

# MACINTYRE WIND PRECINCT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the MacIntyre Wind Precinct Newsletter! In this latest edition, we share all the latest news from the site as we move towards operations, as well as a range of initiatives we have supported in community.

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## MacIntyre Wind Farm Project update

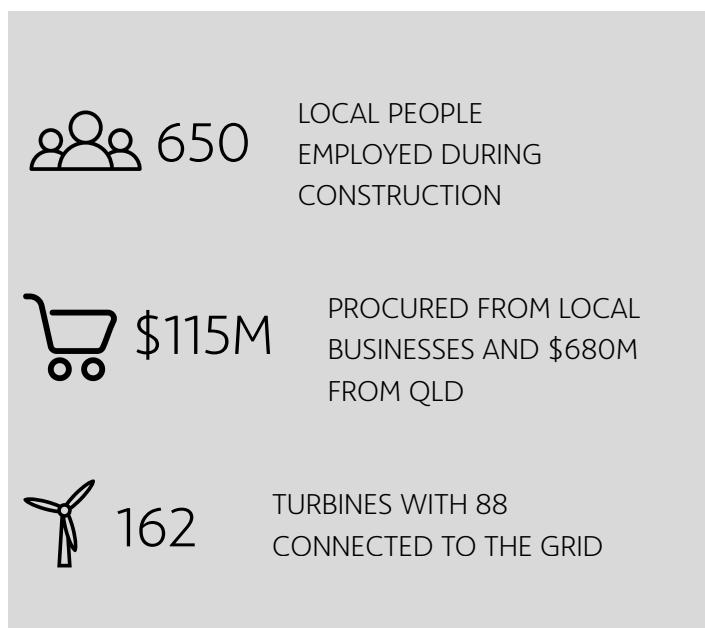
It has been a big year as we work to commission one of the largest wind farms in Australia. The MacIntyre Wind Farm now has 134 fully commissioned turbines, with 88 of these now generating approximately 445MW of green energy for Queensland homes. Over the last four years it has procured over \$680 million in services, labour and materials from across Queensland, and inducted more than 4,500 workers to site. The coming 12 months will see us work to rehabilitate the construction impacts, finalise commissioning and transition to a fully operational wind farm.

## Operational milestone

This year marked a major milestone for the project moving closer to operations, with the opening of our new Operations and Maintenance building. The facility is already home to more than 40 full-time team members recruited from across the region. A permanent team of staff will work onsite for the next 30 years, ensuring the wind farm continues to operate safely, efficiently and reliably.

## Commissioning update

During the year, we have completed detailed inspections of all turbine blades following the failure of a blade in December 2024. A repair campaign has commenced and will include the replacement of the turbine. Additionally, some new components, including blades, will be transported to site through December and into early 2026. These components will use the same route as previous over-size, over-mass vehicles by travelling along the Warrego Highway, up the Toowoomba Bypass, along the Gore Highway and down the Millmerran Inglewood Road. We sincerely thank the community for their continued patience during this period. We will keep our Community Hub updated as works progress. Commissioning and operational activities will continue throughout the repairs.



## Community highlights

We have been busy out in community over the last few months. Here are some highlights of our recent initiatives.

### Inglewood Sports Precinct

We are proud to be partnering with the Goondiwindi Regional Council to build a new gym at the Inglewood Sports Complex. As part of our Legacy Investment Program for the MacIntyre Wind Farm, we are investing \$250,000 towards construction costs for the new purpose-built gym and storage facility. We're also funding the installation of solar panels to generate renewable energy. The new complex will replace the current gym which is located in the flood-damaged Inglewood Recreation Centre. Mayor of the Goondiwindi Region the Honourable Cr Lawrence Springborg AM thanked ACCIONA Energía for the funding as part of a commitment to long-term community benefits of the MacIntyre Wind Precinct.

"ACCIONA Energía's support has made possible a significant long-term, legacy project for the Inglewood community," Cr Springborg said. "Their investment will help reduce the overall cost of this project to both Council and the community, while delivering vital infrastructure that will serve Inglewood for generations," he said. "We thank them for this substantial and meaningful contribution to our region."

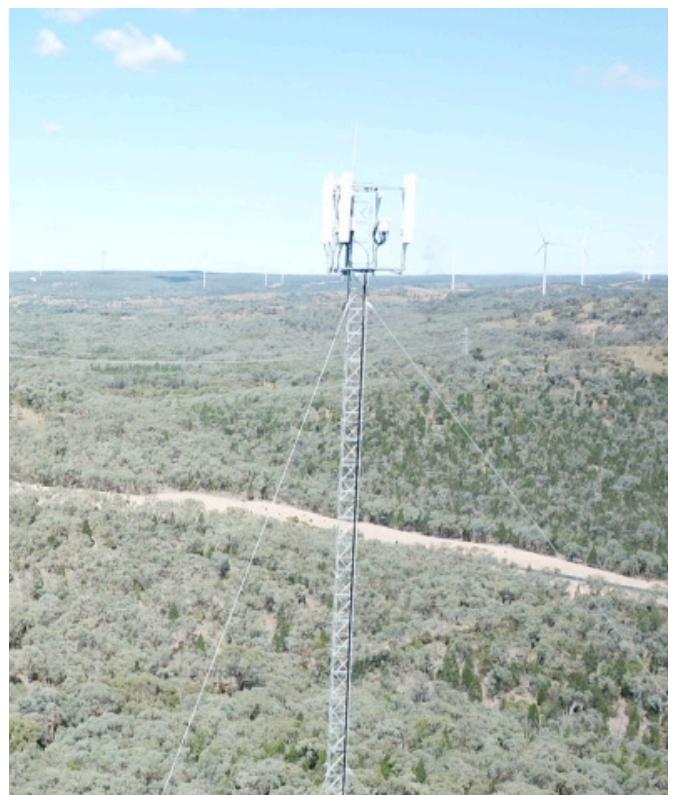


### MacIntyre Wind Farm mobile phone tower switched on

In March 2025, mobile phone reception for farmers and residents in the Karara and Cement Mills areas was boosted with a new, permanent 4G Telstra tower switched on at the MacIntyre Wind Farm.

The 4G tower was required to support the wind farm operations and the temporary infrastructure has been replaced with a permanent mobile tower. We invested an additional \$500,000 to enable public access to the tower, permanently removing a local mobile blackspot.

This new mobile phone tower will give locals better digital connectivity and phone reception, which will be particularly important during severe weather and emergencies. The \$2.5 million tower was built and installed by Telstra and Amplitel and has been operational since March 2025. Our team is proud to be part of this community and is pleased to contribute to a legacy of improved local connectivity and communications for everyone in the region.



## Small grants program

This year, we have run two rounds of small grants applications for the first time. We realise a year can be a long time to wait - this change will keep investment flowing into the community throughout the calendar. We have listed recipients and projects below - congratulations to all involved!

Recipient	Project	Amount
<b>Round 1</b>		
Care Goondiwindi Ltd	Disability Cooking Program	\$4,000
Cement Mills Community Centre Maintenance Committee Inc.	New picnic tables and cordless blower	\$7,580
Gateway to Training (Goondiwindi Silo)	VR Headset Goggles - Job ready Training	\$6,688
Inglewood Childcare & Kindergarten	Sustainable Yard Upgrade	\$7,000
Inglewood P&C Trail Ride	Inglewood State School P&C Annual Trail Bike Ride	\$2,000
Texas Home Life Care Inc.	New Defibrillator	\$5,000
Wildlife Empire Rescue and Rehabilitation Ltd	Wildlife Education Room	\$3,000
Allora Show Society Inc	Allora Show Society Solar Lighting upgrade	\$10,000
Karara Public Hall Committee Inc	Karara Family Fun Day	\$10,000
Queensland Working Sheepdog Association	Karara Dogpro Sheep Dog Trial	\$2,450
Karara Branch Inc		
The Belinda McGowan Foundation Ltd	Syringe Driver for Allora Aged Care	\$4,305
Karara Campdraft Association	Permanent Fencing Panels and Office Roofing Improvement	\$5,000
Southern Downs Suicide Prevention Network	Warwick and Stanthorpe Hospital Care Packs	\$3,000
Inglewood Community Welfare Group Inc	Healthy Lifestyles Program	\$10,000
Inglewood Golf Club Inc	Acciona Climate Comfort Project	\$8,000
Inglewood State Emergency Service	Emergency Power Supplies	\$10,000
<b>Round 2</b>		
Royal Queensland Bush Children's Health Scheme (BUSHkids)	Stage 2 - Children's Nature Play Area	\$3,000
Lifeflight Foundation Ltd	First Minutes Matter Workshops in Warwick	\$10,000
Motherland	Motherland National Conference 2025	\$10,000
Leyburn & District Progress Association	Canal Creek regeneration project	\$3,000
QCWA Cunningham Branch	Hall recovery	\$6,000



## Wildlife Empire

Our team recently had the privilege of visiting one of our small grant recipients, Tennille Banks from Wildlife Empire, at her sanctuary near Inglewood. Wildlife Empire is dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and providing a safe haven for native animals until they are ready to return to the wild. Watch the video [here](#).

Tennille has devoted her life to caring for Australia's wildlife. From owls affected by baiting, to orphaned joeys (kangaroos, wallabies and possums), injured bats, birds caught in storms or attacked by pets, and reptiles needing specialist support — each animal receives personalised care with the ultimate goal of release back into its natural habitat. Find out more about Wildlife Empire and how you can support their work [here](#)

<https://wildlifeempire.wixsite.com/wildlife>.



## Scholarships program

We are delighted to share that Abbey Wilson and Gabrielle Duncombe received UniSQ MacIntyre Wind Farm Scholarships in 2025. We wish them all the best with their studies! We also wanted to take the opportunity to share the inspiring story of Ben Andreas, the inaugural recipient of the MacIntyre Wind Farm Scholarship back in 2021. Ben recently graduated and reached out to the university to express his deep gratitude to ACCIONA Energía for the support he received. Thanks to the scholarship, he was able to complete his studies and secure his dream job as a registered nurse. You can hear his story in the linked [video](#).



Ben Andreas, Bachelor of Nursing



Abbey Wilson  
Bachelor of Science



Gabrielle Duncombe  
Bachelor of Physiotherapy

*"I have just started my Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) degree at UniSQ. After graduating, I hope to gain heaps of experience in physiotherapy before one day opening my own clinic in a regional/rural area. This scholarship will allow me to afford to live away from home comfortably, helping to pay my rent and schooling expenses." - Gabrielle Duncombe*

## More small grants coming soon!

Our Small Grants Program provides support to organisations and community groups that are driving sustainable development in their communities with individual grants of up to \$10,000 available. Applications for our small grants program are open from **January to March**. Click [here](#) to read more about how to apply.

## Turbine Made

Earlier this year, we unveiled the world's first surfboards made from decommissioned wind turbine blades. In collaboration with professional surfer Josh Kerr and his surfboard brand, Draft Surf, we've created 10 prototype surfboards that utilise retired turbine blades. This project is part of our Turbine Made initiative, which explores innovative ways to repurpose retired wind turbine blades into new materials and products. By transforming blades into surfboards, we're not only reducing waste but also pushing the boundaries of sustainable innovation in the renewable energy sector.

The recycled fibreglass fins provide stability and control and the turbine blade flex strips deliver customised performance. The turbine particulate infused throughout the glassing process enhances overall durability and strength. When measured by weight, the utilisation of decommissioned turbine materials represents nearly one-third of the finished board!

Find out more at <https://www.accionae.com.au/turbine-made>.



## Project development

### Herries Range Wind Farm

Throughout the year, we've continued to make strong progress toward preparing the development application for the proposed Herries Range Wind Farm. Our team has spent time in the community, speaking with locals, neighbours and businesses about the project—listening to feedback, discussing opportunities, and understanding any concerns. We have also continued environmental studies and design refinement to help minimise potential impacts on the surrounding environment.

We anticipate submitting the development application in the first half of 2026, with construction expected to begin in late 2027/28. We remain committed to open and ongoing engagement with the community and encourage anyone with questions to get in touch with the contacts listed at the end of this newsletter.

### Karara BESS

The Karara Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project, proposed alongside the MacIntyre Wind Farm, achieved a significant milestone this year. In May, the Goondiwindi Regional Council granted Development Approval for a 400MW facility with a two-hour storage duration (totalling 800MWh). While the project remains in the development phase, construction is currently anticipated to commence in late 2026/27.

## Keeping in touch

There are a number of ways you can stay informed about the Macintyre Precinct, or provide feedback.

### MacIntyre Precinct Community Engagement Committee (CEC)

ACCIONA Energía has established a Community Engagement Committee (CEC) to represent the MacIntyre, Herries Range and Karara Energy Projects (the Project Precinct) during the construction and operations phases of these projects. The CEC provides a forum for open discussion between ACCIONA Energía, the community and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to the wind farm's construction activities, operations, and community relations, and to keep the community informed on matters affecting them relating to the precinct. The committee has held three meetings this year and covered topics such as community benefits, decommissioning, pest management, local business opportunities, and community impacts during construction.

If you'd like to find out more about the CEC, or would like to get involved in the future, please contact us using the details at the bottom of the newsletter.

### Managing queries and complaints

We work hard to engage with local communities, and to be a good neighbour. However, sometimes things don't go exactly to plan, and we always want to be available to listen to your concerns and complaints and do our best to resolve them. Our MacIntyre Wind Precinct Complaint investigation and Response Plan is available on our [Community Hub](#). You can always get in touch with us by email, phone or by visiting us in person – see our *Contact Us* section below.

### Employment opportunities

ACCIONA Energía established an online employment hub during the construction of the project as a way of helping local people and contractors find work opportunities. We will keep you posted [here](#) with any future opportunities for the MacIntyre Wind Precinct construction or operational roles.



### Contact us

Feel free to get in touch for more information or with feedback about any of our activities.  
Please email [macintyrepresent@accionae.com](mailto:macintyrepresent@accionae.com) or call our freephone helpline on 1800 283 550.

You can also visit our online community hub to find out more about our wind precinct at [community.accionae.com.au/macintyre](http://community.accionae.com.au/macintyre).

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