

7 August 2025

AWARUA NETWORK PROJECT

Helicopter stringing of new lines

Dear customer,

As the next part of the Awarua Network Project, we will soon be stringing the line (installing conductors/powerlines) along the new power poles to begin the process of connecting the network. While this is a significant step in the project, please note the new lines will not be live until at least October.

We will be using a professional helicopter contractor to carry out this work, as it will be faster and more efficient to get the work completed.

Preparation work will begin on 11 August, with flights taking place from 25 August through until approximately the end of September (Monday to Saturday).

Below are indicative dates, however this can change at short notice due to weather and how quickly the work progresses.

We encourage you to sign up for email updates (email us at awarualine@powernet.co.nz) and follow our [Facebook](#) page, as weather cancellations and changes to the schedule may happen at short notice.

Date:	Proposed area of work:
11 – 16 August 2025	Preparation work along the line
18 – 23 August 2025	Preparation work on Mill Road South and Motu Rimu Road
25 – 30 August 2025	Helicopter work: Bluff Highway Colyer Road Lardner Road Murphy Road Gorge Road-Invercargill Highway

Customer service is important to us at PowerNet. If for any reason, we do not meet your expectations we would like the opportunity to work through a solution with you, please call our office on 03 2111899. If we are unable to resolve your concern, there is a free and independent resolution service available through Utilities Disputes Limited www.udl.co.nz

1 – 6 September 2025	Helicopter work: Wilson Road Murphy Road Motu Rimu Road East Road Mill Road South
8 – 13 September 2025	Helicopter work: Mill Road South – to Oteramika Road Mason Road Judge Road
15 – 20 September 2025	Helicopter work: Tiwai Road Colyer Road Behind Ballance Fertiliser Non helicopter work: Ascot Racecourse Findlay Road
22 – 27 September 2025	No helicopter work scheduled however this is a backup week to allow for delays.

What to expect:

Access: There will be some road closures in the area the helicopter is working in – please keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page for these. Residents will continue to have access, but some delays will be expected. Emergency services will always have access. There will be ground crews on site, please follow their instructions to ensure everyone's safety.

Noise/downdraft: To keep everybody safe we ask that you check your property for any loose items that could create a risk for the helicopter or people on the ground. Please secure anything that could be blown around by the downdraft from the helicopter.

Animals: Some animals could react to the noise of the helicopter, so please consider how you will manage your animals.

Power outages: Power outages will be necessary in areas when we are stringing the lines. We will work to minimise these and notify customers in advance, however weather delays may mean dates change regularly.

If you or your family want to observe the work, please do it from a safe location, away from busy road areas.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, you can contact us via email at awarualine@powernet.co.nz, or by contacting a PowerNet team member on **027 233 6016**.

For more information about the Awarua Network Project, please visit www.powernet.co.nz/current-projects.

Regards,
The PowerNet Team