



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

Applications are being called for
membership to the HCBF
committee.

**Applications close April 21,
2023**

[https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-
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Hawkesdale Wind Farm

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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 continues with approximately 80% trafficable.
 - ✓ Excavation has commenced on 18 turbine locations
 - ✓ The southern entrance has been opened
 - ✓ Batch plant is installed and operational
 - ✓ Blinding pours have commenced at the prepared foundation sites
 - ✓ Anchor cages delivered to site and the first one is being installed
 - ✓ Installation of reinforcement steel has commenced
 - ✓ 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/hawkesdale-wind-farm-progress)



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Transmission Line and Tarrone Terminal Station

- ✓ Installation of the new 500kV switch gear at Tarrone Terminal Station completed.
- ✓ Works on the 132kV switchyard at the Tarrone Terminal Station are progressing. Foundations are complete with primary electrical equipment installation in progress.
- ✓ The transformer foundation and fire walls have been completed at the Tarrone Terminal Station in preparation for the transformer delivery mid-April.
- ✓ The planning permit for native vegetation removal for the transmission line has been approved by the Department of Transport and Planning.
- ✓ The final geotechnical surveys for the transmission line are scheduled.



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 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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BMD Royal Children's Hospital Fundraiser

BMD Constructions (BMD Group), civil contractor for the Hawkesdale wind farm, held a fundraiser on site for the Royal Children Hospital's Good Friday Appeal, including a barbecue lunch for the workers. Two members of the BMD team on the Hawkesdale site volunteered to have their head shaved following an auction to raise money for the appeal. We were also fortunate to hear from Dave Farrell from Veterans in Construction. Dave is a veteran with 17 years in the Special Air Service Regiment and undertook ten operational deployments. He spoke about the importance of communication and respect for others when working in a team.

GPG were able to combine the contributions from each of its 4 Victorian wind farm projects (Hawkesdale, Ryan Corner, Berrybank 1 and 2) to make a total donation of \$7,500 and taking the total amount raised for the day to \$10,350.



Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Information Day

A very successful information day was held on March 8 at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall. Present were representatives from GPG, consultants and contractors that are involved in the planning, construction and operation of the wind farm. Students from Hawkesdale College also came along and were able to ask questions about all aspects of the wind farm including career opportunities in the renewable energy sector.

The day also coincided with International Women's Day giving the opportunity to showcase women in renewables. Australia leads with 39% of the clean energy workforce identifying as women while globally the number is 32%.



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Hawkesdale Community Benefit Fund (HCBF)

A committee will be formed to manage the HCBF, information and an invitation to be a member of the committee has been sent to all households within 10km radius of the Hawkesdale township. If you did not receive this letter all the information is available on the web site at https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/news/#latest_news.

GPG would like to see a broad representation of the Hawkesdale community take part on the committee to ensure that the whole community can share in the benefits.

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Do you know about Vermin Control?

The endorsed Environmental Management Plan (EMP) requires pest plant and vermin inspections to be undertaken preconstruction, during construction and for 2 years post construction. The following is taken from the EMP

Preconstruction:

Pest plant control contractors with demonstrated experience working in ecologically sensitive environments will be engaged to undertake pest plant control of the African Boxthorn habitat.

If invasive fauna is found to be inhabiting the construction footprint a qualified and experienced pest controller will be engaged to address the infestation.

If European Rabbit or Red Fox warrens are identified within the construction footprint, they must be collapsed post the removal of topsoil to ensure that invasive species do not take up residence on the Hawkesdale Windfarm.

A wash down area will be established within the study area for periodic cleaning of excess soil and organic matter to avoid the spread of noxious weeds and soil pathogens. Contaminated water from the wash down area should not be discharged into drainage lines or flow into areas of environmental sensitivity. Sediment from the wash down area should be retained in wash down bays and prevented from spreading over the site. Sediment and wash down water may not leave the site until decontaminated and all equipment and machinery to be thoroughly cleaned off site prior to commencing works.

During Construction:

Mitigation measures to ensure pest fauna are not using the construction area, while Control/Eradication measures attempt to eliminate observed infestations. The EMP outlines several actions to mitigate and control red fox and rabbit infestation including warren ripping, warren fumigation, baiting and trapping. Inspections are carried out periodically by a qualified and independent ecologist.

Post Construction:

A regular monitoring program must be undertaken for pest animal species within the construction area throughout the construction phases and the two-year post-construction period. A brief report detailing the observations will be prepared at the end of each monitoring event in order to analyse different approaches to increase efficiency and maximise the control of infestations.

At the completion of the two-year post-construction period, an audit will be undertaken by a qualified ecologist to compare the results of the current assessment with the site condition at the end of the pest animal control period. Details of the animal control techniques employed across the construction areas will be given in the report.



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Further Information

Employment Opportunities

Please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Debra Dumesny at 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.

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

The office at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall has closed and moved to the site offices at the wind farm.

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How to be included on the Email List

To be included on the distribution list for our newsletter and updates via email, please contact our Community & Stakeholder Engagement Officer Debra on 0428 867 646 or by email debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au or hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au.

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