



High Voltage Power Shutdown

On Sunday 28 July and Sunday 4 August, the Melbourne Market will undergo a shutdown of power to various areas of the Market.

Shutdown details

Sunday 28 July

Power supply will be cut from 7.30am – 4.30pm. Areas affected include;

- Buyers' Walk, including all tenancies from 1 - 156
- Trading Floor
- All commercial businesses (excluding Flower Market Café and APACK)
- Diesel station
- LPG stations
- Recycling Transfer Centre

This means during the shutdown stores on the Buyers' Walk will be without refrigeration.

Sunday 4 August

Power supply will be cut from 9.30am – 11.30am, then again for an additional hour at some time between 11.30am – 4.30pm. Areas affected include;

- All warehousing
- Loading West and recess loading dock
- Flower Market (including Flower Market Café and APACK).

Tenancies 1-156 on the Buyer's Walk will not be affected on this date.

Reason for the shutdown

On Sunday 28 July, the local electricity infrastructure provider, AUSNET are shutting off power to not only the Melbourne Market but the entire local area to upgrade power lines to the Northern Hospital. This shutdown will not only affect the Market but the hospital itself and various businesses in the Cooper St area.

This shutdown has been imposed upon us; however, the MMA has negotiated a date in winter for the shutdown to occur to help reduce temperature fluctuations in refrigerated stores and warehouses. The MMA is also using the imposed shutdown as an opportunity to complete our own annual mandatory high voltage safety testing.

Power supply into the Market runs on two separate electrical feeder lines, and each feeder line powers different infrastructure.

An additional shorter shutdown is required on Sunday 4 August to complete the remainder of the annual electrical safety testing to the infrastructure that runs off the alternate electrical feeder line, not affected by the 28 July shutdown.

Process for bringing power back online

While it is your responsibility to ensure cooling comes back online once power is restored, to assist with this, on 28 July, the MMA has organised and will pay for, refrigeration contractors to be on-site.

All registered refrigeration contractors will be on-site, however, you will still need to engage with your specific contractor to provide access to your premises and organise to have them confirm all systems have returned to regular operation.

Additional considerations

- All electronic equipment such as computers, laptops and point of sale systems should be switched off, and all data should be saved and backed up before the outages.
- During the shutdown all access cardholders can still enter the site; however, all persons must enter via gate 1 only, gates 2 and 3 will be closed.
- There will be restricted access to internal buildings within the Market due to low light, and most restrooms on-site will be closed. During the 28 July shutdown, portable toilets will be placed strategically around the site.
- Rapid roller doors will not be operational during the shutdown, but they will be left up and open.
- Before the outages, keep cool-store doors closed to retain the desired temperature as long as possible.
- To maintain cool temperatures within your tenancy, we would recommend not entering your premise during the shutdown; this means you should reschedule deliveries where possible.
- If you have temperature-sensitive produce you may need to consider alternate storage options, particularly if you are affected by the longer 28 July shutdown.
- If you have deliveries coming to the site during this time, you will need to alert your driver to the power outage and have them follow the instruction of Market Relations Officers on site.

Further information

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk on 9258 6149.