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Welcome to the Aldoga Solar Farm Newsletter!
In this first edition of 2026, 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

We are pleased to announce that we completed commissioning and began commercial operations of the Aldoga Solar Farm in early October 2025.

We are now in the business-as-usual phase of the project, which includes preventive and corrective maintenance. Our operations team are working to ensure the solar farm runs as efficiently as possible.

The solar farm's entire renewable energy output will be supplied to Queensland's state-owned energy company, Stanwell Corporation, under a 15-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), playing a pivotal role in stepping up decarbonisation in the region.All ACCIONA Energía staff who have worked in the local area and other industry roles have now received training in Photovoltaic technology, building on their existing electrical skills.

MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER



Chris Huxley has recently joined the Aldoga Solar Farm site team.
"I have been an electrician for as long as I can remember and have further upskilled over the years to make myself a very valuable employee. I'm a property investor that loves a reno. Deep into a transformation atm. I enjoy my spare time by going fishing or working in the shed."

ALDOGA BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS)

ACCIONA Energía has been considering developing a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on the approved Aldoga Solar Farm site. The BESS project remains part of our development portfolio and the prospect of investing in the project will continue to be assessed in due course.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

FIRST NATIONS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Black Coffee Gladstone: Brewing Stronger Business Networks

We were honoured to host Black Coffee for the second time, a grassroots Indigenous business networking event that's grown from a local initiative into a national movement. These gatherings bring together First Nations business owners, professionals, and allies to yarn, connect, and collaborate in a culturally safe and welcoming space.

The morning began with a heartfelt Welcome to Country by Gooreng Gooreng Elder Aunty Juliri and was attended by over 50 people—from Traditional Owners and our Aldoga Solar Farm landowners (EDQ) to representatives from local council and major industry players, including Shell, Rio Tinto, and UGL.



The conversations were rich, the connections genuine, and the energy inspiring. Events like Black Coffee are more than just networking—they're about visibility, empowerment, and inclusive economic growth.

One guest commented following the event, "Thank you for supporting the morning. It was definitely one of the most enlightening and interesting events I have been to in a while. So good to connect with the local First Nations people in such a warm and social setting. We see them at events in the region but never get to sit down and just chat."

Dorrie Day 2025: Empowering Through Opportunity

As proud major sponsors of Port Curtis Coral Coast's Dorrie Day, we were thrilled to stand alongside community and industry leaders at one of the region's most impactful First Nations careers events.



Dan Little, Renee Mooney and Matt Moncrieff

Dorrie Day is more than a job expo—it's a celebration of culture, identity, and potential. It brings together the mob from Bundaberg, Gladstone, Calliope, and beyond to explore pathways in education, training, and employment. It's a space where stories are shared, futures are shaped, and community thrives.

We were deeply moved by the pride, energy, and ambition on display. PCCC's vision of empowering First Nations people through meaningful opportunities aligns strongly with our values, and we're proud to support their journey.

COMMUNITY SITE TOURS

Women of the World (WOW) festival & Environmental Leadership Australia (ELA)

In November last year, we were excited to participate in the Women of the World Festival and, in partnership with Environmental Leadership Australia, organise a tour of the operating solar farm, during which community members onsite viewed and asked questions about its construction and operations.





Central Queensland University (CQU) Scholarships Program

In December 2025, CQU Vice-Chancellor Graeme Innes AM, along with his wife Maureen Innes and Professor Sanath Alahakoon, visited the Aldoga Solar Farm. The University plays a vital role in offering opportunities for local students, and this visit showcased our shared commitment to education and community development.

Graeme Innes AM is an Australian lawyer, mediator, company director, and university chancellor. He served as Australia's Disability Discrimination Commissioner from 2005 to 2014 and continues to be a strong advocate for inclusion and accessibility.

Our five-year partnership with CQU offers scholarships for both higher education and vocational education and training (VET) students who wish to pursue their studies locally. In 2026, we are proud to offer three $5,000 higher education scholarships and eight $2,500 VET scholarships, with applications having opened on 12 January 2026.

Read more about our scholarships program and recipients in the 'Scholarships Program section' on page 5.



The Aldoga Solar Farm team with scolarship recipients - Daniel Devers and Carol Sheppard, Tim Wight



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Supporting our communities

We are delighted to share new data that reveals ACCIONA Energía Australia invested 1.65% of its revenue in community support in 2024, far exceeding the average global company's contributions. An independent assessment using the global standard established by the Business for Societal Impact (B4SI) shows ACCIONA Energía Australia's investment in the community as a percentage of revenue was more than ten times the average of 0.14% across B4SI members globally.

Our level of investment underscores our leadership in responsible business and our determination to ensure renewable energy projects deliver lasting benefits well beyond clean power generation.

The Supporting Our Communities report, released this month, highlights how ACCIONA Energía supports local communities through a range of grants, scholarship funding and other community benefits programs.



Maddy Bennett, Francis Moynihan and Renee Mooney

2025 Clean Energy Council Best Practice Charter Report

As a signatory to the Clean Energy Council's Best Practice Charter, ACCIONA Energía's 2025 report outlines our Community First approach, including early and ongoing engagement with Traditional Owners, transparent governance, and long-term partnerships.

The report highlights outcomes such as investment in First Nations education and mentorship, Indigenous employment and procurement, and land stewardship initiatives that support caring for Country.

You can read the full report here.



Geoff, Cyndie and Chris Feros

Community Hub on Goondoon Street closes its doors – community engagement continues

We moved out of 72 Goondoon Street towards the end of 2025 and have relocated our equipment and collateral to the on-site operations building at the Aldoga Solar Farm. Our Community and Stakeholder Engagement lead, Renee Mooney, maintains her duties for the Aldoga Solar Farm and the surrounding region, working from her home in Tannum Sands and visiting Aldoga as necessary.

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Would your community organisation or group benefit from a small grant? We are inviting community groups to apply for individual grants of up to $10,000 for projects and events in 2026. 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, as you can see below.

Gladstone Animal Rescue Group Inc Provision of electricity supply in case of natural disaster $3,874	Mount Larcom RSL Sub Branch Veteran's and War Animal Memorial Dinner $3,000	Westowe Rural Fire Brigade Westowe drainage project $10,000
Yarwun Primary P&C Association Improving connection to technology for the families of Yarwun $10,000	Mount Larcom Support Group SES Laptops for training $5,000	Mt Larcom & District Progress Association Christmas Fair $1,000



Renee Mooney, Barbara Vanderwolf, Geoff Feros, Cyndie Feros, Kym Feros, Chris Feros, Col Vanderwolf,

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 **February** to **March.** Click here to read more about how to apply.



Aldoga Small Grants Program Morning Tea

SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

ACCIONA Energía and CQU have joined forces to deliver the CQUniCares ACCIONA Energía Aldoga Solar Farm Higher Education Scholarship program. The first three inaugural scholarships were awarded last September to Tyson Phillips, Matthew Lloyd and Charlie Burge at a special presentation event at the CQU campus. Matthew, who is studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Major) and Master of Engineering Project Management, said the scholarship will help him purchase tools and parts to prototype a small-scale wind-powered DC generator as part of his studies.

"This generous support will make a meaningful difference to my ability to focus on my coursework and engage fully with my learning,'' he said. "It allows me to devote more time and energy to developing the skills and knowledge I will need to contribute to the engineering profession — particularly in areas of sustainable and renewable energy.''



Tyson Phillips, Matthew Lloys and Charlie Burge

Tyson, who is studying a Bachelor of Psychological Science, said he was grateful to be selected as one of the first scholarship recipients. "This money will truly make a substantial difference in my life, allowing me to ease living pressures and continue contributing to my community,'' he said.

The scholarship program reopened for applications in January this year, offering eight VET scholarships worth $2,500 each and three higher education scholarships worth $5,000 each. CQU and ACCIONA Energía will award the scholarships annually until 2029 to recipients living in the Gladstone, Mount Larcom and Yarwun areas.

Applications for our education and scholarships program are open in **January** each year.
Click here to learn how to apply.

LEGACY INVESTMENT PROGRAM



Crystal Robson from Strong Communities

The Aldoga Solar Farm also launched a Legacy Investment Program last year to provide grants of up to $40,000 a year towards projects that will deliver a lasting impact to the Gladstone community.

The inaugural legacy grant was awarded to the Strong Communities - Calliope Community Hub project to support the transformation of the historic Calliope RSL Memorial Hall into a vibrant community hub.

This year, we will be open for applications from **April** to **May**. Click here to learn how to apply.

POWERING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PROGRAM

ACCIONA Energía, in partnership with CQU invites applications yearly from local businesses and community organisations to undertake renewable energy-related research and development initiatives. Businesses and community organisations from the Gladstone, Mount Larcom and Yarwun areas will be able to apply for funding. Eligible projects include feasibility studies of renewable energy, such as wind, solar, pumped hydro, and heat recovery systems integrations within communities.

Eligible projects may include feasibility studies of renewable energy, such as wind and solar integrations within communities, microgrid operations, and deployment of battery and hydrogen storage. Energy security of critical facilities and infrastructure through hybrid renewable energy solutions will also be considered.

Applications are open now! Click **here** to find out how to apply.

Come and see us at the Mt Larcom Hall

If you want to find out more and chat to us about the Legacy Investment Program and the Powering Business and Community Program, come and see us at the **Mt Larcom Hall** on **Wednesday, 25 March** between **4:30pm - 6:30pm.**

NOT FOR PROFIT (NFP) HOUSE

In our last edition, we spoke about working with NFP House to connect employees with not-for-profits in the local area, and we are excited to report that the results have been fantastic.

NFP House matched employees' skills with local organisations that needed help with core systems. This included safety processes, risk management frameworks, document control and governance foundations.

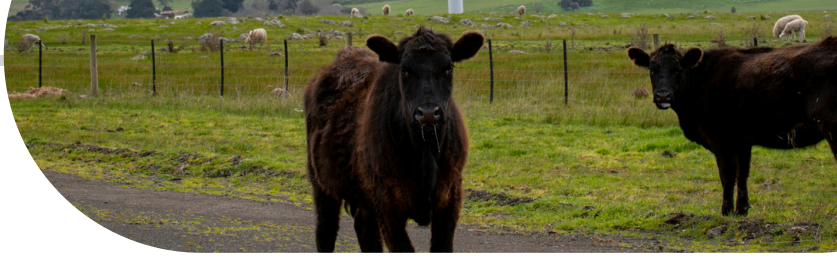
We were able to help the following organisations:



Stephanie Jones from NFP House with Rebecca Cutts

Employee & role	Matched organisation	Outcomes
Graeme Rogers Workplace Health & Safety Manager	Calliope River Men's Shed	Assisted with the induction program and booklet for new members. Other advice on operating procedures for machinery/equipment. Assisted with safety signage.
Rebecca Cutts Senior Document Controller	Rotary Club of Gladstone - Sunrise	Helped with Document Control – file management and development of related procedures.
	Gladstone Brothers Cricket Club	Assisted with the OneDrive Set Up and Document Control
Georg Schmolke Senior Safety Coordinator	CQ Motorsports & affiliate clubs	Helped with the Risk Management Plan – template provided. Discussion about approaches to high risk tasks including hot work and competencies for heavy vehicle operations by volunteers.

KEEPING IN TOUCH



ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

During this fire season, our Operations team is busy creating and maintaining fire breaks around the perimeter of the solar farm's fenced lots. After consultation with the local RFB, we have ensured that appropriate water tanks are ready for use when needed. We have coordinated with the local RFB at Westowe and the Gladstone Regional command to ensure our fire management plans were created and endorsed for implementation based on local knowledge of the land and bushfire risks.

We are also pleased to have our Biosecurity Management Plan in place and continue our weed management, including treating Giant Rat's Tail grass.

A feral animal and pest management program continues to operate on site, with further activities to manage feral animals starting on 17 March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Funding Info Session 25 March 2026	COGSY Gladstone Careers Expo 12 May 2026	Gladstone Eco Fest 6 June 2026	Mt Larcom Show 20-21 June 2026

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Our Aldoga Solar Farm Community Engagement Committee continues to meet quarterly to discuss project progress and community concerns. The minutes of each meeting, once endorsed by the committee, can be found on the Aldoga Solar Farm Community Engagement Committee page. We are now calling for a new committee member. If you are interested in taking part, please go to our **CEC page** for more details.

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 Aldoga Solar Farm Complaint investigation and Response Plan is available on our Community Hub. You can always get in touch with us by email or by phone - see our Contact Us section below.

CONTACT US

Feel free to get in touch for more information or with feedback about any of our activities.
Please email aldoga.au@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 solar farm at community.acciona.com.au/aldoga.

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