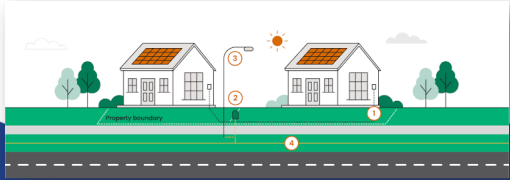




TOWN OF
Bassendean



TUPP Underground Power
Community Information Session
September 2026

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of the land.

We acknowledge their enduring connections to land, water, and community.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

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SESSION PURPOSE

- Updates on the Western Power TUPP program, cost modelling, benefits and proposed staging.
- Provide information on the estimated cost implications for each property type.
- Hear feedback on how the Town can further support impacted residents as construction starts.

Tonight, we won't be able to respond to specific questions.
At the end we will do a quick survey. This data will be shared with the Town and Western Power.

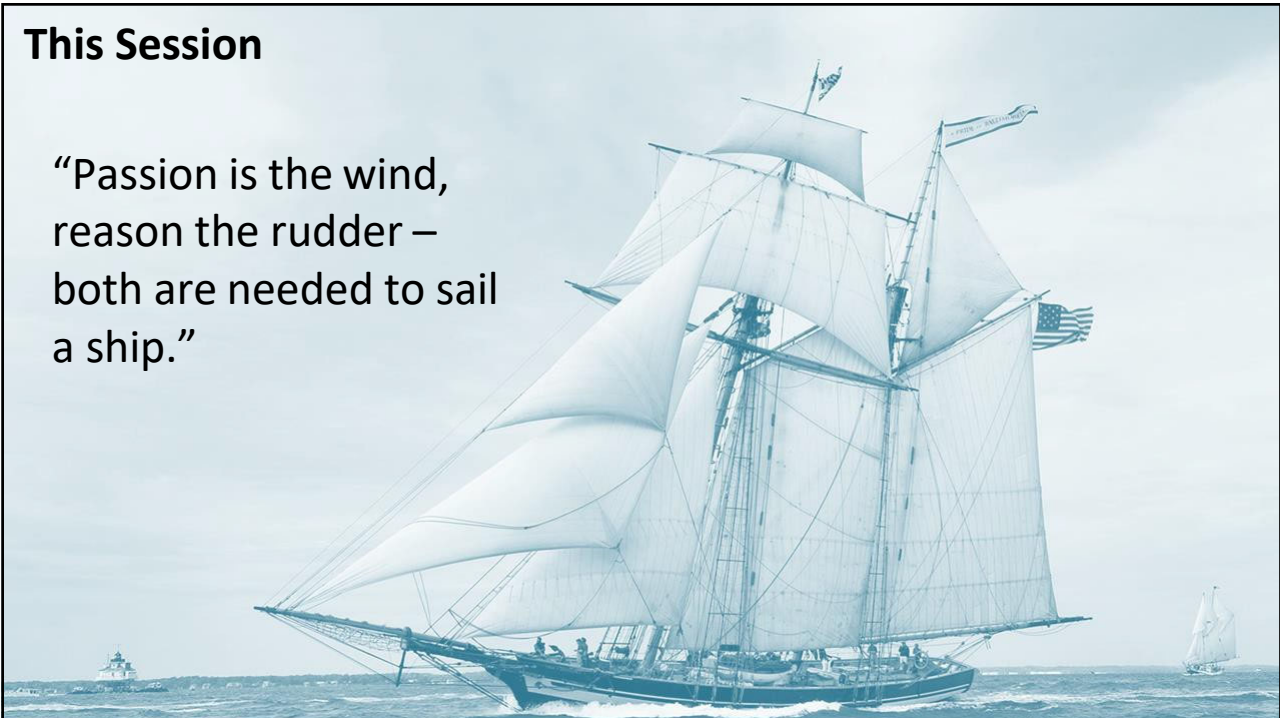
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This Session

“Passion is the wind,
reason the rudder –
both are needed to sail
a ship.”

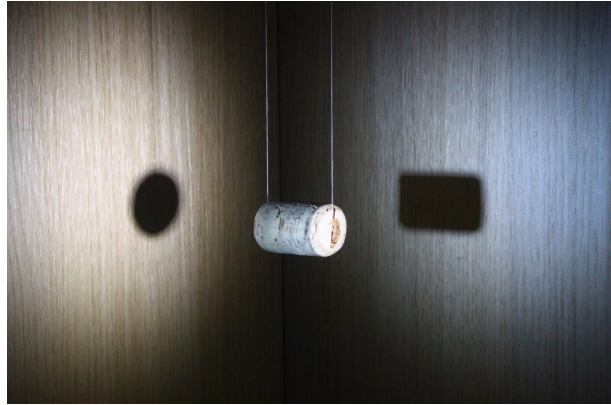


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**“It is not what you
look at that
matters, but what
you see”**

HENRY THOREAU

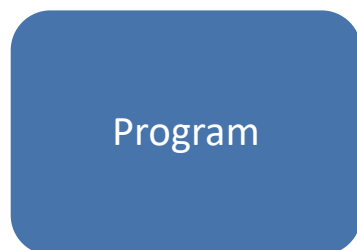
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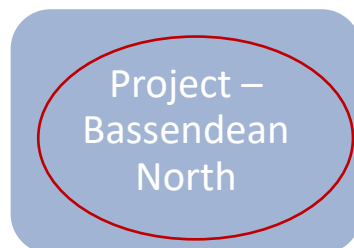
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Setting the scene



- Targeted Underground Power Program



- Planning and design
- Construction
- Timing
- Direct resident impact mitigations

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Council Advocacy for Relief and Reform



What the Town has done:

- Requested a delay in the upfront payment until 2027/28 to reduce the cost of borrowing.
- Requested additional justification of the costs for (157) property owners who have had underground power for 40 years without overhead power lines in area
- Requested “a detailed breakdown and independent verification of the cost modelling used in the Western Power calculations for the North Bassendean TUPP.
- Notice of Motion to *Western Australian Local Government Association AGM* requesting significant change and review to the underground power program and local governments involvement.

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What are the questions that you most want answered tonight?

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Community engagement: 2022 and 2026



HISTORICAL CONSULTATION

2022

SEPTEMBER

The Town sent an invitation by post to every property owner for the October information session

OCTOBER

The Town and Western Power co-hosted a community information session at Old Perth Road

NOVEMBER

The Town sent a survey by post to every property owner. Postal responses closed 25 November and online responses closed 27 November

242

survey responses

75.6% supported the program

RECENT ENGAGEMENT

2026

MAY

The Town sent correspondence to every property owner advising that their property was included in the project and that works were planned for late 2026

SEPTEMBER

The Town sent an invitation to every property owner for the 23 and 24 September information sessions. The purpose was to provide project, cost and construction updates and seek feedback

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Council Underground Power Policy

The Town of Bassendean is committed to the undergrounding of Western Power distribution lines throughout the Town when assets are nearing the end of their useful life.

The Town's current policy is to pay the upfront costs (as required by Western Power), borrow the funds and to recoup the funds from residents over a period of time, normally five years.

The Town's policy is to recover the interest and any borrowing costs from residents over the borrowing term. This has been the approach with previous undergrounding projects.

The estimated charges under this approach are shown on the next slide. These are estimated costs based on 5 year borrowings and are the worst case scenario. The Town will ensure these costs presented tonight which include interest will not increase based on a 5 year term.

A future Council meeting will confirm the amount to be borrowed and over what term.

No charges will apply until August of 2027.

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Estimated property charges



ELSFIELD, CULWORTH, MICKLETON
AND BLOCKLEY CRESCENT
EXISTING UNDERGROUND
CONSUMER MAIN

\$692*

*Applies to the 157 properties identified
by Western Power's project database

OTHER PROPERTIES WITH
EXISTING UNDERGROUND
CONSUMER MAIN

\$2,721

about \$544 per year

PROPERTIES WITHOUT
EXISTING UNDERGROUND
CONSUMER MAIN

\$6,802

about \$1,360 per year

These figures are estimates only. Council has not made a final decision on the service charge. The contractor for Western Power will complete a property walk-around to confirm the property classifications, final property count and installation design. Once this is complete, the Town can confirm the final charge for each household.

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Payment support



Support is available for eligible residents

Financial hardship

The Town has a Financial Hardship Policy and can discuss payment arrangements with residents experiencing difficulty.

Pensioners

Eligible pensioners and people who hold both a WA Seniors Card and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, may receive up to a 50% rebate or choose to defer payment.

WA Seniors Card

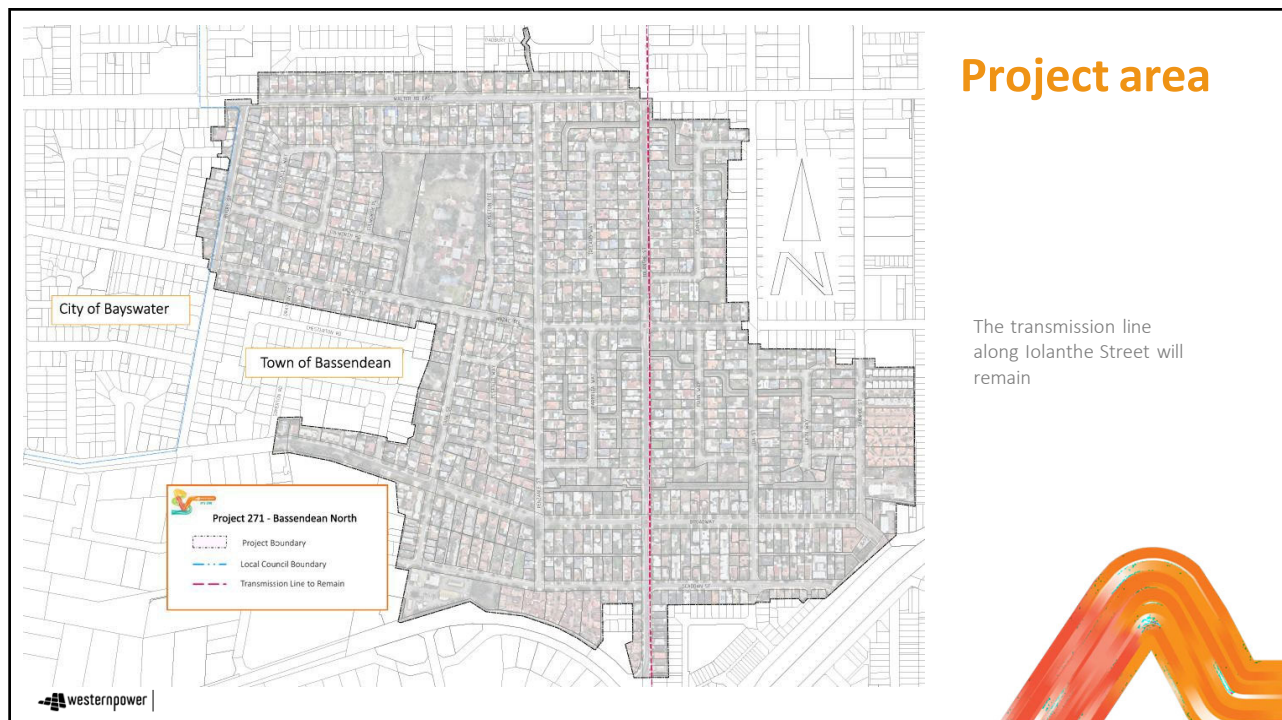
People who hold only a WA Seniors Card may receive up to a 25% rebate, capped at \$100 in the first year the underground power charge is raised. They cannot defer payment.

Residents should contact the Town early if they need help with payment.

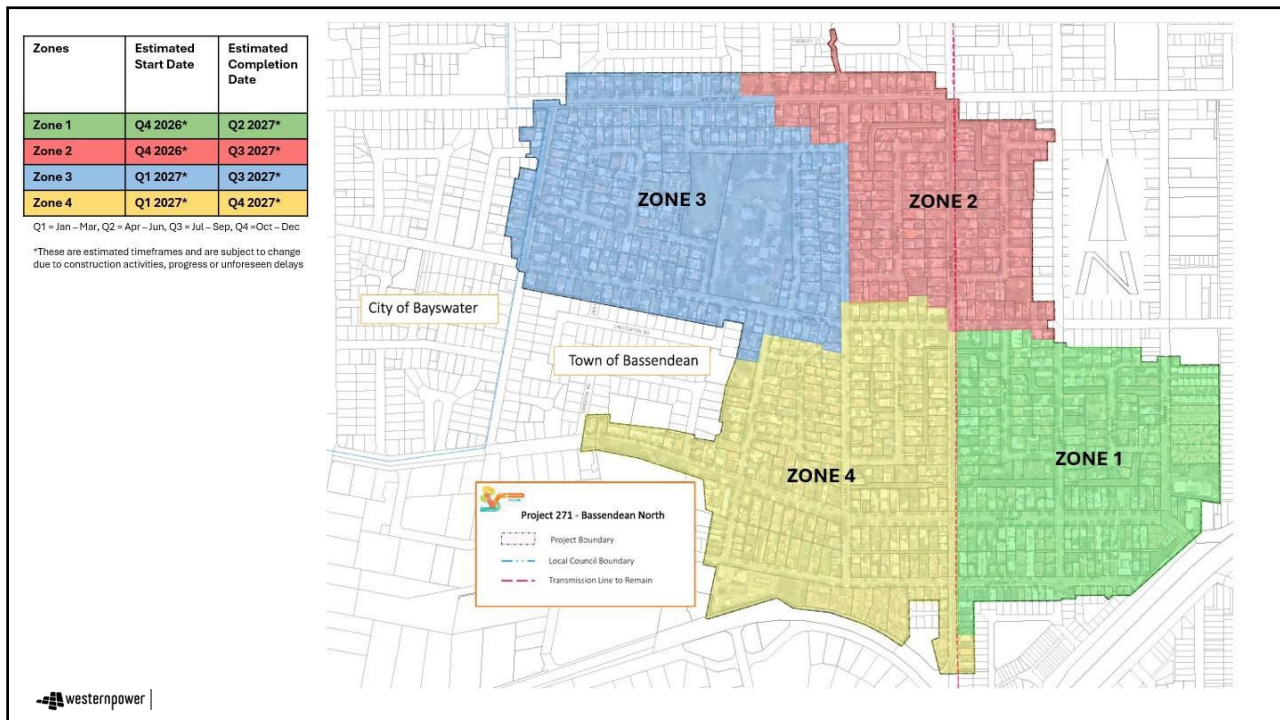
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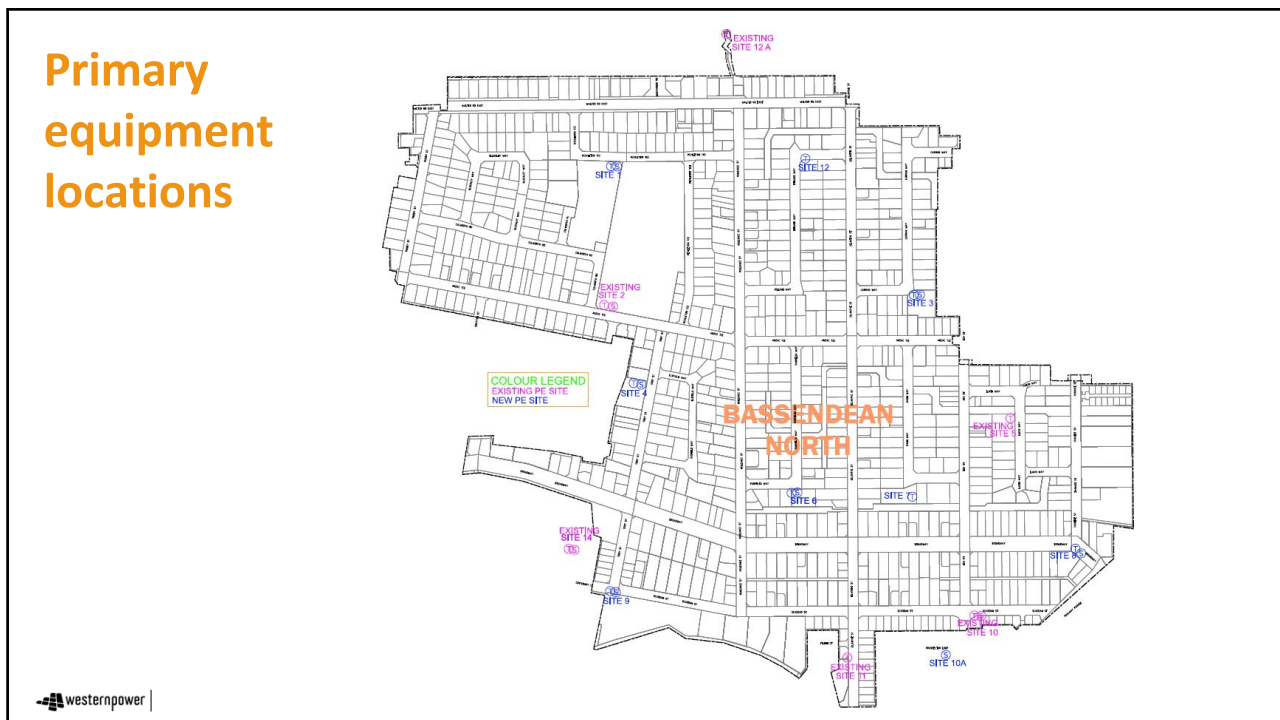
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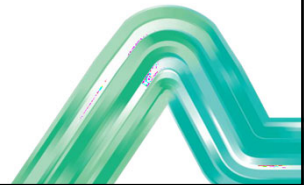


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Transmission lines remain



The transmission line along Iolanthe Street will remain



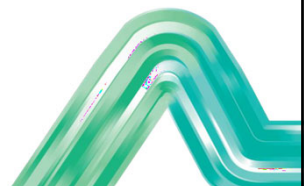
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Construction steps

These are the standard construction steps:

- Locating of all inground services. You may notice white poles or line markings - please do not remove these
- Installation of consumer service cable within property boundaries
- Drilling to install new cabling
- Temporary reinstatement
- Installation of green domes within property boundaries
- Installation of primary equipment
- Termination and energisation of primary equipment distribution cable and green domes
- Changeover of consumer service cable from overhead to underground
- Installation and energisation of new streetlights
- Removal/dismantling of existing overhead network
- Final reinstatement.

Please note - throughout the project there may be various stages of reinstatements as temporary measures. Final reinstatement will be completed at the end of the project.



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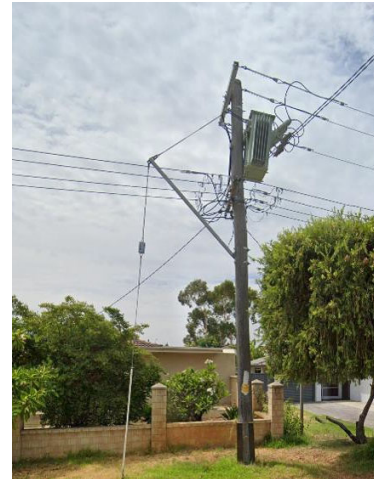
Overhead transformers connecting underground areas



Anzac Tce



Mickleton Tce East



20 Troy St

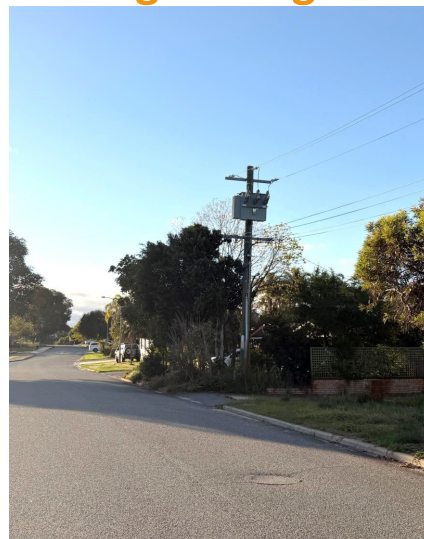


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Overhead transformers connecting underground areas



Penzance St

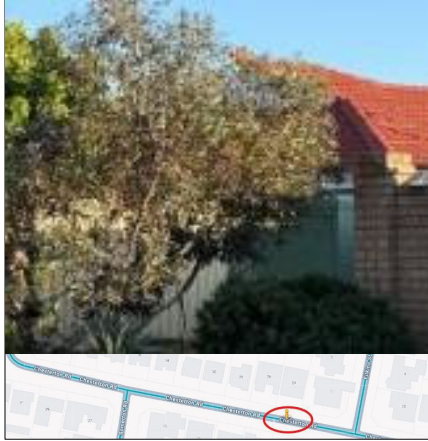


Culworth Rd

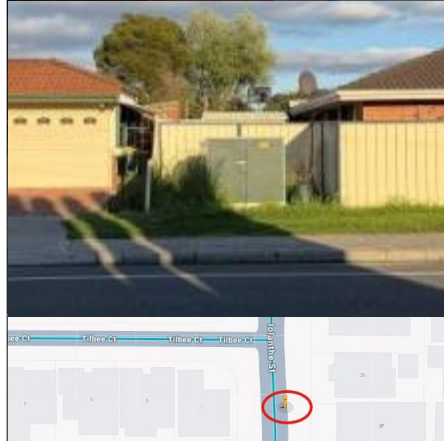


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Ground-mounted transformers (existing)



Chesterton Rd



Tilbee Ct (on Iolanthe St)