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## **POWERCOR CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE ISLAND MAREMMA DOG PROJECT**

Powercor Australia has confirmed it will continue to support the Middle Island Maremma Dog Project in 2008.

The company will provide \$10,000 to assist with the training and maintenance of the dogs. Powercor also provided \$10,000 in 2007 as part of its partnership with Landcare Australia.

“Each year we work with Landcare to decide which projects to support. They highlighted the importance of this project and we agreed to provide funding,” said Kathryn Franklin, Manager Environmental Affairs, at Powercor.

“Not only is it important in helping to grow the penguin population, it is also unique and is creating interest around the world.”

The project involves stationing specially trained Maremma dogs on Middle Island to discourage predators and protect the penguin colony. Prior to their introduction, predators had significantly reduced the numbers within the small penguin colony.

Over the past year the successful project has allowed the colony to increase its population.

“The project is one of many projects that Powercor will support this year,” said Kathryn.

“As silver level Landcare partners we invest more than \$100,000 each year in regional and urban projects that include revegetation and improving natural habitats.”

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