

# MACINTYRE WIND FARM

Welcome to the MacIntyre Wind Farm Newsletter. We are committed to open and honest dialogue with our host communities and key stakeholders and we would like to keep you informed of our latest project to be delivered in Queensland.

Positioned approximately 50 km south-west of Warwick and 10 km south of Karara, the MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct will be located within 36,000 hectares of leased land. The MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct will have an export capacity of approximately 1,026MW and will be constructed on land predominately used for sheep farming. Current farming practices will continue during the construction and operations phases of the wind farms.

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#### **Project Update**

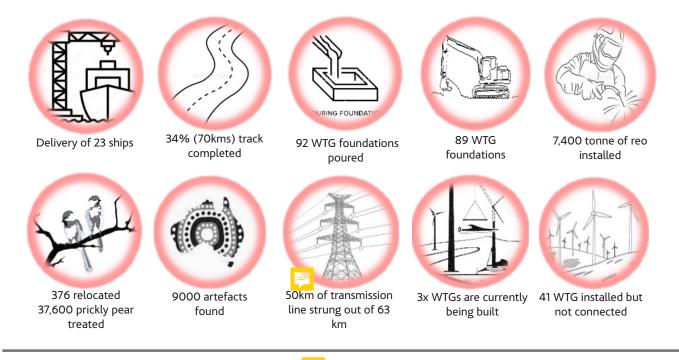
Remarkable progress has been the macIntyre Wind Farm, with 37 fully erected Wind Turbines Generators (WTG) now standing tall. In addition, we have had 23 ships successfully deliver crucial components to the port of Brisbane . Substantial headway has been made with 34% of tracks now completed on site of approximately 70km, allowing for efficient transportation and construction. Across the site, verification is total, which will provide stable support for our turbines. The excavation

work has also been diligently carried out, with excavations ready for 89 WTGs.

To accommodate the expanding workforce and prevent potential rental concerns in adjacent towns, the workers' camp has now been extended to 550 camp rooms.

The environmental team continues to ensure the protection of identified endangered and/ or protected species, with 376 relocations and undertaking the removal and treatment of weeds such as the prickly pear were they successfully treated 37,600 prickly pear.

With a new First Nations Engagement team coming on board, we welcome our Senior First Nations Engagement Advisor - Luana Sanders, who will lead the cultural engagement for the project support the community engagement works. Powerlink's groundwork for the MacIntyre Wind Precinct has now progressed past the halfway point in delivering 65km of 330kV transmission line, 167 towers and two switching stations.



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## Sponsorship and Scholarship recipients announced!

ACCIONA Energía is proud to announce successful Sponsorship the and Scholarship applicants for the MacIntyre Wind Farm community grant program. Over 100 applications had been received with \$107,000 been allocated to 31 relevant community causes to benefit the Southern Downs and Goondiwindi regions. Projects funded were tested against our core criteria that align with our give back values:

•Enhance education, healthcare or cultural development

•Promote sustainability, the environment and conservation

•Promote, provide or support the provision of basic energy and water services

•Actively contribute to driving and improving the socio-economic system of the communities where ACCIONA Energía operates

Some of the successfully funded programs include a food relief support program, emergency rescue safety equipment, yarning circles, health centered programs,

gardens for vegetable vulnerable community groups, women's support, Solar infrastructure to support the provision of basic energy, environmental protect programs, holistic support for our aged residents and more. More updates will be shared with the community as these projects progress. Congratulations again to all successful applicants from the MacIntyre Wind Farm team!

Acciona Energía is also very excited to announce the successful scholarship

recipients for 2023. Congratulations and we wish you all the success for your future and look forward to your give back in servicing our community.

•Parisa Aziz Ahmad studying a Bachelor of **Biomedical science** 

•Sherri Selimovic studying Bachelor of Nursing

•Malki Seneviratne studying Bachelor of Engineering (Honors)



#### Some successful recipients of the 2023 program are listed below:

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Allora P-10 State School	Gnarralah Yarning Circle	\$2,000
Bullecourt Boulder Bounders Orienteering Club	Equipment upgrade	\$2,000
Churches of Christ	Resident community garden	\$3,000
Goondiwindi & District Child Care	Yarning circle	\$2,000
Leyburn State School	2023 School Can 루	\$5,000
MacIntyre junior rugby league	Under10 and under 35 kg zone 5 carnival	\$1,000
Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme (BUSHkids)	Children's Nature Play Area	\$3,284
St Patrick's School	Community Garden	\$2,500
The Granite Belt Neighbourhood Centre	Food Support Program	\$4,000
Warwick Aero Modellers	Off grid solar system	\$2,000
Warwick Show and Rodeo Society	Warwick Rodeo and Gold Cup Campdraft	\$5,000
Yangan State School	Vegetable garden and mini orchard	\$4,500
Grainshed Machinery Group Inc.	An off-grid solar system, battery invertor	\$5,000
Inglewood State Emergency Service	Facility Upgrade 2023	\$2,000
Karara State School	Camp to Yeppoon	\$5,000



#### **Community Project Site Tour dates announced!**

Join ACCIONA Energía on its first MacIntyre Wind Farm Community Site Tours available to the wider community! The tours will commence in September with additional tours for students, professionals and job seekers taking place in July. Come on a tour with us to experience our wind turbines up close and find out more about recent project updates.

Previous site tours included an Emergency Services Site Tour with 12 local Members of the Emergency Services attending the MacIntyre Wind Farm, an Industry Site Tour targeted at RTOs and Job Services Providers, which attracted over 25 professionals to the wind farm, as well as tours provided to UniSQ, the University of Queensland, TAFE Queensland and a number of overseas professional groups seeking leadership from Australia in Renewable energy.

## MacIntyre Wind Farm Community Site Tours 2023

ACCIONA Energía is proud to invite members of the larger community to the MacIntyre Wind Farm project site as part of a series of Community Site Tours in 2023. Please register for any of the following dates below via the QR code provided, which will direct you to our Eventbrite event portal.

Wednesday, 6 September 2023 Wednesday, 20 September 2023 Wednesday, 1 November 2023 Wednesday, 15 November 2023 Sunday, 3 December 2023 Friday, 8 December 2023

All tours leave from 8am at Haidley's Coaches in Warwick and 8:30am from Karara Community Hall. Busses will return from site no later than 1:30pm.

Please wear long sleeve shirts, jeans/workwear pants and boots (no heel).

## Find out more details and register here:



## **UniSQ leadership team visit**

During the University of Southern Queensland - Australia's regional Western Tour, the UniSQ leadership team made a special visit to the MacIntyre Wind Farm to meet with Murtaza, our talented Civil Engineer intern and UniSQ student. We were delighted to have the ACCIONA Energía team host the leadership team for an insightful site tour, providing Murtaza

with an opportunity to showcase the knowledge and skills he has acquired during his internship at the project. It was a valuable experience that highlighted the remarkable progress and development Murtazahasachieved through his dedicated work at the wind farm in partnership with his education provided by UniSQ.



#### **Presentation at Warwick East State School**





Recently, our Community and Stakeholder Relations team, Maria and Anna-Selina, presented at Warwick East State School, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. The students were eager to learn more and asked insightful questions, ranging from "What happens during a storm?" to "Where does the electricity go?" We were thrilled to receive over 15 handwritten and painted thank-you letters from the students. If you'd like to bring this presentation to your school, please reach out to us.



#### **Queensland Farmers' Federation**

The Energy Southern Queensland (EnergySQ) program is an on-farm energy efficiency program, supported by ACCIONA Energía that will help you understand and manage your on-farm energy consumption, and identify ways to reduce your energy spend and carbon footprint.

All producers/growers located in the Southern Downs and Goondiwindi Regional Council areas are eligible to participate in the program. You can participate individually or in a 'cluster' of farms in your local area. QFF's energy team will:

- Gather and collate your energy bills (electricity and fuels) to determine your energy related emissions.
- Complete a walk-through assessment to look for energy and greenhouse savings opportunities.
- Identify emissions from your other onfarm operations.
- Provide you with an Energy and Carbon Action Plan identifying tangible ways to reduce your energy consumption and lower your carbon emissions.

#### Interested in participating?

Register via: Web: www.qff.org.au/projects/energy-sq/

Find out more: Email: energysq@qff.org.au Phone: 07 3837 4729

## **Traprock Group Association Inc**

Sustainable farming has gained interest among local communities in Karara, leading to a dedicated group led by Traprock Group Association Inc. The recipients of the 2022 MacIntyre Wind Farm Sponsorship Program completed talks and workshops, focusing on erosion prevention, soil health, and dung beetle project progress. The group discussed major projects' impact on sustainable farming and explored innovative solutions for community collaboration. Find out more about Traprock at https://www.traprockgroup.com.au/.



## ACCIONA Energía holds its first Employment Centric Connectivity Conference



The first Employment Centric Connectivity Conference was recently held by ACCIONA Energía. This event marked the beginning of a knowledge-sharing programme that will support economic activity by bringing together a variety of organisations and people, including registered training organisations, job service providers, health services, and community services organisations. The conference provided space for community consultation, discussing current and future challenges of the local community and ideas for collaborative solutions. These results have now been shared with the Federal, State and local government bodies, along with other community leaders to offer Acciona Energía's collaborative support and potential funding on community led and centred programs to address the highlighted issues.

MIWF - Employment Centric Connectivity Conference 2023Other involvement in economic development of the region, included a brief presentation and update shared at Warwick Chamber of Commerce' Breakfast Connect. Maria Baker, ACCIONA Energía's Community and Stakeholder Lead, presented at the Warwick Chamber of Commerce Inc's Breakfast Connect event. Maria provided a project update, attracting interest in ACCIONA Energía's community-focused approach and promoting collaboration for sustainable economic growth. ACCIONA Energía invites Chamber Members to an exclusive site tour in August 2023.

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