MACINTYRE WIND FARM

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Project Update

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the communities of both the Goondiwindi and Southern Downs region for their ongoing support and patience during the last two years of construction. It's taken a lot of work from many people to help deliver this significant project and ACCIONA Energía is grateful to all the landowners, suppliers, workers and community members we've worked with to bring it to life.

We hired more than 650 local people to work on the construction of the MacIntyre Wind Farm—representing a third of all hours worked—and procured more than $115 million from businesses in this region, supporting jobs and opportunities for locals. Our company and our people are proud to be a part of the Darling Downs community, and we look forward to continuing to share the benefits of our project in the region.

Key milestones

Over the last 12 months we have installed an additional 75 turbines, bringing us to a total of 162 turbines fully erected.

This last quarter has seen some other important milestones onsite as construction nears completion. Our operations and maintenance building has been completed ready for our 40 full-time operations team to work from. Recruitment for operational jobs is in progress and locals are encouraged to check out the employment section on our website: *www.acciona.com.au/work-with-us/*

The last of the oversized, over mass components have arrived onsite, completing nearly 2,000 truck movements. Over 1,000,000m of underground cable has been installed, connecting the wind turbines to the substations. Finally, the northern substation has been completed, and strong progress has been made on the final substation in the south of the project.

Energisation

In October we reached a significant milestone for the MacIntyre Wind Farm with the first 27 turbines connecting to the grid as part of the commissioning process for the site. A further 27 turbines were then energised in late November and this process will continue through to late 2025. Once all turbines are switched on, the MacIntyre Wind Farm will be fully commissioned, producing enough power for 700,000 homes.

Whilst we take a moment to celebrate these huge project milestones, we also wish to acknowledge we have a long future ahead of us and look forward continuing to strengthen our relationships with both the Goondiwindi and Southern Downs communities for many decades to come.

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01 BUILDING COMPLETED FOR **40** OPERATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

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Community initiatives and highlights – a year in review

In 2024, ACCIONA Energía's MacIntyre Wind Farm connected with the local community in various ways and supported local development through a series of impactful initiatives and events. One of the year's highlights was the MacIntyre Wind Farm Small Grants program, which allocated over $114,000 to boost local projects in education, health, sustainability, and cultural development across the Goondiwindi and Southern Downs Regions. From funding a wheelchair-accessible bus for Killarney Memorial Aged Care to supporting sustainable farming through the National Renewables in Agriculture Conference, ACCIONA Energía's commitment to community resilience and environmental stewardship assisted many local initiatives.

Throughout the year, ACCIONA Energía has also focused on First Nations engagement, releasing its First Nations Small Grants Program to support local Indigenous communities. In July, the team celebrated NAIDOC Week at Leslie Park, Warwick, fostering community bonds and sharing Indigenous culture through events like the traditional smoking ceremony.

The renewable energy message has continued at the Jumpers and Jazz in July Festival, celebrating its 20th anniversary with a renewable energy tour. Over 50 participants visited the MacIntyre Wind Farm and the UQ Warwick Solar Farm, gaining insights into sustainable energy production and its benefits for a better future.

Educational outreach has remained a core focus, with school presentations on renewable energy careers aimed at inspiring the next generation. Additionally, engagement with advisory networks and community donations, including a laptop for Protea Place Inc., has underscored our dedication to supporting social initiatives around the MacIntyre Wind Farm.

QFF Energy SQ Program

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The Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) are currently running a two-year program called Energy Southern Queensland (EnergySQ), supported by ACCIONA Energía, which is helping farmers to understand and manage their on-farm energy consumption and identify ways to reduce their energy spend.

Any farms in the Southern Downs, Western Downs, Toowoomba, Goondiwindi, Lockyer Valley and Scenic Rim regional council areas can participate for free. The cost of the audits is covered by ACCIONA Energía.

Ross Stuhmcke is a stonefruit farmer in the Lockyer Valley and owns Blackboy Ridge Farm. Ross first participated in QFF's former on-farm energy efficiency program, Energy Savers, in 2019, receiving an energy audit which recommended a number of energy efficiency improving opportunities. Ross was eager to work with QFF again when the EnergySQ program expanded to the Lockyer Valley late last year.

QFF's EnergySQ team recommended utilising existing energy sources to heat the greenhouse, including waste heat from the farm's cold room system. Ross also received detailed financial estimations on the implications of upgrading the variable speed drives for the cold room compressor, and the EnergySQ team provided information on a rebate to help finance the costs of the upgrade.

Ross was also provided with preliminary estimations and implications for implementing battery systems on the farm, helping him understand the potential financial and operational benefits.

"I definitely recommend working with the EnergySQ team to any farmers who can. It's great to work with a team who are really passionate about agriculture and optimising farm energy efficiency."

Ross Stuhmcke's stonefruit farm 'Blackboy Ridge' in the Lockyer Valley, Queensland.
Image: Doug Bazley/Bluey's Photography.

Herries Range Wind Farm

The proposed Herries Range Wind Farm forms part of the MacIntyre Wind Precinct, and consists of approximately 176 turbines producing 1000MW of power. The project team and our consultants from SLR are now on the ground undertaking consultation for the Social Impact Assessment (SIA).

The SIA is a process that evaluates potential social impacts of a proposed project on the region before the project is implemented. It identifies both positive and negative effects on individuals, communities, local groups and society as a whole.

We invite you to get involved to share your knowledge of your local community - its culture, social dynamics, and what is important for this project to consider. By sharing your knowledge, you will help ensure ACCIONA Energía can proactively address potential issues and maximise positive impacts on your community.

We'd really appreciate your contribution – if you have a moment, please do:

Check out the Herries Range Community Hub here

Then complete an online survey here

Look ahead

- Our Sponsorship application submission portal will reopen in February 2025. Updates will be provided online via our MacIntyre Community Hub: *community.acciona.com.au/macintyre*
- Our online MacIntyre Community Hub allows the community to ask questions and find out about upcoming community initiatives as well as project updates.
- In 2025, our team will coordinate and support several community initiatives and events in the Southern Downs and Goondiwindi Region. To stay up to date you can visit the MacIntyre Community Hub here and subscribe for updates, if you haven't already.

We are incredibly grateful for the support and collaboration of our community, whose feedback and involvement have been instrumental in achieving major milestones, including the successful delivery of all final major components to site.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our local suppliers, community members and stakeholders for your active participation and enthusiasm. It has been a privilege to welcome over 1,600 visitors on more than 60 site tours this year, showcasing the progress of our project and outlook on a thriving industry.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyous holiday season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our Warwick Community Hub on 81 Palmerin Street, Shop P3, will be closed from the 21 December 2024 and re-open on the 6 January 2025.

You can continue to contact us on 1800 283 550, or email macintyre@acciona.com for non-urgent enquiries.

CONTACT US

We welcome your contact for information or feedback about any of our activities. Please call the free-call number 1800 283 550 or email *macintyre@acciona.com*

Visit our website for more information about our other projects *community.acciona.com.au*

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