah Loop in Halls Creek. Further information on these communities will be provided in the next newsletter.

Community	Timing
Mindi Rardi, Fitzroy Crossing	12 June 2006
Kurnangki, Fitzroy Crossing	mid July 2006
Red Hill & Nicholson Block, Halls Creek	August 2006
Warrayu & Guda Guda, Wyndham	October 2006
Karmulinunga, Budula, Burununga & Djimund Nugda, Derby	December 2006

Ready Power

Residents of communities in Derby and Broome will be converted to Ready Power, using pre-paid meters following the upgrade of their distribution network. Some of these communities are already successfully using their own community card system.

It is pleasing to see that since October 2005, 105 residents living in the Kununurra, Wyndham, Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek town reserve communities have been successfully using Ready Power.

With the change in company name to Horizon Power, the Ready Power cards will take on a new look. These cards will be introduced when existing stocks are depleted.



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