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Corryong

Microgrid Bulletin

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Construction starts

After an extensive engineering design process, we are excited to announce that construction of the microgrid system will begin in late August or early September this year. The battery is also expected to arrive on site in late January 2026 – a big moment for the project!

If all goes as planned, the microgrid will be ready for commissioning by mid-2026.

The extended design period allowed us to thoughtfully and precisely plan the design – essential for building microgrids that can truly serve and empower communities. This innovative approach helps explain why microgrid systems remain rare in Australia.

The project team is taking extra care to tailor the solution to Corryong's unique needs to build a resilient system for long-term community benefit.

We believe, this effort will result in a fantastic outcome for Corryong.

Survey

In May, we mailed Corryong residents inviting them to complete a survey about the microgrid plans. The aim of the survey was to understand local level of interest and expectations.

The survey was also promoted in the Corryong Courier and on social media.

Thank you to everyone who participated. If you missed the survey but have ideas to share, please email corryong@ausnetservices.com.au.

Survey winners

With the support of the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre, two names were randomly selected to receive a \$20 gift voucher. Congratulations to Robert in Walwa and Petrina in Corryong!

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And the survey says...

- 66% of respondents were aware of the microgrid, 29% were unaware and 5% were unsure
- 26% of respondents knew they would have back-up power from the microgrid, 57% were unsure and 17% believed they would not have backup power.

Given these findings, we will focus on a range of pathways to build awareness of the microgrid and in clarifying the backup power availability.

We'll soon publish a report summarising key feedback.

Microgrids in Australia

Microgrids offer unique opportunities for remote communities like Corryong to secure a more reliable and potentially lower-carbon energy supply.

In a recent article in *The Conversation*, Senior Research Fellow Dr. Simon Wright explained how microgrids are empowering regional and remote communities across Australia. For more information, including video case studies and other reports, visit [The Conversation website](#).

Microgrid consultation group

We are establishing a small liaison group with Corryong locals to meet online every three months to discuss microgrid progress, plans and community communications.

Members of the previously existing Community Microgrids and Sustainable Energy Program 'Community Reference Group' will be invited to participate.

To find out more, please email the project team at: corryong@ausnetservices.com.au

Questions from survey

We have emailed 19 survey participants to answer their specific questions.

Many of the questions were regarding:

1. General questions about how the system works.
2. Process to sign up and electricity retailer requirements.
3. Uncertainty as to whether various properties would be included in the microgrid area.

We are using this feedback to prepare further communications to build understanding and awareness.



More info

We'll send out Microgrid Bulletin updates every three months with photos and information from behind the scenes.

Visit the AusNet website:

www.ausnet.com.au/corryong-microgrid

Victorian Government – Microgrids

www.energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/microgrids

Project partner website:

www.mondo.com.au

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