

## MEDIA RELEASE – Safety in Schools Program 30/3/2015

TasNetworks will this year visit 10,000 primary-school aged children in Tasmania with its revamped Safety in Schools Program.

The education program is a free service which aims to reduce the risk of electrical incidents and prevent tragic accidents by educating Tasmanian children about electrical dangers, as well as energy efficiency messages.

TasNetworks team members are trained as presenters to deliver the interactive and educational sessions to schools around Tasmania.

There are two separate programs, for kinder to year two and years three to six.

In 2015 TasNetworks is relaunching the former Aurora Energy program, with the help of some brightly coloured characters called Sparks, her nemesis Shocker and a nifty robot called Socket.

"The Safety in Schools Program aims to reach 10,000 primary-aged school children this year with important messages about electrical safety and energy efficiency," TasNetworks CEO Lance Balcombe said.

"People from across the business have put their hand up to deliver presentations state-wide.

"The program is an important part of TasNetworks' commitment to educating the general public around how to be safe around electricity.

"We have seen many success stories with children taking what they have learnt and reinforcing key safety messages at home."

Children are presented with showbags, activity books, stickers and other items to remind them of TasNetworks' safety messages.

If you would like a TasNetworks Safety and Energy Efficiency in Schools presenter to visit your school, call the TasNetworks switchboard on 1300 127 777 and ask for the Safety in Schools Program Coordinator.

Further information is available on the TasNetworks website: <a href="http://www.tasnetworks.com.au/safety">http://www.tasnetworks.com.au/safety</a>

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