



**Hawkesdale Wind Farm  
Community Benefit Fund  
(HCBF)**

**Applications are being called  
for membership to the HCBF  
committee.**

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## Project Status

- Wind farm planning permit:
  - ✓ The planning permit amendment has been approved and is available on the web site at <https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/the-project/relevant-documentation/>.
  - ✓ Development and management plans required to be endorsed prior to the commencement of construction have been approved by the Minister for Planning.
- Connection application & agreements:
  - ✓ AEMO's signed 5.3.4A letter for Hawkesdale Wind Farm, with the agreed Generator Performance Standards received.

## Activities On Site

- Under progress:
  - ✓ Construction of access tracks has commenced.
  - ✓ Excavation has commenced on turbine sites
  - ✓ Temporary and permanent fencing underway.
  - ✓ Batch plant installed
  - ✓ Preparation of the area and installation of the CFA storage tank.
  - ✓ Project scheduling is finalised.
  - ✓ All the components (blades, nacelles, hubs and rotors) arrived and are being stored and maintained at Portland.

## Weekly Construction Updates

- ✓ Weekly construction updates are available on the Hawkesdale web site from early February, follow the link: [Hawkesdale Wind Farm Progress - Global Power Generation \(globalpower-generation.com.au\)](https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au)



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# Transmission Line and Tarrone Terminal Station

- ✓ Foundations for the new 500kV switch gear at Tarrone Terminal Station are complete. 500kV switchgear installation is in progress.
- ✓ Works on the 132kV switchyard at the Tarrone Terminal Station are progressing with foundations almost complete.
- ✓ Transformer foundation and Fire walls have been completed in preparation for transformer delivery in late March.
- ✓ The application for the planning permit for native vegetation removal for the transmission line has been submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning for assessment.
- ✓ The final geotechnical surveys for the transmission line are in progress.



## Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing

### Community Engagement Committee

The Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee (CEC) February meeting was held. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2023. Minutes and notes from all CEC meetings are available on the Moyne Shire web site, from CEC members or please contact Debra Dumesny on 0428 867 646 or by email [debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au) to request a copy of the minutes/notes.

We encourage you to contact a CEC representative if you wish to bring concerns to the CEC for discussion, or if you would like to be included on the distribution list for the confirmed minutes and updates.

Contact details for your local community members can be found by contacting the Moyne Shire Council.

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## Smoking ceremony and welcome to country

On February 1 a representative of Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, Shane Harrison, conducted a smoking ceremony and welcome to country on the Hawkesdale wind farm site. Shane was joined by his son IZIAH to conduct the ceremony. Shane's family have their origins in the Hawkesdale district and he was very proud to present the ceremony for GPGA.

## Who's who?

### Brendan Ryan – GPG Site Construction Manager

Brendan grew up in Camperdown and worked as an electrician before joining the wind industry 20 years ago for the construction and operation of the Yambuk wind farm as a maintenance technician.



Six-years spent in South Australia involved in the site construction management team in building five wind farms.

Brendan and his wife relocated to live in Warrnambool in 2012 and Brendan moved into Operations and Maintenance management roles on several existing wind farms.

Brendan also worked for a period as an industry trainer for renewable, thermal and the rail traction industry specialising in high voltage processes and working at heights.

Joining the GPG team in December as Site Construction Manager on Hawkesdale wind farm has allowed Brendan to work locally and stay at home most nights. "My previous role involved a large amount of travel and living in motel rooms, to be able to be involved in a significant construction project within a relatively short drive from home is terrific."

Asked what he enjoys about the wind industry, Brendan stated that it has been amazing to see the growth in technology and support industries being developed. "It is also nice to see the large female representation across all facets of the renewable industry with 39% representation, we are well ahead of Coal, Oil and Gas in addressing gender balance."

"I love seeing how colleagues have progressed in the industry, many people who have started in a junior role have developed into business leaders."

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# Do you know about

## Bushfire and Emergency Response Plan (BERP)

We were recently faced with the first Total Fire Ban day for this fire season. It is timely that we share with you the strategies and actions in place and contained within the endorsed BERP for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm.

Hawkesdale Wind Farm worked closely with the CFA, who in turn liaise with the local brigades, in the development of the BERP and the implementation of the strategies in the plan. The CFA, including local brigades, have attended familiarisation visits to the wind farm site and have supported GPG and their contractors in ensuring the best possible steps are taken in the event of a fire or other emergency.

Activity is halted when weather conditions reach a level where the wind and/or temperature are deemed to be a risk. Some essential activities may still take place such as completing a foundation concrete pour or tower erection.

What steps are taken on a day of total fire ban?

- A briefing to all construction personnel on site at the morning prestart meeting
- Ensuring all water supplies are checked and tested
  - Tanks and fittings
  - Water trucks
  - On site dams
  - Vehicle/plant fire extinguishers
- Briefing of the on-site emergency response team
- Monitoring the emergency and weather apps
- Visual monitoring of the weather conditions including temperature and wind
- Hot work permits on a total fire ban day would not be issued without an exemption from the local brigade.



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# Further Information

## Local Services for Construction

GPG is working with its contractors to identify services that may be able to be contracted locally during construction.

GPG and its contractors' preference is to work with local suppliers and manufacturers where possible, provided they can meet a range of deliverables including safety, quality, reliability, timeframe, and cost. Vestas is proud to share that the services related to transportation, crane work and installation of the projects heavily engage with local workers. In addition to this, the long-term maintenance and operation of the Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale Wind Farms will create several regional and permanent jobs.

The following list is some of the services that will be required by our contractors.

✓ Fuel delivery	✓ Office supplies
✓ Cleaning for established temporary sites	✓ Traffic Control
✓ Local administration personnel	✓ Electricians and plumbers to assist with site setups
✓ Surveying	✓ Toilet / Septic pump out options in the area
✓ Sub-Contractors <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Truck and Dog</li><li>○ Excavator and heavy machinery</li><li>○ Cranage</li><li>○ Floats</li></ul>	✓ Personnel – Machine operators & Labourers
	✓ Catering options, for push periods that can deliver to site
	✓ Water supply (drinkable)

If you are interested in offering your services, please contact our Community Engagement Officer, Debra Dumesny at [debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au).

## Employment Opportunities

Please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Debra Dumesny at [debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au) if you are interested in working at Hawkesdale Wind Farm.

## Local Accommodation for Construction Workers

As construction commences, short term accommodation will be required for workers. If you have a property that could be used as accommodation for workers, please contact our Community Engagement Officer, Debra Dumesny at [debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au).

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## Complaints Investigation and Response Plan (CIRP)

The CIRP has been endorsed and can be found on our <https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/> following the link The Project>Relevant documentation.

Complaints can be made in the following ways:

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## Contact Us

### Hawkesdale Office

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### How to be included on the Email List

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