



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT REPORT AUSTRALIA
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Managing Director

As the new Managing Director of ACCIONA Energía Australia, my priority is to deliver on our commitment to genuine community support and engagement.

The path to net zero depends on the responsible and timely development of renewable energy projects. These projects are judged not just by their output but by the positive change they deliver to communities that host them – sustainable growth, opportunity and empowerment. This includes working in genuine partnership with Traditional Owners and First Nations communities to ensure these benefits are shared.

To measure this impact with transparency, ACCIONA Energía joined Business for Societal Impact (B4SI) in 2024, adopting its internationally-recognised framework.

The results confirmed the scale of our commitment to the community and to First Nations peoples. In 2024, our community investment as a percentage of revenue was ten-fold that of the average global member of the B4SI network, reflecting our dedication to inclusion and mutual benefit.

We believe it's our 'build, own and operate' model that sets us apart. We own our assets for their entire operational life from construction to decommissioning, which means we are invested in the long-term future of regional communities and the cultural landscapes of Traditional Owners.

Our approach is to hire our workforce locally and procure services and equipment locally where possible. This helps to build stronger relationships with landowners, residents, First Nations stakeholders and businesses.

Our projects also deliver tailored community benefits programs shaped by feedback during consultation, ensuring all voices are heard and respected.

Since commencing our Australian operations in 2002, we have awarded more than \$4.7 million to project communities through a combination of grants, scholarships and other community benefit programs. Our Waubra Community Benefits Fund is one of the longest-running wind farm funds in the country, established at a time when these funds were a novel concept.

We are proud of the impact our renewable energy projects have already had across regional Australia and we're committed to deepening that positive social contribution in the years ahead.

ACCIONA ENERGÍA INVESTS OVER TEN TIMES THE GLOBAL AVERAGE IN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

New data reveals ACCIONA Energía Australia's investment in community support far exceeded the contributions of the average global company in 2024.

ACCIONA Energía Australia invested 1.65 per cent of its revenue back into the community in 2024 — more than ten times the average of 0.14%¹ for global members of the Business for Societal Impact (B4SI) network.

The finding was identified when ACCIONA Energía joined B4SI for the first time to benchmark and report its community impact in line with the global standard.

The level of investment underscores ACCIONA Energía's leadership in responsible business and its determination to ensure renewable energy projects deliver lasting benefits well beyond clean power generation.



Business for Societal Impact (B4SI) is a globally recognised framework for the management of corporate social impact. B4SI is used by hundreds of companies to measure and report community investment, business innovation and social procurement. The framework allows companies to follow standardised metrics and definitions, enabling credible and comparable data that ensure transparent communication and benchmarking community investment results.

¹b4si.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/B4SI-Annual-review-2024.pdf

GENERATING IMPACT

As part of its community support, ACCIONA Energía is committed to sustainable economic participation, creating opportunities for local businesses and First Nations enterprises, and ensuring the benefits of renewable energy investment are shared with communities hosting its renewable energy projects.

ACCIONA Energía's community investment is strategically directed to areas that deliver the greatest long-term benefit. These include:

- **Economic development** by supporting local businesses, creating jobs and income diversification.
- **Health initiatives** that improve wellbeing and access to services.
- **Education programs** that build skills and inspire future generations.
- **Environmental projects** that protect natural assets and promote sustainability.
- **Arts and culture investments** that strengthen community identity and vibrancy.
- **Social welfare programs** that provide targeted support to vulnerable groups.
- **Emergency relief** to assist communities in times of crisis.

In addition to its community investment, ACCIONA Energía is committed to local and Indigenous procurement. In 2024, \$3.77 million in goods and services were procured from Indigenous businesses across Australia.

1.65% COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION
AS A PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE

**TOTAL VALUE OF INDIGENOUS
PROCUREMENT LAST YEAR** **\$3.77M**

76,527 NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED
FROM OUR COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

**TOTAL VALUE OF CONTRIBUTIONS,
INCLUDING MANAGEMENT COSTS**

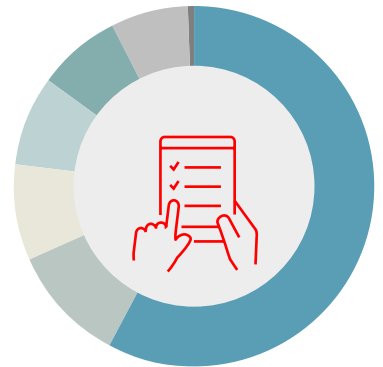
\$1,770,783



CASH	TIME	IN-KIND	MANAGEMENT COSTS
\$1,087,983	\$22,400	\$400	\$660,000

**WHERE OUR COMMUNITY
INVESTMENT IS DIRECTED**

Economic development	\$644,164
Health	\$116,384
Education	\$94,445
Environment	\$90,370
Arts and Culture	\$84,600
Social Welfare	\$76,410
Emergency Relief	\$4,410



DRIVING LONG-TERM COMMUNITY BENEFITS

ACCIONA Energía Australia has a dedicated team to work closely with communities throughout every stage of its renewable energy projects - from early planning to when they are operational.

Guided by best-practice principles from the Engagement Institute and Clean Energy Council, the team is committed to ensuring local voices are heard and projects deliver real, long-term benefits.

By building relationships based on trust and collaboration, we aim to create lasting social and economic value alongside clean energy development.



Each year ACCIONA Energía supports local communities through a range of grants, scholarship funding and other community benefits programs.

In 2024, we supported local businesses and community organisations in the following ways:

- More than \$530,000 was distributed in small grants to more than 100 community organisations Australia-wide.
- Nine scholarships were awarded to students pursuing tertiary education.
- A dedicated MacIntyre Wind Farm First Nations Small Grants Program was established to support Indigenous organisations.



Image: Ann and Mick Bourke from Jester Hill Wines at Glen Alpin, Queensland, (pictured above and on cover) took part in the Energy Southern Queensland program funded by Acciona Energía to identify ways to increase energy productivity and efficiencies.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Supporting energy efficiency on farms

An innovative program helped farmers in the Southern Downs and Goondiwindi regions to understand and manage their on-farm energy consumption and lower their carbon emissions.

Delivered by Queensland Farmers' Federation and funded by ACCIONA Energía, the Energy Southern Queensland program was free for participating farmers and identified tangible ways to increase energy productivity and efficiencies.

As a result of the program, 81 producers and growers completed tailored action plans and 269 practical recommendations were identified. Recommendations ranged from irrigation and pumping efficiency and refrigeration upgrades to battery storage solutions and solar photovoltaic (PV) systems.

In total, the recommendations represent potential savings of 2GWh of electricity and 223,000 litres of diesel per year. The potential provided by these savings would also reduce on-farm emissions by over 2,300 tonnes of CO₂-e per year.

"This program supported farmers across the Southern Downs and Goondiwindi Regional Council local government areas to identify ways in which they can become more efficient in their on-farm use of energy to save costs, improve productivity and reduce emissions."

- QFF CEO, Jo Sheppard

EDUCATION

Learning the power of wind

Dozens of kindergartens and schools across Australia received community grants or took part in farm tours, classroom lessons or practical exercises led by our team.

At St Mary's Primary School in Crookwell, Year 5 and 6 students from St Mary's Primary visited the Gunning Wind Farm to learn about renewable energy and wind farm operations.

During a "Day in the Life of a Turbine Technician" session, our onsite team explained their daily work, demonstrated key equipment and shared the skills and qualifications needed to build a career in renewable energy.



HEALTH

Tracking heart health

A grant was provided to purchase an ECG machine to track heart rates, monitor stress and activity levels for residents at Aberlea, an aged care centre in Mortlake, Victoria.

The machine also helps to monitor patients for vital signs, especially for those with health conditions or concerns.

"The ECG machine has been of immense benefit to residents at Aberlea. Our nurses are able to conduct ECGs for residents without the need for them to travel to attend an emergency department or hospital."

– Julie Stewart-Murray, Resident Liaison Officer, Aberlea



ARTS AND CULTURE

All-abilities choir shines in sold-out shows

An all-abilities community choir has doubled in size and performed two sold-out shows in Colac in a joyful celebration of inclusion, diversity and creativity.

Initiated by local singer-songwriters Claire Foley and Jill O'Dowd from The Red Violets, the "Find Your Light" choir provides its members with the chance to rehearse and perform alongside professional musicians, while also writing and showcasing an original song.

Through workshops and rehearsals, the choir builds skills, confidence and new connections, with families and the wider community coming together for an uplifting final performance.

The choir's inclusive approach ensures that all members, regardless of ability, feel safe, valued, and celebrated. Participants experience a sense of pride, belonging, and mutual support, which fosters resilience and personal achievement.

"Performing at Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre in two sold-out shows has been overwhelming and demonstrates the group's enormous growth and increased confidence. Their development has been remarkable, thanks to a safe space and support. This progress would not have been possible without the generous support of Acciona Energía, whose belief in our mission has meant the world to us."

– Claire Foley, choir co-founder



ENVIRONMENT

Thousands of native trees planted

To enhance green spaces, support biodiversity and create wildlife habitats, more than 3,400 native trees were donated to the local community in Queensland's Southern Downs, Goondiwindi and Toowoomba regions.

ACCIONA Energía's Senior Environmental Advisor Scott Black also provided advice to ensure the selected tree species complemented the existing native flora.

Community groups to receive tree donations included the Toowoomba Wilderness Society, Darling Downs Moreton Rabbit Board, Killarney Bushcare, the Anglican Parish of Warwick, Back Plains State School, St Joseph's School at Millmerran and Afterglow Organics.

Fiona and her son Kehan who run Afterglow Organics at Clifton planted 300 donated trees on their property and in a permaculture garden to provide habitats for native wildlife, insects and other plants.



SOCIAL WELFARE

Accessible van for Killarney community

Community-owned aged care and disability services provider, K-Life at Killarney, Queensland, was provided a grant to purchase and convert a minivan to be accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

The van has been converted with a lower floor and manual folding ramp to be able to transport people in wheelchairs to medical appointments, social appointments and essential shopping trips.

K-Life said the new wheelchair lift had made such a difference for its residents who can now join in on community outings with ease and comfort.



EMERGENCY RELIEF

Support to fundraise for Rural Aid

A grant was provided to help Rural Aid stage the Goondiwindi Long Lunch to raise funds for its vital work, including mental health support, financial assistance and volunteer services for farming families.

Events like these played a crucial role in helping rural communities remain resilient and thrive.

"It's just wonderful. I feel free again — I can get on the bus and be part of everything. It's lovely to go out and see the world."

— Esme,
resident at
K-Life



"The support that Rural Aid received in 2024 helped to bring the Goondiwindi Long Lunch to life and was greatly appreciated. On the day, Rural Aid played host to 200 locals from Goondi and surrounds. Over lunch, in bright sunshine, on the home straight of the racecourse, Rural Aid shared stories of how its support gives farmers and their families hope during the most challenging of times."

— John Warlters, CEO, Rural Aid

STRENGTHENING FIRST NATIONS PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS OUR PROJECTS



In 2024, ACCIONA Energía deepened its commitment to First Nations engagement through community investment and procurement.

At the MacIntyre Wind Precinct, we launched the First Nations Small Grants Program, supporting not-for-profit organisations that enhance social, cultural, environmental and economic outcomes in their communities.

Successful applicants included Goodstart Early Learning Warwick Percy Street, Kambuwal Corporation, Warwick State High School and the Maree Aboriginal Corporation L and Council.

For Goodstart Early Learning, the grant enabled the purchase of an interactive smartboard to enrich classroom learning and help prepare children for school.

ACCIONA Energía is also committed to creating shared value through Indigenous procurement.

In 2024, we procured \$3.77 million in goods and services from First Nations-owned businesses, including cranes, fencing, cleaning and beverages for construction and site operations at the Aldoga Solar Farm.

These initiatives are guided and supported by ACCIONA Energía's dedicated in-house First Nations team, ensuring genuine partnerships and long-term positive impact.



SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY WITH WADDI SPRING WATER

Premium spring water from Waddi Spring Water - a Gooreng Gooreng heritage, family-owned business - helped to keep teams hydrated during construction at the MacIntyre Wind Farm.

Through a partnership with ACCIONA Energía, Waddi is supplying 15L returnable bottles directly to the site, ensuring a reliable, sustainable and cost-effective hydration solution for the construction and operations teams.

Founding Director and Co-owner Tomika Johnson said the collaboration reflected a shared commitment to sustainability and community.

"We are proud to supply our 15L returnable bottle program for a project of this scale. It's a system that not only provides safe and locally-sourced spring water but also reduces single-use plastic and landfill through closed-loop, reusable packaging," she said.

"Partnering with ACCIONA Energía at the MacIntyre Wind Farm demonstrates how Indigenous businesses like ours can contribute to both major infrastructure projects and positive environmental outcomes."

Established in 2015, Waddi Spring Water champions sustainable packaging, waste reduction and local employment opportunities.



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