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Essential work for Uralla electricity network

Essential Energy crews will soon complete upgrade and maintenance works on the electricity network to ensure a safe and reliable power supply in Uralla and the surrounding area.

Operations manager Northern Tablelands, Mark Summers, said the works would include the replacement of two pole cross-arms and a power pole on the main powerline servicing the area and the installation of a recloser on another section of the network.

“The cross-arms were identified as requiring replacement as part of one of our cyclical asset inspection programs,” Mark said.

“It’s vital that we keep the main powerline to Uralla in peak condition as the area is supplied by a single powerline and electricity can’t be re-routed from an alternative source.”

To enable crews to safely complete the works a planned power outage will affect more than 2,100 homes and businesses in Uralla, Kentucky, Arding River, Rocky River and surrounding rural areas between **11pm on Saturday, 4 May and 6.30am on Sunday, 5 May 2019**. Affected homes and businesses will be notified of the power outage in advance.

“While it’s not always possible, we have been able to schedule this planned power outage overnight to reduce the inconvenience for local households and businesses,” Mark said.

To ensure the works are completed as quickly as possible, Essential Energy crews and equipment will be brought in from Armidale, Guyra, Tamworth and Walcha.

“Crews will also utilise the planned power outage to install a recloser which will assist in reducing the number of customers affected by planned and unplanned power outages in the future,” Mark said.

The project is dependent on suitable weather conditions and may be postponed if conditions are unfavourable or unforeseen circumstances arise.

“We appreciate that planned power outages can be inconvenient and thank those affected for their understanding as we work to ensure the electricity network remains and reliable,” Mark said.

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