

Media Release



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Ocean Grove Gas Supply Improved

AusNet Services has increased the gas capacity to Ocean Grove with the construction of an alternative gas supply into the Kingston Ocean Grove Estate near Evergreen Circuit.

This investment was made following an investigation into reports that some residents in the Kingston Estate experiencing low gas pressure during peak hours on two extremely cold evenings over the past six weeks.

AusNet Services' Principal Gas Planning Engineer, Mark Baker, said that gas usage recently hit record levels due to significant population growth combined with record cold days.

"Strong population growth in the area coupled with extreme cold weather stressed the capacity of our network, despite our efforts to prevent supply issues by increasing gas pressures to Ocean Grove," Mark said.

"We are expecting sustained growth in this area over a number of years, and usage is being carefully monitored to ensure we continue to meet the needs of the Ocean Grove community," he said.

Last year, AusNet Services built an second 11-kilometre pipeline from Geelong to Torquay to provide capacity for up to an expected 5,000 additional homes in Torquay and Jan Juc.

Mr Baker noted the support of the City of Greater Geelong and the developers of the Kingston Ocean Grove Estate to allow this project to proceed quickly.

"Other local bodies shared our desire to see the needs of the local community met, and we appreciate their support in facilitating a quick response," he said.

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