



# MACINTYRE WIND FARM

## Project Update

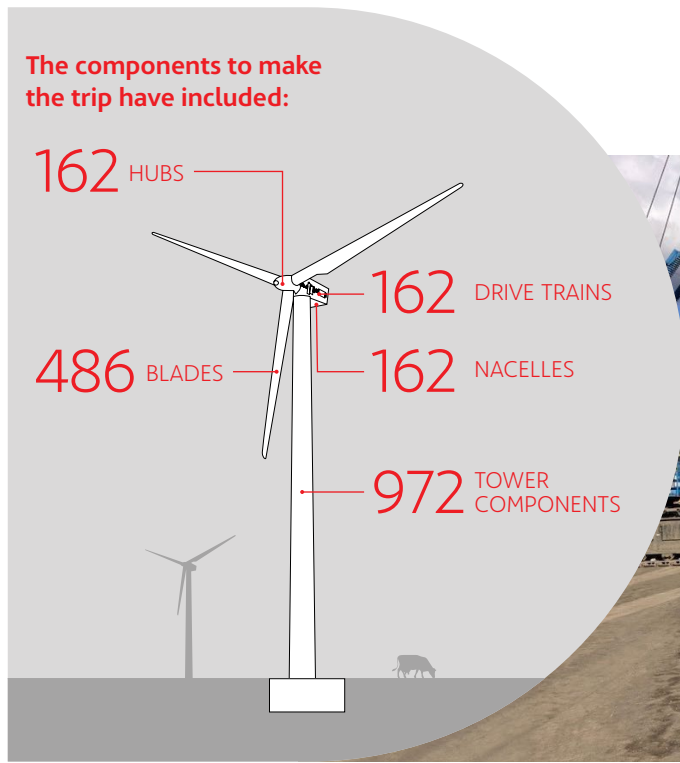
Next week will see the first of two internal substations at our MacIntyre Wind Farm connected to Powerlink, ready for energisation testing. Testing will take place over several months before the first 27 turbines are fully commissioned and power generation commences. Turbines will then be commissioned in groups and turned on incrementally over the next six months.

Wind conditions continue to challenge the lifting team, but the project has now erected 140 of the 162 turbines. The underground electrical cabling is progressing well with 91% of the cable installed across the project footprint.

The new Operations and Maintenance building is also now complete and ready for the new Operations and Maintenance team who are currently being recruited.

### Major delivery milestone met

Over the last 21 months, almost 2,000 oversized, over-massed vehicles have made the journey from the Port of Brisbane to the MacIntyre Wind Farm, delivering the components required to construct Australia's largest wind farm.



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The teamwork and dedication required to see 1,944 trucks travelling over 1,000,000 km arriving onsite safely and without any major incidents has been significant. Each day, the convoy typically left the Port of Brisbane at 10:00pm at night and arrived onsite at the MacIntyre Wind Farm in the morning by 6:00am. The main route taken included Ipswich Road, Toowoomba Bypass, Gore Highway, Millmerran Inglewood Rd then back along the Cunningham Highway to site. Though there have been some occasions when roadworks have meant components came to site via Cunningham's Gap and through Warwick.

The very first component to arrive at the MacIntyre Wind Farm was a hub which arrived on 9 November 2022, and the final component, a nacelle, arrived on the 9 August 2024.

To the communities along the route, we want to say a sincere THANK YOU! Thank you for your patience and care on the roads which ensured not only the safe arrival of all our components, but also the safety of the many drivers involved.



# Energising Communities: ACCIONA Energía's MacIntyre Wind Farm Small Grants power local initiatives

In June 2024, we announced the recipients of our annual ACCIONA Energía MacIntyre Wind Farm Small Grants program. With over \$114,000 distributed across Goondiwindi, Karara, Inglewood, and beyond, the funding will boost projects in education, health, sustainability, and cultural development. Notable initiatives include Killarney Memorial Aged Care's wheelchair accessible bus, enhanced maternity services at Warwick and Stanthorpe Hospitals, and upgraded classroom technology at Karara State School.



Above all, we have focused on sustainability and community support. The Stanthorpe and District Men's Shed will install solar panels, while the Granite Belt Sustainable Action Network used their funding to help local farmers attend the National Renewables in Agriculture Conference in Toowoomba. Additionally, Sailability Queensland received funding to build a storage shed to kickstart sailing programs for people with disabilities at Leslie Dam, promoting inclusivity in recreational activities.

The ACCIONA Energía MacIntyre Wind Farm Small Grants program underpins our commitment to regional development and community wellbeing. By nurturing these diverse projects, the initiative aims to cultivate a supportive, sustainable, and thriving environment for residents.

This month, ACCIONA Energía is also releasing its first MacIntyre First Nations Small Grants Program as part of its commitment to supporting local First Nations people.

 More information is available at <https://community.accionacom.au/macintyre/first-nations-grants>



# Renewables in Agriculture Conference

In early July, our team attended the National Renewables in Agriculture Conference and Expo held in Toowoomba. The conference first took place in 2019 in response to a need to provide credible, independent advice to farmers making the move to renewables. Designed to address the barriers to the uptake of renewables, it aims to share stories directly from farmers who have made the transition. The Conference has evolved to increase knowledge about the opportunities for farmers in the national energy transition, what benefits regional communities can advocate for and how long-term meaningful and positive change will be achieved.

Cathy McGowan, Chair of Agrifutures, former Independent and sixth generation farmer, kickstarted the conference with a moving keynote presentation. She put out a call to action for attendees with “If not us, who? If not now, when?”. Other presenters at the event included Mike Casey, a New Zealand cherry farmer who tackled his farm’s energy need head on converting all on-farm machinery and vehicles to electric. Jo Sheppard, CEO of Queensland Farmers’ Federation chaired a panel discussion on how renewables can best coexist with farming and the need for more information on decommissioning.

As part of the conference, we hosted a booked-out tour of our MacIntyre Wind Farm. Over 50 tour participants learned about how the wind farm was built, the benefits it has brought to the local community, as well as getting up close with a fully completed tower. The scale of the project, the turbines and camp facilities were a highlight with participants noting how impressive the site is.



# Celebrating Culture and Community: NAIDOC Week at Leslie Park

During NAIDOC Week, Leslie Park in Warwick came to life with a vibrant celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture. The event commenced with a traditional smoking ceremony, creating a respectful and reflective atmosphere for the day's activities. Attendees explored stalls from headspace Warwick, Carbal Medical Centre, Goolburri Aboriginal Health Advancement, and Lives Lived Well, among others, fostering community connections and promoting health and wellbeing.

Our team attended the event - noteworthy interactions included a conversation with Police Liaison Officer Mandy Bahr, emphasising collaborative efforts to strengthen community bonds and address local concerns.

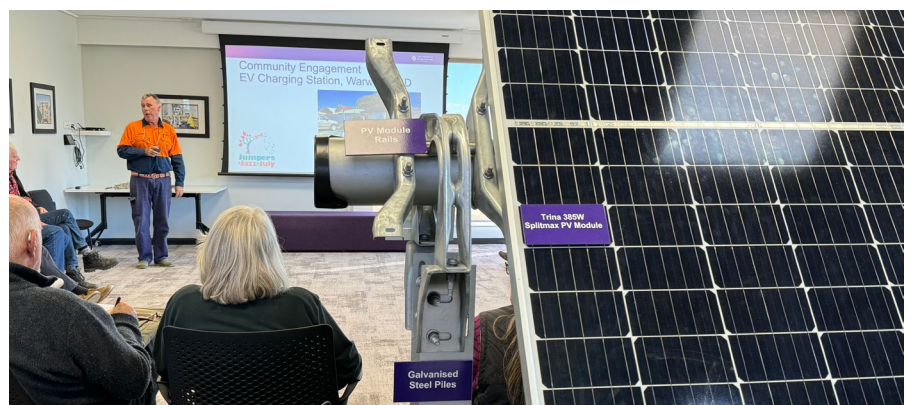


# Celebrating Renewable Energy at the Jumpers Jazz in July Festival

The 20th anniversary of the Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival featured an exciting tour of renewable energy sites, showcasing the region's commitment to sustainability. Over 50 community members, including visitors from the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, and beyond, explored ACCIONA Energía's MacIntyre Wind Farm and the UQ Warwick Solar Farm.

At our MacIntyre Wind Farm, participants marveled at the wind turbines that will soon generate clean electricity. The journey continued at UQ Warwick Solar Farm, where Facility Manager Don Drane provided fascinating insights into how solar panels capture sunlight and convert it into electricity, significantly contributing to the university's energy needs and the broader grid.

This tour was both educational and enjoyable, bringing together a diverse group of people with a shared interest in sustainable energy. The picturesque settings of the wind and solar farms, combined with engaging presentations, made for an enriching experience, highlighting the region's commitment to playing a role in Queensland's energy transition.



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