

KEY UPDATES 17 JANUARY 2020



From an initial total of 7,500 customers off supply, we currently have 661 customers (12 life support) who are experiencing outages as a result of the bushfires.

Yesterday we restored ~300 customers.

IN THE NORTH

Last 24 hours

- Returned supply to customers to Tintaldra along the Muray River and through to Walwa as well as remainder of Nariel Valley area.
- Most of major road network opened. Traffic control resources increased to ensure safety of crews in increasing traffic.
- Construction work continued from Tintaldra to Walwa and Towong. Storm activity meant this work paused for safety reasons but back on track to complete.

Next 24 hours

- Conducting work in Guys Forest, Klip Spur Line, Colac and Thowgla to restore approximately 75 customers today.
- Fires are still active in Mount Buffalo. Continuing to monitor these ongoing.
- Vegetation assessment and clearing is targeting the Burrowye line. There are approximately 40 poles to replace.
- Asset inspection is now over 85% complete. Remaining areas to be completed by close of business today.

IN THE EAST

Last 24 hours

- Crews completed work on the Wulgulmerang line yesterday, restoring 84 customers.
- Last night 71 customers lost power due to a tree falling on a line North of Bonang. Crews aiming to repair this today.

Next 24 hours

- Crews have moved into Mallacoota to commence replacement of 8 poles and minor construction to extend the reach of generation to more customers. Backup generator arriving into Mallacoota today.
- Construction crews started work in Cobungra to replace 9 poles. Aiming to restore power to ~40 customers by tomorrow morning.
- Have been informed that road access to Combienbar and Club Terrace will be available on Sunday. Access to easements still to be established. Aerial patrol has identified approximately 26 poles damaged.
- New fire damage in Bemm River resulting in 108 customers impacted. Currently no access to this area. ETR unknown as fire agency currently deeming it unsafe for crews to enter.

CHALLENGES

Hazard trees remain a major concern throughout the East Gippsland fire area.

Victoria Police have advised that there is a major risk of cattle wandering across roads arising from the loss of fencing during the fires.

Working with Victoria Roads to understand the weight ratings for bridges in remote areas as these restrictions may impact restoration efforts.

NEXT STEPS

Continuing restoration and community engagement continuing across East and North.

As noted previously, this information is dynamic and we are responding to changes as they occur.

BUSHFIRE OUTAGE SUMMARY BY TOWN

Estimated dates for power restoration for each community in these updates are dependent on there not being further adverse developments in fires, weather or other conditions. The safety of our employees and the community is our number one priority and this may impact work to restore power.

Location	Number of customers off	Access available	Expected power restoration date	Additional information
CLIFTON CREEK	1	1/10/2020	1/17/2020	We are planning to have power restored to all customers in the area today (17/1).
COBUNGRA	39	N	1/19/2020	Ground assessment of asset damage has been completed in Gipsy Point and Genoa. Assessment to commence in Premier Track 17/1. Estimated restoration times may change once assessments completed.
MOUNT HOTHAM	1	N	1/30/2020	Fires remain active in Mount Hotham area. Crews are unable to safely access to assess damages. Estimated restoration time expected to change once access has been granted.
OMEQ	2	1/8/2020	1/19/2020	Ground assessment of asset damage has been completed in Gipsy Point and Genoa. Assessment to commence in Premier Track 17/1. Estimated restoration times may change once assessments completed.
BONANG	2	N	TBC+3wks	Crews have not been granted safe access to the area. Ground assessment needed to assess the extent of damages to the network. Estimated restoration time will be updated once access granted and assessment completed.
GOONGERAH	18	N	TBC+3wks	Crews have not been granted safe access to the area. Ground assessment needed to assess the extent of damages to the network. Estimated restoration time will be updated once access granted and assessment completed.
GENOA	45	Y	1/21/2020	Ground assessment of asset damage has been completed in Gipsy Point and Genoa. Assessment to commence in Premier Track 17/1. Estimated restoration times may change once assessments completed.
GIPSY POINT	35	Y	1/21/2020	Ground assessment of asset damage has been completed in Gipsy Point and Genoa. Assessment to commence in Premier Track 17/1. Estimated restoration times may change once assessments completed.

MALLACOOTA	50	Y	1/20/2020	A majority of customers in Mallacoota are now connected to the generator.
NOORINBEE	2	N	TBC+3wks	Crews have not been granted safe access to the area. Assessment of the main lines from Cann River to Mallacoota needs to be conducted. Estimated restoration time may change once access granted and assessments completed.
CLUB TERRACE	26	N	2/15/2020	Crews have not been granted safe access to area east of Orbost. Aerial inspection has identified significant damage to the network and at least 28 poles that need to be replaced. Estimated restoration times may change once access granted and assessments completed.
COMBIENBAR	19	N	2/15/2020	Crews have not been granted safe access to area east of Orbost. Aerial inspection has identified significant damage to the network and at least 28 poles that need to be replaced. Estimated restoration times may change once access granted and assessments completed.
BEMM RIVER	108	TBC	TBC+3wks	There are currently active fires in the area. Crews are unable to safely access the area to assess damages to the network.
BURROWYE	35	Y	1/19/2020	Crews are currently clearing any unsafe vegetation (i.e., fallen trees) so repair and replacement works can be completed.
GUYS FOREST	18	1/12/2020	1/17/2020	Crews are currently undertaking repair and replacement works in the area.
MOUNT ALFRED	25	Y	1/19/2020	Crews are currently clearing any unsafe vegetation (i.e., fallen trees) so repair and replacement works can be completed.
THOLOGOLONG	4	Y	1/19/2020	Crews are currently clearing any unsafe vegetation (i.e., fallen trees) so repair and replacement works can be completed.
COLAC COLAC	22	1/11/2020	1/19/2020	Crews are currently undertaking repair and replacement work in the area. There are a number of smaller lines coming off the main line that require repair and replacement works. We will be progressively restoring power to customers as this work is completed.

CORRYONG	18	1/11/2020	1/24/2020	Crews are currently undertaking repair and replacement work in the area. There are a number of smaller lines coming off the main line that require repair and replacement works. We will be progressively restoring power to customers as this work is completed.
CUDGEWA	55	1/13/2020	1/21/2020	Crews are currently undertaking repair and replacement work in the area. There are a number of smaller lines coming off the main line that require repair and replacement works. We will be progressively restoring power to customers as this work is completed.
NARIEL VALLEY	43	1/13/2020	1/17/2020	We are planning to have power restored to all customers in the area today (17/1)
THOWGLA VALLEY	26	1/13/2020	1/17/2020	Crews are currently undertaking repair and replacement work in the area.
TINTALDRA	16	1/13/2020	1/19/2020	Crews are currently undertaking repair and replacement work in the area. There are a number of smaller lines coming off the main line that require repair and replacement works. We will be progressively restoring power to customers as this work is completed.
TOWONG	9	1/13/2020	1/21/2020	Crews are currently undertaking repair and replacement work in the area. There are a number of smaller lines coming off the main line that require repair and replacement works. We will be progressively restoring power to customers as this work is completed.
WALWA	42	1/13/2020	1/17/2020	Crews are currently undertaking repair and replacement work in the area. There are a number of smaller lines coming off the main line that require repair and replacement works. We will be progressively restoring power to customers as this work is completed.