Building Time of Use Products to Encourage Flexibility

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Agenda

- Why Time of Use plans
- Creating a strong value exchange
- Test, learn, iterate and scale
- What's next

Who is Contact Energy?



Advancing the quality of home life



420KCustomers



1,400 Employees



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Generation



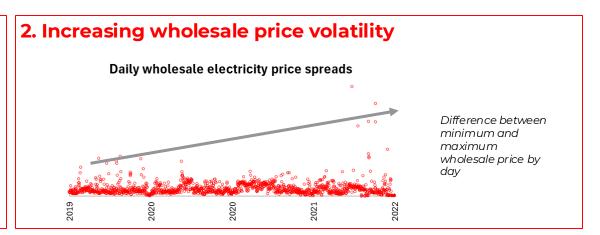
~98% Renewable

Why Time of Use plans?

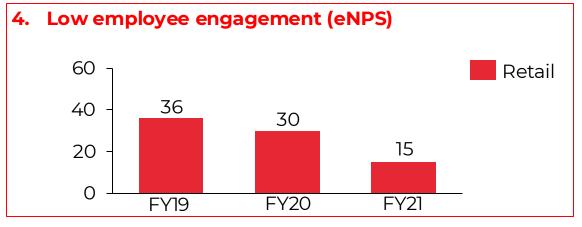


Retail business facing headwinds

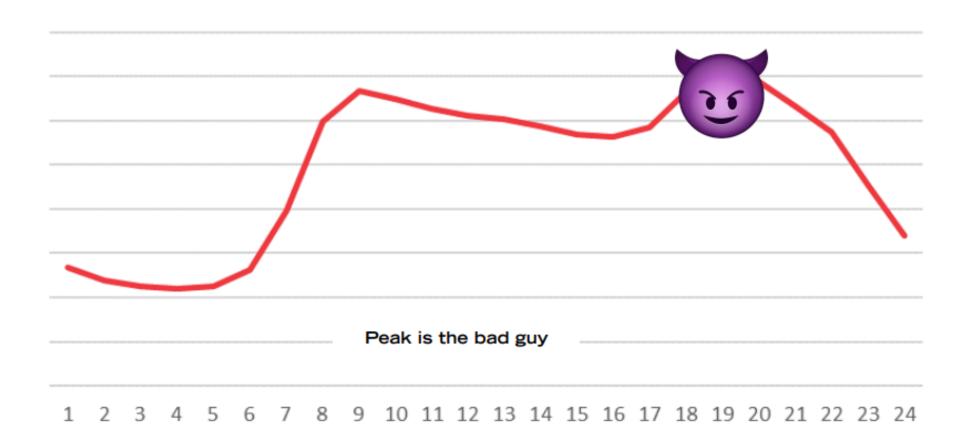








Residential usage drives the 'Peak'



The Challenge

How do we lift brand perceptions of Contact and create a hero proposition that truly resonates with customers?

Launched our first Good Plan - 'Good Nights'



Good Plans offer choice to meet different needs





Free power 9am-5pm every Sat & Sun



Good Nights

Free power 9pm-midnight, Monday to Friday



Good Charge

50% off power 9pm-7am every night

Build Fame for Good Plans





Good Plans have created talkability

"We turn on the lights in our flat at 9pm to save money"

"We use our dryer and dishwasher after 9pm as we are on that plan with free power"

"My son uses our free power on weekends to do 3D printing to make all kinds of things"

"We only charge our EV on weekends when we have free power, so our EV is free."

"In our flat we each have a washing night to make the most of our free power"

Creating a strong value exchange

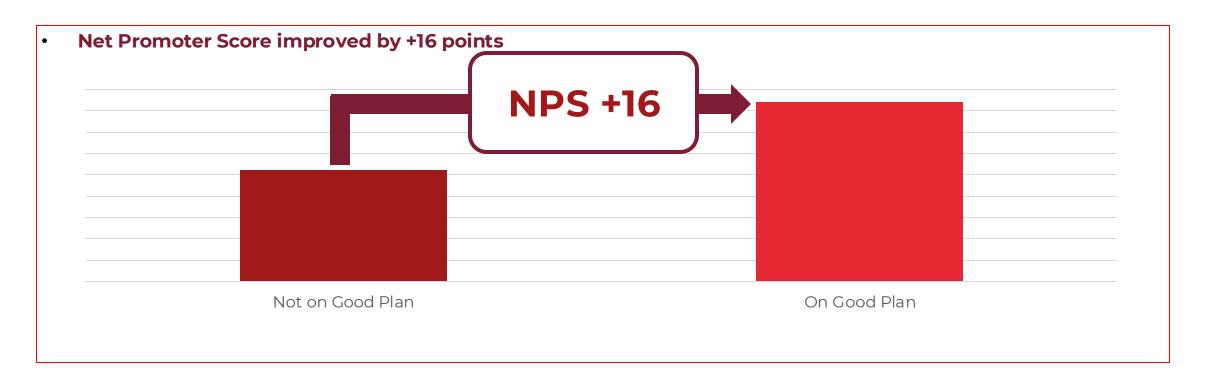


Customer love their free power periods

Number of free/cheap power hours enjoyed by customers on Good Plans

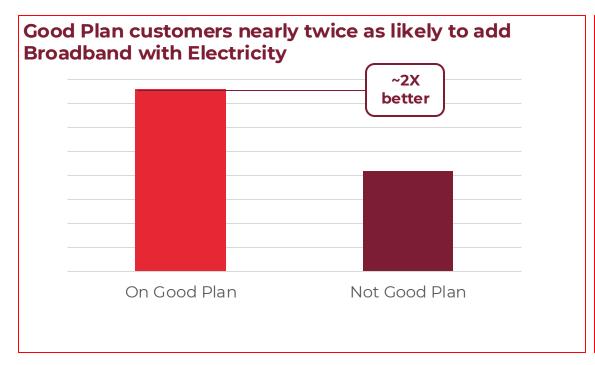
Good Plans has driven higher customer advocacy

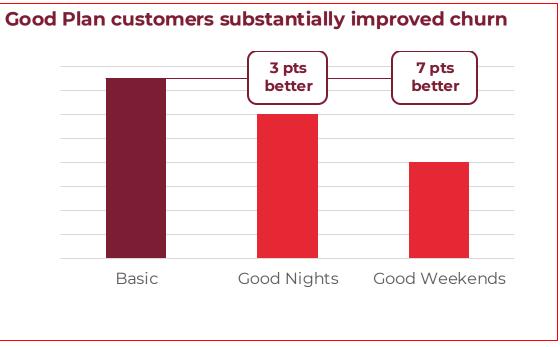
Good Plans substantially improves NPS +16 points



Good Plans higher retention and bundling

Good Plans help drive growth in verticals and reduce churn



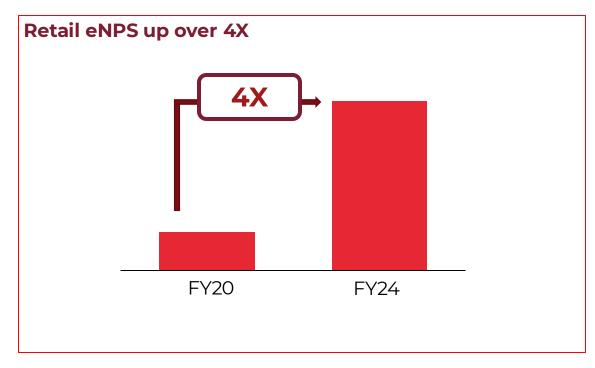


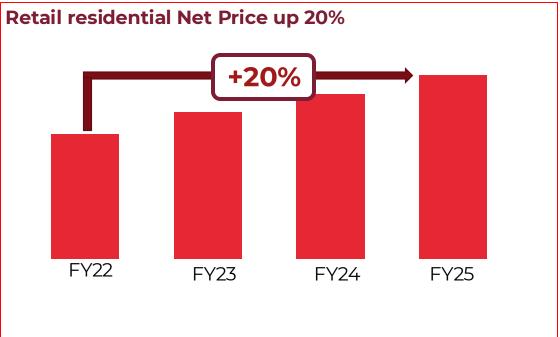
% Broadband Attachment rate by Plan Type

Annual Residential Customer churn as at 1 July of that year. Customers with tenure of 2 years or less

Our teams love Good Plans and prices have lifted

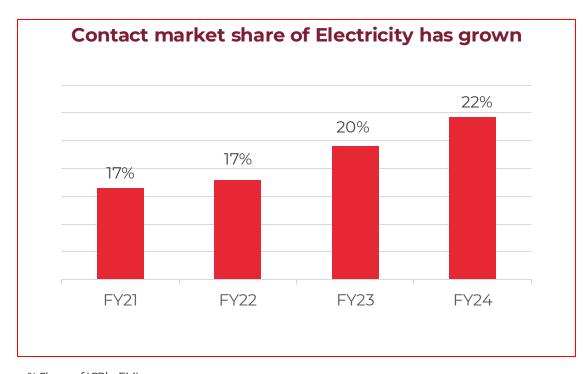
Good Plans help improve culture and Net Price

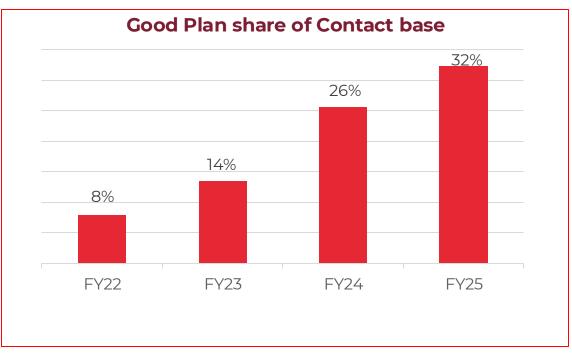




Returned to growth as Good Plan base grew

With Good Plans



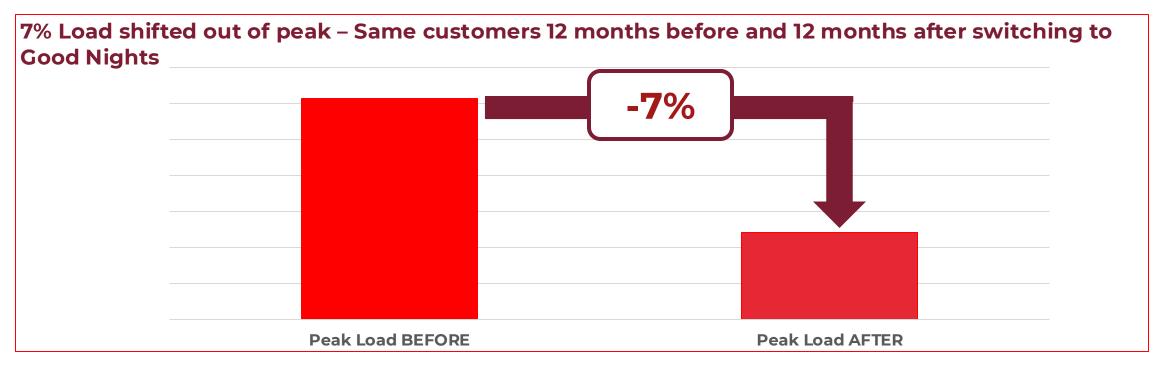


% Share of ICP's, EMI

% Share of Good Plans, Contact Internal Data

Good Plans have shifted load out of the 'peak'

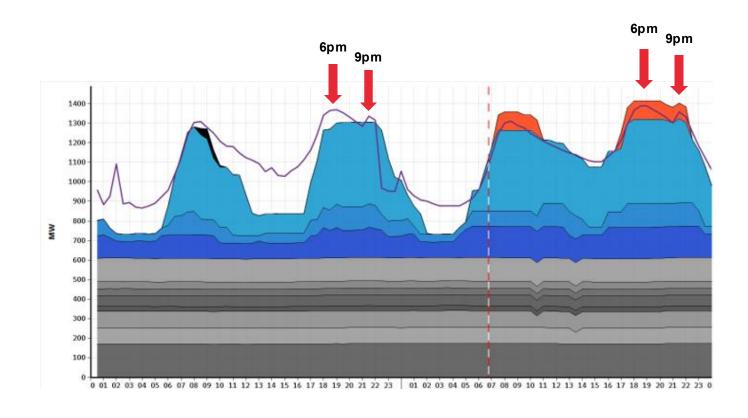
Shifting load out of peak helps with energy resilience/security, is more likely to use renewable fuels and is cheaper for the customer



• Examined ~2,400 customers who have been GN customers for a year <u>and</u> were customers not on GN for a year before this (e.g., they were on Basic).

This allows us to examine how the same customers behave on the GN plan and a standard plan.

The Good Plans longer term will support delivering Contact's renewable ambition



- Good plans have created a 'new peak' at 9pm and flattened usage in the 6-9pm peak
- Flattening the peak will help reduce prices and contribute to being increasingly renewable in the future

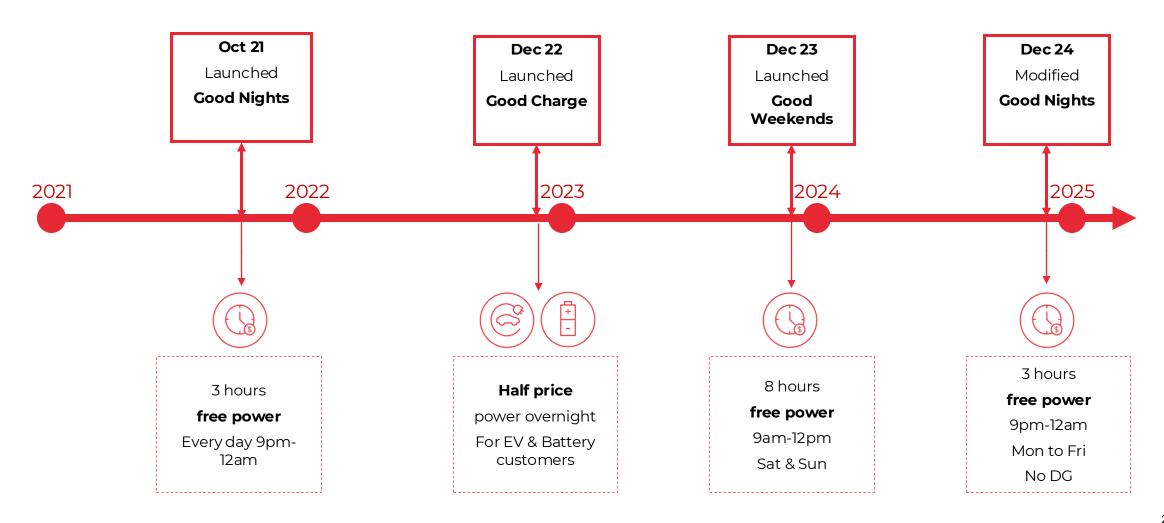


Test, Learn, Iterate & Scale



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New/Refined Good Plans every year since

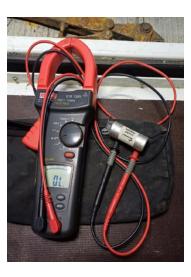


We learnt a lot about consumer behaviour

Student Impact on Dunedin Exchange







- Fair use policy communicated and applied
- Incentivise DG/DS customers to take a 'Cheap' rather than 'Free' Good Plan
- Segmentation and communication
- Offer a variety of plan options to balance portfolio

Good Plan

customer support calls are **50% longer** than standard plan calls



What's next?



Energy affordability and regulation

Inflation hits 3% as consumers suffer largest power price spike since 1989



Liam Dann

Electricity Authority mandates fair pricing for solar, off-peak power

RNZ

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Call for power companies to make it easier to switch and choose plans

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Good Plan's just the first step...

Good plan's only one part of our ToU / Demand Flex strategy – we are just getting started!

Out of home EV charging with our partner BP (ToU based e.g. 70% off at selected off-peak periods)

Plug in to cheaper EV charging

Up to 70% off EV charging at bp charge, now available exclusively for Contact customers.

Hot water sorter programme In Market and scaling

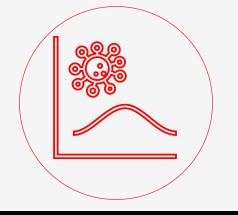




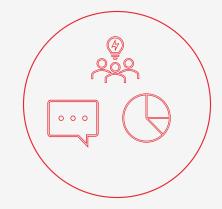
DG/DS software enabling customer and automated control of demand flex capacity Connected to trading desk – In Pilot



New plans / day parts / customer segments to smooth load shape – Design phase



Using segmentation and communication strategies to drive profile of retail book – Design phase



Gamify UX to drive behaviour change and engagement – Design phase



We have learnt lots on our ToU journey

- Good Plans have lifted all boats
- 2 Getting started takes courage
- Test & learn, perfecting the value exchange takes time
- Easy to sell, harder to support
- ToU plans are a key enabler of a broader demand flex strategy

