



### Dear Resident,

## Welcome to the latest community update on TransGrid's Manildra Parkes Transmission Line Project.

TransGrid has commenced construction of 81 kilometres of transmission line from the Manildra Substation, north of Manildra to the Parkes Substation, west of Parkes. Construction will be undertaken by TransGrid's principal contractor, Downer EDI, and involves the installation of 360 concrete poles along the route.

Downer EDI and its sub-contractors may need to visit your property several times over the 12 month construction period. This is because construction occurs in three phases including:

- the establishment of access tracks along the transmission line route;
- installation of poles; and
- the stringing of electrical wires (conductors) when all poles are in place.

Details of TransGrid's access agreements with you have been provided to Downer EDI who will be in direct contact to arrange access to your property for construction of the transmission line. TransGrid appreciates the time and effort you have already committed to the Manildra Parkes Project and we look forward to working with you during the upcoming construction period.

Yours Sincerely,

The Project Team

### Did you know?

- TransGrid is commencing work on the new 132kV transmission line between Manildra and Parkes. The project is necessary to ensure the reliability of the electricity network, supplying the Manildra, Parkes, Cowra and Forbes areas.
- TransGrid is the NSW Government owned corporation responsible for providing a safe, efficient and reliable electricity supply from power stations to cities and major areas of NSW to distributors such as Country Energy.
- TransGrid currently connects to a large amount of renewable energy sources, including more than 4,000 megawatts of hydro and wind generation. TransGrid is always looking to increase its connections to renewable generators.
- Greengrid is a partnership between TransGrid and Greening Australia that has engaged more than 335 landowners and 1,000 community volunteers since 1997, plant 224,000 tube stock and directly seeding 1,726 kilometres of tree line.
- You can sign up to receive email alerts regarding updates to the project at: [www.transgrid.com.au/manildra-parkes](http://www.transgrid.com.au/manildra-parkes)

## Local students are BeSafeKidz

More than sixty students from two local primary schools have taken part in TransGrid's BeSafeKidz program.

TransGrid staff visited Manildra Public and Parkes Public Schools during November and early December, educating students on the safe use of electricity.

TransGrid's Site Manager Lawrence Roukis enjoyed the facilitation of the presentation to the students and was impressed with their enthusiasm.

*"The kids responded really well to our presentation and safety video. It was great to see that many of the students were already quite knowledgeable about how to stay safe around electricity and what to do in an emergency situation,"* said Lawrence.

Manildra Public School Teacher Sue Lane was equally impressed with the presentation and the practical delivery of the safety material.

*"I wish I had known of the BeSafeKidz program when I was teaching my students about electricity a year ago. I loved the hands-on style of the presenters and I especially liked the group exercise where the kids were holding hands to show how electricity works!"* said Sue.

Parkes Public School Deputy Principal Judi Unger also found the presentation valuable for students and has invited TransGrid to return next year to deliver the electrical safety message to additional classes.

Students were invited to take part in a planting initiative after the presentation, taking the lesson outside through an initiative with Greening Australia and TransGrid – GreenGrid.

TransGrid and Greening Australia provided more than 100 native trees to each school which were planted by the students (with the help of the TransGrid staff). The entire forty students of Manildra Public School decided to use the planting event to create a memorial garden in honour of the late school groundsman, Darral Leitch.



Manildra Public School students with TransGrid and Greening Australia staff after the planting.

## For more information

TransGrid's Community Liaison Officer can assist you with any questions that you may have about the Project. TransGrid has a toll free number 1800 222 537 and this operates between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can e-mail the project team: [manildra.parkes@transgrid.com.au](mailto:manildra.parkes@transgrid.com.au)

## Keeping you informed

Our website is regularly updated – check out [www.transgrid.com.au/manildra-parkes](http://www.transgrid.com.au/manildra-parkes) to find out the latest information. You can sign up to receive email alerts regarding updates to the project.

## Related fact sheets

- Manildra Parkes Transmission Line – Community Update – September 2010
- Manildra Parkes Transmission Line – Fact Sheet – 2009

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