

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ELECTRICITY IN OUR REGION

On 3 November 1923, the Horowhenua Electric Power Board (now known as Electra) supplied electricity to it's very first customers – 120 homes and businesses in Shannon – using power generated from the newly opened Mangaore stream steam plant.

From these humble beginnings the company rapidly expanded, delivering electricity to other towns and settlements throughout the region when the Mangahao hydroelectric power station came on-line in May 1924.

Today, Electra supplies electricity along 2,350km of poles and lines to over 46,000 customers across Horowhenua and Kāpiti, from Tokomaru and Foxton in the north to Paekakariki in the south. It is New Zealand's ninth largest electricity distribution business.

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Electra is a community-owned business, crediting millions of dollars in price discounts to the electricity accounts of customers connected to its network every year.

In the last 30 years, customers have received a total of \$222 million in price discounts.

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

Next month the company will be commemorating 100 years of electricity supply with a small public ceremony in Shannon.

- When: 3 November 2023 1.30pm-2.30pm
- **Where:** Te Marie Park, Shannon.
- Ceremony: Karakia and blessing by Ngati Whakatere, speeches followed by a tree planting and the unveiling of the memorial bench seat by Mayor Wanden (Horowhenua District Council) and Lindsay Burnell (Electra Trust)

All are welcome to attend.