

GUNNING WIND FARM

Welcome to the 20th edition of the Gunning Wind Farm Newsletter!
This is our annual round-up of the latest from the site and the community we have supported around it.

Gunning Wind Farm was built by ACCIONA Energía and has been operational since 2011 – it's our third wind farm in Australia. Located in the Cullerin Range, north-east of Gunning, it is home to 31 wind turbines capable of producing 46.5 megawatts of electricity. That's enough to power 36,000 households!

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Project Update

In the last couple of years we've seen some significant changes for Gunning Wind Farm. In 2023, Craig Simon finished his time with ACCIONA Energía after over twelve years with the company, in his role as Site Manager at Gunning. We thank him for his significant contribution to Gunning Wind Farm and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

In April 2024, Ammad Hassan commenced as the new Fleet Manager for Gunning Wind Farm. Ammad brings over 14 years of experience across Renewable, Construction, Manufacturing and Oil & Gas sectors, specialising in Project Management, Operations & Maintenance and Supply Chain/Asset Management.

Turbines at Gunning Wind Farm

Small Grants

2024 marked the fourteenth year of the Gunning Wind Farm Small Grants Program. We've donated over \$185,000 to local community groups, schools, sporting clubs, and not for profits since the program's inception in 2011.

In June 2024, we announced over \$18,000 in funding across seven local community organisations as part of this year's annual Small Grants Program. We received a number of high-quality candidates and want to thank all those who applied for the effort they put into their applications.

Among the successful recipients were the Gunning Roo's Masters Team for the Masters Rugby League. Over 50 local men have joined the team over the past 3 years, coming together to improve both their physical and mental fitness and attending multiple regional events during the year.

Representatives from the successful community organisations came together to celebrate their new initiatives at a morning tea on 11th June at The Old Coach Stables. It's our absolute pleasure to continue to fund these great initiatives and look forward to future sponsorship opportunities.

The Gathering of Gunning

The Gathering at Gunning is an annual event held to celebrate women, food, and friendship in the Gunning community. The event aims to foster a sense of community among women, promote mental wellbeing through supportive interactions and conversations, provide a safe space for women to share their experiences and challenges, and empower participants to prioritise self-care and seek support when needed. The event also seeks to reduce feelings of isolation and stigma surrounding mental health issues, ultimately contributing to a more resilient and connected community of women in Gunning and surrounds.

The event held on Saturday, 10 August 2024 also raised funds for Gunning District Community and Health Service Inc. The organisation services an area of more

than 6,000 square kilometres spanning the Southern Tablelands and Canberra Country region from Marulan to the ACT, Murrumbateman, Boorowa, Binda, Crookwell, and the many villages, hamlets, and farming properties in this area. This year funds raised were directed to the purchase of a bus for to transport people with a disability.

We were proud to support the 2024 Gathering at Gunning through our Small Grants Program. Louise Johnson and Erin Mulquiny from our Community and Stakeholder Engagement team were lucky enough to attend the Gathering at Gunning and had a fabulous time supporting a great cause and meeting many wonderful members of the Gunning community.

Below: Ladies enjoying a delicious lunch at The Gathering of Gunning



Goulburn Cycle Club

We are a proud, long-standing sponsor of the Goulburn Cycle Club and the Goulburn Great Divide race, held annually in August. Goulburn Great Divide is an open cycle race established as a major local event following the successful hosting of the State & National Masters Championships (2011 to 2013) and to replace the loss of the historic Goulburn to City Cycle Race. Goulburn Great Divide is held on the Old Hume Highway (Cullerin Road) between Gunning and Breadalbane.

ACCIONA Energía representatives Louise Johnson and Erin Mulquiny were excited to be in attendance (but relieved they didn't have to compete!), as the athletes completed anywhere between 94 and 141 km of racing up and down the long, winding hills of the Old Hume Highway. It was a great day spent in the sun together, cheering on all the participants and learning more about cycling.



Scholarship

2024 Scholarship Recipient – Ned Dowling Jones

We are proud to have awarded a scholarship of \$5,000 to a local student, which will support them as they transition from secondary to tertiary education.

Ned commenced a Bachelor of Design and Education in 2024 at The University of New South Wales (UNSW). He was inspired to pursue the degree as he believes that great teachers can make a big difference in rural and regional communities, such as in his own hometown of Gunning.

The support provided by this scholarship will help Ned as he adjusts to city living in Sydney and juggles the challenges of study and work commitments while living away from home.

We wish Ned all the best with his studies and can't wait to see what he achieves!

2024 Small Grant Recipients

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Goulburn Cycle Club Inc.	Goulburn Great Divide	\$2,500
Gunning Roo's Masters Team	Masters Rugby League	\$1,500
Gunning P A & I Society	Children's Activities at Gunning Show	\$8,000
Gunning District Community & Health Service	The Gathering of Gunning	\$5,000
Gunning Public School Parents & Citizens' Association	Goulburn Great Divide	\$2,500
Gunning District Community & Health Service	New Disability Ramp and Rails	\$10,000
Gunning Campdraft	2025 Gunning Campdraft	\$500

Managing the risk of fire

We want to reassure our local community that ACCIONA Energía recognises our responsibility to minimise the risk of fire at Gunning Wind Farm. We also have an important role to play in assisting emergency services in the case of a fire in the vicinity of the wind farm. The key management measures implemented at the wind farm are listed below.

Listening to the experts

If Gunning Wind Farm is in the path of a fire ACCIONA Energía will follow the advice of the State Control Centre and other emergency authorities.

Bushfire Mitigation Plan (BMP)

The objective of our BMP (available to download from our [online hub](#)) is to mitigate any uncontrolled risks of fire ignition that have the potential to initiate bushfires during the operational and maintenance activities of Gunning Wind Farm. This includes, but is not limited to the following mitigation measures.

Wind turbines



- All turbine hardstands are covered in crushed rock, kept free of litter, rubbish and other flammable items
- Weeds are regularly removed



Underground power cables

- All underground cables are accurately surveyed
- Any work involving excavation is controlled within 6.4m of any underground cable route



Substation

- The yards of all collector substations are covered with crushed rock or bitumen to reduce growth of vegetation
- A reduced fuel area is maintained around the exterior of the perimeter fence
- Conductors are spaced out so they do not clash
- Lightning protection poles are installed to prevent strikes inside the switchyard



Fire-fighting equipment and vehicles

- Firefighting equipment is provided in all vehicles and collector substations, adequate to enable small fires to be extinguished
- Turbines are designed with fire detection systems, lightning protection devices, monitoring systems that detect temperature increases in the turbine, fully closed electrical equipment and circuit breakers and fuses to interrupt any electrical faults



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