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Teamwork powering reliability: TasNetworks completes largest upgrade of 2025

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In Tasmania's North-East, the lights are shining brighter after TasNetworks completed one of its largest planned outages of the year.

A two-day operation (Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 November 2025) brought crews from four depots – Rocherlea, Devonport, Scottsdale and St Marys – together to deliver critical network upgrades.

The project targeted a key coastal power line on Waterhouse Rd (between Bridport and Tomahawk), known for reliability challenges caused by sea salt corrosion.

Over 50 crew and local contractors worked to replace ageing infrastructure with new, high-voltage post insulators – a modern design built to withstand Tasmania's toughest coastal conditions.

Behind the scenes, months of planning went into this outage.

Engineers analysed options, logistics teams coordinated equipment, and field leaders carefully allocated resources across four depots to ensure the work could be completed safely, efficiently, and without additional disruption to customers.

The decision to have two large outages back-to-back, rather than multiple smaller ones, reflects TasNetworks' forward-thinking approach to asset management and resource planning.

"This was the largest planned outage we've delivered this year, and our crews handled it with precision," TasNetworks Head of Operations Delivery Brad Walker said. "Completing it in one coordinated push avoided up to ten smaller outages spread over several weeks."

The upgrade site buzzed with teamwork and talent, with seasoned specialists leading the way, to apprentices getting hands-on and learning in real time.

The upgrade showcases TasNetworks' depth of expertise and commitment to growing future leaders from the ground up.

"There's nothing quite like seeing our people in action, passing on knowledge and young apprentices tackling big, complex jobs with enthusiasm," Mr Walker said.

This North-East upgrade is part of TasNetworks' ongoing investment program to modernise Tasmania's electricity network.

Last financial year, TasNetworks invested almost \$275 million in planned outages and proactive maintenance, strengthening reliability and preparing the network for the future.

"This work is about more than poles and wires," Mr Walker said. "It's about building a network Tasmanians can rely on – wherever they live, and whatever the weather."

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