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Welcome to the MacIntyre Wind Precinct Newsletter! In this latest edition, we share all the latest news from both the planned Herries Range Wind Farm and the MacIntyre Wind Farm, as well as updates from our community benefits program.

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▮ Herries Range Wind Farm Project Update

We have been busy meeting with many community members over the past six months to discuss plans for our proposed Herries Range Wind Farm. Herries Range is expected to include up to 130 wind turbines and is located within our MacIntyre Wind Precinct. We anticipate submitting the development application in the coming months, with construction expected to begin in late 2028.

A substantial review of the project layout was completed in 2025 and early 2026 to identify the solution that avoids environmental values to the greatest extent feasible. The majority of changes relate to the internal access road layout and overhead transmission line route, but also included the removal of wind turbines from the layout. These layout changes were also influenced by feedback from the community at information sessions completed in September 2025. An updated map is available on the ACCIONA Energía [Community Hub at this link](#).

SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

We engaged independent agency SLR Consulting to complete a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the Herries Range Wind Farm as part of our development application. A Social Impact Assessment studies how the proposed project could positively or negatively impact the local community. It also provides a clear and robust framework for managing impacts and maximising local benefits.

The Herries Range SIA is one part of the development application process, which also requires a range of other studies, including an independent visual impact assessment, biodiversity and environmental studies and noise monitoring.

A draft of the SIA has been presented to the Goondiwindi Regional Council, the Southern Downs Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council to review and provide feedback and commence discussion on a Community Benefits Agreement. Following this engagement, an updated version will be available for the community to review as part of the approvals process.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND ENGAGEMENT

We are also working hard to ensure that the Southern Downs community experiences the benefits of hosting a renewable energy project, which will help support jobs, opportunities and a dedicated program of community benefit sharing.

We are engaging with the Goondiwindi Regional Council, the Southern Downs Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council to talk about priorities for this benefits sharing program and understand how we can support local organisations as well as deliver initiatives that leave a lasting legacy for the region. Our Community Benefits Agreement will include a minimum investment of \$1,050 per MW per year, an investment of nearly \$30 million in the region over the life of the project.

We also understand that the community may have concerns or questions about the proposed Herries Range Wind Farm, and we are working closely with local landowners, government and the community to develop the project. We are meeting individually with project neighbours and will be hosting our next round of mobile offices in September, and we encourage anyone with questions or comments to come along and chat with our team.



COMMUNITY DROP-IN MOBILE OFFICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Session 1

 Monday, 14 September 2026
 3pm-7pm
 Warwick RSL
Kings Theatre Function Centre
65 Albion St, Warwick QLD 4370

Session 2

 Tuesday, 15 September 2026
 3pm-7pm
 Leyburn Royal Hotel
71 MacIntyre St, Leyburn QLD 4365

Session 3

 Wednesday, 16 September 2026
 10am-1pm
 Inglewood Civic Centre
18 Elizabeth St, Inglewood QLD 4387

Session 4

 Wednesday, 16 September
 3pm-7pm
 Karara Community Hall
Lot 111 Karara School Road, Karara QLD 4352

NEIGHBOUR MEETINGS

If you are a neighbour interested in arranging a discussion with our community and project team, please reach out to us, and we will coordinate a convenient time. We will be in your area and available on the following days.

- Wednesday 26 August
- Monday 31 September and Tuesday 1 September
- Tuesday 8 September and Wednesday 9 September

Please contact Katie to arrange a meeting on 0408 446 525 or at macintyreprecinct@acciona.com.

Community highlights

INGLEWOOD SPORTS COMPLEX

We are excited to share that work has kicked off on the new gym at the Inglewood Sports Complex as part of the MacIntyre Wind Farm Legacy Investment Program. The new purpose-built community gym is being built five years after the Inglewood Recreation Centre was damaged in major flooding. Supported by \$250,000 in funding from ACCIONA Energía, the gym will be nearly twice the size of the current facility.

It will accommodate more than 90 active gym members and support the needs of local sporting groups by providing them with access to modern training spaces and dedicated storage. This project was shaped through extensive consultation with local residents and sporting groups and is a significant legacy project for the community.



FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS

Our team was proud to support the Karara Rural Fire Brigade and the efforts of so many locals during the Karara bushfires in February. We provided water and machinery to support the Karara RFS's efforts to contain the fire. At a time of emergency, it was fantastic to see so many community members come together and protect homes and businesses. We have 40 full-time team members on site at MacIntyre Wind Farm running operations and maintenance, and we are proudly part of the Southern Downs community.

GLOBAL WIND DAY

We were excited to celebrate Global Wind Day on 15 June with the inaugural ACCIONA Energía Schools Paper Plane Finals in partnership with Warwick Today and Stanthorpe Today. Schools across the Southern Downs participated in the competition, crafting their planes from an official paper plane insert published in Warwick Today and Stanthorpe Today. Students applied aerodynamics and design principles to build and fly their own planes - a simple, tangible way to explore how wind works and what it can do.

Congratulations to all of the competitors, and we look forward to next year's challenge.



Student finalists in the Schools Paper Plane Finals. Congratulations to Levi from Warwick West State School, who won \$1000 for his school.

Small Grants Program

Schools, community and emergency groups in the Southern Downs and Goondiwindi regions are among the first round of local grant recipients for the 2026 MacIntyre Wind Farm Small Grants Program. Our twice-yearly grants program supports local not-for-profit organisations with grants of up to \$10,000 as part of our commitment to the long-term future of communities around our renewable energy projects.

In total, more than \$58,000 was awarded to local and community groups for the first round of 2026 grants.

- Wheatvale Primary P&C Association - installation of a water tank for school rainwater harvesting
- Texas Home Life Care Incorporated - support to purchase a small vehicle for volunteers
- Inglewood State Emergency Service - support to fit out a catering trailer
- Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Inglewood Branch) - support for the all-abilities safety and accessibility flooring project
- Inglewood State School P&C - support for the P&C Trail Ride 2026 event
- ManUp! Australia - funding to support the Inglewood Beers & Bowls Charity Day
- Warwick Fish Stockers Association Incorporated - support for clubhouse enhancements
- Film workshops - support for local schools to participate in workshops and screenings as part of the MacIntyre Stories Across Generations project.

MacIntyre Wind Farm also runs an annual First Nations Small Grants Program, which provides grants of up to \$10,000 to support community organisations with initiatives that benefit local First Nations peoples. The recipient of this year's grant was WillowTree 37 Women's Support Centre Inc, which received funding to extend safe support access hours for First Nations women.



Local schools participating in film workshops for the MacIntyre Stories Across Generations project.

↘ 2026 MacIntyre Wind Farm Scholarships

We are delighted to announce the recipients of the 2026 MacIntyre Wind Farm Scholarship program. Three students have been awarded scholarships to support their tertiary education through the University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ), helping them pursue careers that will benefit regional communities.



Among this year's recipients are Kaye Moon, who is studying a Bachelor of Biomedical Science with the goal of becoming a doctor, and Rashid Rasho, who has commenced a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic Engineering) and hopes to become a professional electrical engineer.

"This scholarship represents not only financial support, but the belief and encouragement that make that journey possible," said Kaye Moon.

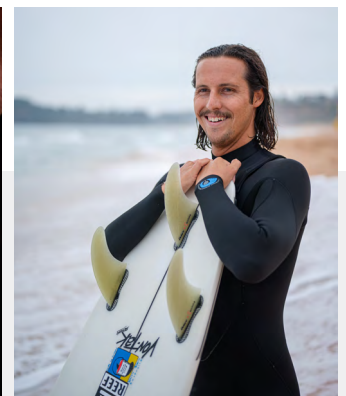
Congratulations to all three scholarship recipients. We wish them every success as they begin the next chapter of their education.

↘ Turbine Made fins

In April, ACCIONA Energía launched the world's first commercial surfboard fins made from recycled wind turbine blades from our Waubra Wind Farm in Victoria. We partnered with 26-year-old entrepreneur Banjo Hunt of Bolero Surf, who was searching for an alternative to traditional fin-making, which relies on unsustainable manufacturing practices.

"The fibreglass inside a wind turbine blade has so much inherent value, which for us means it can be turned into high-quality surfboard fins," he said. "By reusing this material, we avoid one of the most expensive and labour-intensive parts of traditional fin manufacturing. That advantage is helping us bring production back to Australia. Crucially, the material is super strong and stiff, which perfectly lends itself to high-performance surfboard fins."

The fins were tested in competition at the 2026 Aussie Boardriders Battle on the Gold Coast on the board of pro surfer Darcy Crump from Bungan Boardriders and are now available for sale. The development of the fins follows our launch of a prototype surfboard in 2025, as are part of our Turbine Made initiative. Turbine Made explores innovative ways to repurpose wind turbine blades into new materials and products and demonstrates that real-world circular innovation is possible. See the video and more information about the Turbine Made fins [at this link](#).



↘ Project updates

MacIntyre Wind Farm update

Commissioning and operational activities are continuing at the MacIntyre Wind Farm as part of the ongoing process with the Australian Energy Market Operator and Powerlink. We are grateful to the community for their continued patience as we have transported some additional blades to site over the past few months. We will keep our Community Hub updated as this work progresses.

Karara BESS update

We are continuing to develop plans for the Karara Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project, which received its development approval from Goondiwindi Regional Council last year. The Karara BESS is located immediately north of the MacIntyre Wind Farm next to the MacIntyre Intermediate Switching Station. The project remains in the development phase, and we anticipate construction to commence in late 2027. We will provide a further update later in the year.

Keeping in touch

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



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 macintyreprecinct@acciona.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.acciona.com.au/macintyre.

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