

Media release

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Call for Halls to apply

Community Halls around regional and rural NSW and parts of southern Queensland could be eligible to receive a little extra support with the launch of the Essential Energy Community Halls Program. The Community Halls Program, which has been running for around 10 years, recognises that Community Halls are often the heart of a local community and provide a place for people to come together.

“This is part of what we do to help the local communities that we operate in,” said Manager Community Relations Northern, David Crough.

“Previous recipients have told us that this money has helped their halls continue to play an important role in their local communities. With many in our community doing it tough this year with drought and then fires, these halls are as important as ever, and we really encourage all eligible Community Halls to apply.”

In addition, this year Essential Energy is asking for any Community Halls that may have been damaged by bushfires to apply for consideration for additional support.

Hall representatives can apply for the \$200 payment online at www.essentialenergy.com.au/web-forms/community-hall-application or by contacting us on 13 23 91.

Applications close 5pm, Friday March 20, 2020.

FACT FILE:

- Essential Energy builds, operates and maintains one of Australia’s largest electricity distribution networks, servicing 855,000 customers across regional, rural and remote NSW.
- Our footprint covers 95 percent of NSW, traversing 737,000 square kilometres of landmass with 183,612 km of powerline, 163,417 of those in designated bushfire zones.
- The network services more than 855,000 customers with approximately 4.6 customers to each kilometre of powerline, which is almost one-tenth the customer density compared with our counterparts in NSW.
- Essential Energy’s footprint also includes 1.38 million power poles, equating to 1.6 power poles per customer.
- Essential Energy is proud to be the 2019 winner of the Australian Apprentices – Employer Award.

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