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Welcome to the Waubra Wind Farm Newsletter!
In the 2026 edition, we share all the latest news from the site,
as well as a range of initiatives we have supported in the
community.

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PROJECT UPDATE

Throughout 2025, the Waubra Wind Farm team remained focused on safe, reliable, and efficient operations. Below is a summary of the key activities and improvements carried out across the site over the past year.



Preventative Turbine Maintenance

In 2025, our teams continued the ongoing preventative maintenance program across all turbines. This regular servicing helped ensure strong performance, reduced downtime, and supported consistent clean energy generation for the local region.



Three-Yearly HV Maintenance Successfully Completed

A major milestone for the year was the completion of the scheduled three-yearly high-voltage (HV) maintenance across all five substations in October. This work helped maintain the long-term safety, resilience, and reliability of the farm's electrical infrastructure.



Ongoing Technological Improvements

The wind farm continued implementing a series of technological upgrades throughout 2025. These enhancements improved monitoring capabilities, increased operational efficiency, and supported optimised turbine performance across the site.



Access Track Repairs and Upgrades

Several access tracks required attention during the year due to wear and weather impacts. Repair and improvement works were carried out to ensure safe and dependable access for maintenance teams, contractors, and emergency vehicles.



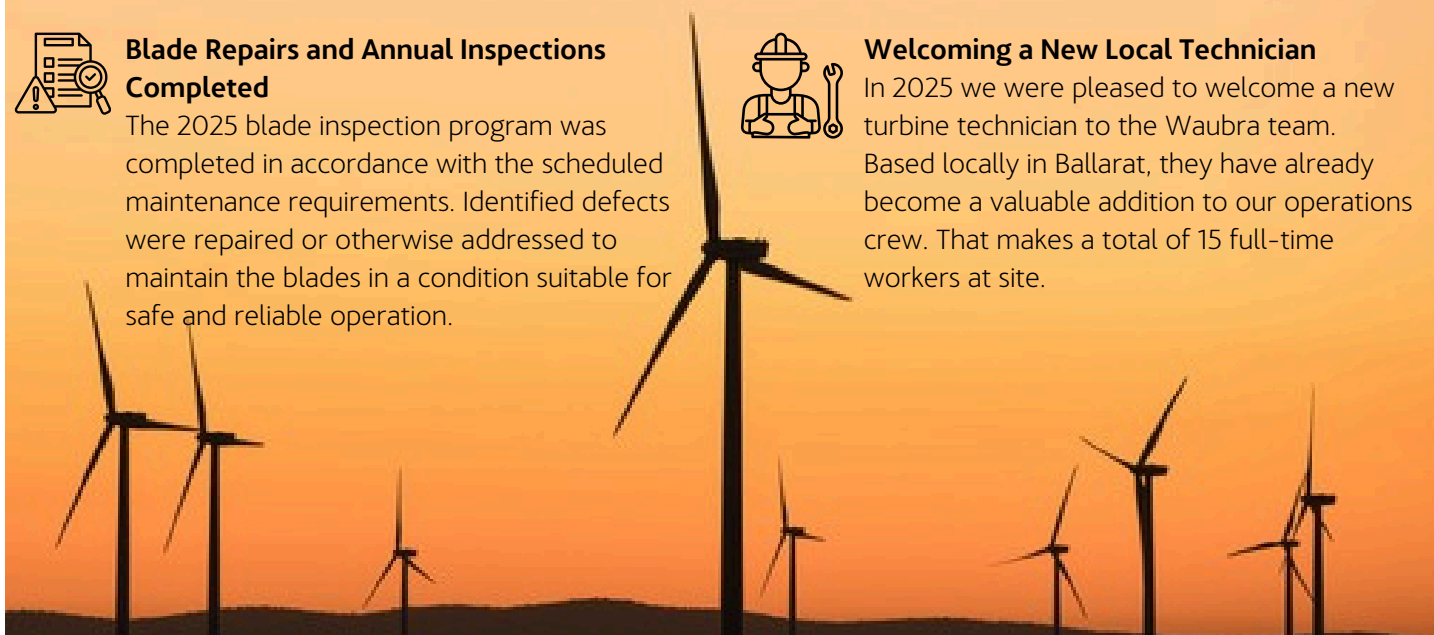
Blade Repairs and Annual Inspections Completed

The 2025 blade inspection program was completed in accordance with the scheduled maintenance requirements. Identified defects were repaired or otherwise addressed to maintain the blades in a condition suitable for safe and reliable operation.



Welcoming a New Local Technician

In 2025 we were pleased to welcome a new turbine technician to the Waubra team. Based locally in Ballarat, they have already become a valuable addition to our operations crew. That makes a total of 15 full-time workers at site.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Waubra Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund website

We've made a website! You can find out more about the Community Fund and what it's been up to at community.acciona.com.au/waubra/community-benefit-fund.



Waubra's Wind Legacy: Community Voices and Lasting Impact

In 2025, Waubra's story continued to demonstrate what long-term, community-centred renewable energy can look like in practice. RE-Alliance visited the region this year to capture local perspectives on the enduring impact of Waubra Wind Farm's Community Fund, now delivering benefits across the district for more than 15 years.

Their video features our own David Clark, Executive Officer of the Waubra Wind Farm Community Fund, who reflects on what sustained support has meant for local groups, services, and residents.

"The Waubra Wind Farm pays \$100,000 a year that the community fund has and spends on projects just within this area. For a small community like us, that's just gold."

David explains that the idea for a community benefit fund began in the early days of the wind farm's development: "The developers came to me and said, we're thinking of doing something for the community and I said, well, I reckon that's a really important thing to do."

Over time, this funding has helped strengthen local organisations, support essential services, and enable projects that would otherwise have been out of reach for a small regional community. Waubra's experience shows how clean energy projects can deliver lasting value when communities share directly in the benefits, and funding structures are designed to endure.

RE-Alliance's video forms part of their Renewables Done Right project, a national showcase of communities successfully living alongside renewable energy projects. Waubra's story stands as one of the leading examples of long-term, place-based benefit sharing.

You can watch David Clark's story and many others at www.re-alliance.org.au/renewables_done_right, by scanning the QR code below or clicking on the 'play' icon.



Waubra playground

Construction on the Waubra Playground Project officially commenced on Tuesday, 3 February 2026, marking an exciting milestone for the community. With installation of the playground equipment now underway and softfall surfacing to follow in the coming weeks, it's rewarding to see a project we proudly supported begin to take shape.

Through the Waubra Wind Farm Community Fund, we contributed \$50,000 toward the development of this new community space.

While the barbecue and picnic area awaits its final building permit, progress across the site continues steadily, and we're delighted to help bring this upgrade closer to reality.



SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Would your community organisation or group benefit from a small grant?

Funding will be available to support your local community group that makes a difference by enhancing social wellbeing and/or improving environmental, educational, cultural, or economic outcomes within the local community. Last year, a range of initiatives received funds through this program, totalling **\$24,160** as you can see below.

Alfredton Rotary Local Schools
Tree Planting project
\$3,000

Talbot Primary School Energy
Breakthrough
\$3,200

Mount Bolton & District Lions Club
Driver Reviver
\$1,000

Waubra Primary School
Grade 3-6 Phillip Island Camp
\$5,000

Waterloo Community Group Inc
Waterloo Hall upgrades
\$5,000

Cyril Callister Foundation Inc
Happy Little Vegemites in Schools
\$4,960

Beaufort Primary School
Mentor texts
\$2,000



Small Grants Program Applications

Scan the QR code or go to community.acciona.com.au/waubra/small-grants to see application dates and learn how to apply.



SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Would you benefit from funding to support your transition from secondary to tertiary education – whether university or TAFE? Or do you know someone who would? We have offered scholarships to local students for many years. Congratulations to our 2025 scholarship recipients!

Beth McGuinness
Federation University Ballarat

Max Henderson-Drife
Federation TAFE Australia

“I have just completed the first year of my Certificate III in Engineering, and was fortunate to receive Acciona’s Waubra Scholarship. This scholarship helps to cover my fees whilst I gain qualifications in an area that I am passionate about. I am excited to continue this career path and strive to build my own influence upon the industry leading into the future.” – Max Henderson-Drife

“The scholarship funding really helped me financially as I was able to spend more time focusing on my studies, rather than having to work. It also was really useful when it came time to do my nursing placements as I had to travel and stay in accommodation which was very costly. I really appreciate the support from Acciona. It has definitely made my study time easier” said Beth McGuinness.

Applications for our education and scholarships program are open from February to March. Scan the QR code or go to community.acciona.com.au/waubra/scholarship to learn how to apply.



TURBINE MADE

Last 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.



This project is part of our Turbine Made initiative, which explores innovative ways to repurpose retired wind turbine blades into new materials and products.

Our latest innovation has seen ACCIONA partner with Australian brand Bolero Surf to create the first commercially available surfboard fins made from 100% recycled wind turbine blades. By transforming retired turbine blades into high-performance products, we're not only reducing waste but also pushing the boundaries of sustainable innovation in the renewable energy sector. Find out more at <https://www.accionna.com.au/turbine-made>.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Environmental Monitoring

ACCIONA Energía is committed to year-round fire safety and community protection through rigorous mitigation and rapid response protocols. Our strategy focuses on preventing ignition through vegetation management and equipment safeguards, ensuring we are prepared long before the fire season begins. Key measures include:

- **24/7 Oversight:** Managed by our Melbourne control centre with instant remote shutdown capabilities.
- **On-Site Prevention:** Every turbine features automatic high-temp shutdowns, lightning protection, and fire extinguishers.
- **Total Fire Ban Protocols:** Zero "hot works" allowed and strict vehicle track compliance during high-risk days.
- **Emergency Collaboration:** We provide the CFA with uninterrupted site access and full support for aerial water bombing.
- **Expert Training:** All staff complete mandatory emergency response drills and equipment inspections quarterly.



CONTACT US

Feel free to get in touch for more information or with feedback about any of our activities. Please email waubra@accionna.com or call our freephone helpline on **1800 283 550**.

You can also visit our online community hub to find out more about our solar farm at community.accionna.com.au/waubra.

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