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Bird Diverters Installed



In better news Powercor installed a set of Rotamarka powerline markers and bird diverters on the powerlines over the Curdies River on the 30th of July. As reported in earlier issues of this newsletter (28, 29 & 31) an Australian Pelican was killed when it flew into a powerline running over the Curdies River at Peterborough on the evening of Wednesday the 19th of February 2025, which brought down the line and plunged Peterborough into darkness for several hours.



In addition, prior to the recent installation of the bird diverters, large numbers of Gulls, Terns and other birds were routinely killed or injured each year after striking the powerlines which cross an important flight path from the estuary to the sea. To their

credit Powercor responded to a request to look into the problem by investing in a specialised drone and technology as well as in-house training, giving employees the capacity to not only complete the work required at Peterborough, but to also respond to similar situations elsewhere. Rotamarkas are fully Australian designed and made by Balmoral Engineering, based in Hornsby, New South Wales. Testing has revealed them to be visible from over 1.3 kms through a combination of shape, contrasting colours and rotating design and they have been successfully installed elsewhere in Australia and around the World.

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