

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.

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

For more information about the project visit acciona.com.au/macintyre. We have also developed a Community Hub webpage which is updated with the latest project news, including important information relating to transportation and logistics of turbine components. Please visit community.acciona.com.au/macintyre to subscribe for updates.

Project Update

The project works have been divided into five zones which represent the order that the works will be completed.

Currently Zone 1, which has 27 Wind Turbine Generators (WTG), is where the majority of the civil works are occurring. Access track roads in this area have been established between turbine locations and 60 WTG foundation excavations and 46 foundation pours have been completed. Our lifting team has been busy and since December 2022 have erected 11 turbines. The main component deliveries have continued since November 2022 from the Port of Brisbane. ACCIONA Energía and the logistics contractor, LCR, are working with the

Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Queensland Police Services to ensure the safe delivery of components. This will continue into early 2024. We are currently finalising the road upgrade works along Carbean Rd, however it is open for normal use. The successful completion of Carbean Rd will see it becoming a sealed road for the local landholders to enjoy.

Works are now being undertaken on the MacIntyre Intermediate Switching Substation (MISS) by Powerlink connecting the wind farm's future electrical lines to the main transmission line towards the Tummalville Substation, with the stringing having occurred in the last few months and continuing for another 2 months.

Works on the 480-person camp, site office, workshop pad and batch plant were completed in December 2022. These facilities are in full use, with an extension planned for another 96 camp rooms to accommodate the growing workforce and alleviate potential rental issues in neighbouring towns.

Our environmental team are monitoring the creek and drainage works, whilst also managing the works around boundary fences, ensuring the safety of livestock. Our Cultural Heritage teams are busy forging ahead and assessing the site grounds before the teams are permitted to move forward with works.



Q4 2022
Turbine Delivery



Q4 2023- Q1 2024
Testing & Commissioning



Q2 2024
Wind Farm Energisation



Q4 2024
Project Completion

Bushfire Support

The weather in Southern Queensland has been extreme over the last few months. ACCIONA Energía have been able to support the community in assisting to combat fires. We

were able to provide water carts to help control fires and dozers to push in fire breaks.

ACCIONA Energía have been in discussions with

local fire and emergency services - Warwick SES, Inglewood SES and Karara Fire Services - and provided project updates to see how we can collaborate to better support the community.

Jobs and Careers Expo

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT) partnered with Employ Toowoomba to deliver the Toowoomba Jobs, Careers and Skills Expo on the 9th of March 2023. This free event was offered to the community as an opportunity to meet local employers who are ready to hire local personnel. The event was open to everyone,

whether looking for a new job, a career change, or training opportunities in the region.

The event was a great success and there were private rooms available on the day for employers to conduct interviews. Agencies were also attending on the day to help job seekers build and print resumes and cover letters to hand out.

Overall, it was a fantastic event, providing employment opportunities for the local community. At the time of attendance, the MacIntyre Wind Farm project had 25 white and blue collar roles open and this event helped ACCIONA Energía in hiring more local talent.



Maria Baker and Sarah Brooks at Careers Expo

Connection Plus



ACCIONA Energía and Southern Downs Regional Council have partnered to deliver a professional innovative business hub in Warwick to support local small businesses in their growth and development.

Located on Palmerin Street, Connection Plus will promote the growth and diversification of the Southern Downs small business community by offering flexible co-working areas, office suites and meeting spaces, without the need for individuals to commit to a long-term commercial lease.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi said the hub would act as a springboard to strengthen the local economy by providing a dedicated space for businesses to hot desk.

ACCIONA Energía is excited to be a part of this project supporting economic growth, and to see this space being used by local emerging businesses and entrepreneurs.

NAWIC Event and School Visits

In collaboration with the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), ACCIONA Energía was excited to have hosted a day targeting female students from schools local to the wind farm.

On the 22nd March, female students from Killarney P-10 State School and Stanthorpe State High School attended the site. The purpose of this event was to encourage young women to develop an interest in the varied careers within construction, STEM and

renewables. The students were taken for a tour of the site to see some of the turbines and one of the substations. Back at the site offices, NAWIC facilitated a panel discussion with women from ACCIONA Energía, ACCIONA Construction and Powerlink, to talk about their careers.

In addition to this event, we have visited and spoken at schools both local to the wind farm and in Brisbane to raise awareness of and increase education about renewable energy

projects. Some of the schools visited include Patricks Road State School (Brisbane), Scots PGC College (Warwick), Stanthorpe State High School (Stanthorpe) and Stuartholme School (Brisbane).

A visit to Warwick East School is planned for April.

If you feel that your school would be interested in hearing about our project, please encourage them to get in touch.



Female students visit the site to learn more about STEM



NAWIC panel discussion



Civil Engineer Victoria Stephenson speaking to students

Announcements and Initiatives

As we head into the 2nd quarter of the year, ACCIONA Energía is planning several different programs and events to further support the community.

The MacIntyre Wind Precinct Sponsorship Program enables community organisations and not-for-profit groups the opportunity to apply for grant funding to support their events and projects through this application process. Our sponsorship program for 2023 closed on 31 March. Thank you to all the organisations who applied, we received over 90 applications

which is a great outcome. We focus on supporting initiatives that contribute to health, education, sustainability, conservation, and cultural development.

ACCIONA Energía have begun working with local job providers, Registered Training Organisations (RTO's), government departments and local schools to create programs which support local community. The aim is to connect students and job seekers with community service providers, offer guidance on job pathways and involve the RTO's to deliver the education required.

The 2023 UniSQ MacIntyre Scholarship recipients will be announced in the coming months. We look forward to supporting the students who receive the scholarship in their chosen field of study.

ACCIONA Energía is pleased to be supporting the Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board for a project aimed at improving the sustainability and environmental impact of the rabbit barrier fencing. This project looks at alternative solutions to create passageways which are suitable for other native fauna, while maintaining the barrier for pests.

Project Support

Under the Queensland Government's "Buy Local" policies, ACCIONA Energía is committed to ensuring that the MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct delivers regional prosperity and economic opportunities for the surrounding community.

We also want to support the area's future growth through tourism, business, environmental sustainability and educational pathways.

We are in the process of reviewing a number of prospective projects in partnership with your councils and other local entities. ACCIONA Energía is committed to working to encourage the region's future growth and prosperity through tourism, business, environmental sustainability and educational pathways.

We welcome all feedback from the community regarding initiatives that we could support.



CONTACT US

Please contact us for information or with your feedback about any of our activities, either via the free-call number **1800 283 550** or email macintyre@acciona.com. Visit our website for more information about MacIntyre Wind Farm here - acciona.com.au/macintyre or go to our Community Hub at community.acciona.com.au/macintyre to ask questions.

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