

# Hawkesdale Wind Farm

Hawkesdale Asset Trust Pty Ltd

## April 2023 Newsletter

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## **Hawkesdale Wind Farm**

### **Project Status**

- Wind farm planning permit:
  - ✓ The planning permit amendment has been approved and is available on the web site at <u>https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/the-project/relevant-documentation/</u>.
  - ✓ 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:
  - ✓ The first foundation pour is completed
  - ✓ Construction of access tracks continues with approximately 80% trafficable.
  - ✓ Excavation has commenced on 20 turbine locations
  - ✓ Batch plant is installed and operational
  - ✓ Blinding pours have commenced at the prepared foundation sites
  - ✓ Anchor cages delivered to site and being installed
  - ✓ Installation of reinforcement steel continues
  - ✓ 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: <u>Hawkesdale Wind Farm</u> <u>Progress - Global Power Generation (globalpowergeneration.com.au)</u>



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## **Transmission Line and Tarrone Terminal Station**

- ✓ Installation of the new 500kV switch gear at Tarrone Terminal Station completed and pre-commissioning tests in progress.
- ✓ Works on the 132kV switchyard at the Tarrone Terminal Station are progressing.
- ✓ Primary electrical equipment installation and secondary cable installation in progress.
- ✓ The transformer foundation and fire walls have been completed at the Tarrone Terminal Station in preparation for the transformer delivery mid-May
- ✓ The final geotechnical surveys for the transmission line are scheduled.



## Who's who?

### Sofia Rojas Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Officer

Sofia grew up in Calama, Chile, and joined the GPG team as an environmental engineer on the photovoltaic (solar) project portfolio in Chile before joining us on the Hawkesdale wind farm. After a short visit some years ago, her goal always included spending more time in Australia. The opportunity of employment that included her skills in HSE, made this possible. She spends her time trying to improve her surfing during the weekends surrounded by the natural beauty of Warrnambool.

"I like to see that women increasingly have a position in this sector and that our opinions and points of view are respected. When we work as a team, everything is better. In addition, our perspective and knowledge increases."



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### Veterans in Construction

Veterans in Construction was formed in 2018 by Dave Farrell. After serving nearly 18 years in the Australian Army, Dave left to pursue a civilian career as a residential builder. Not long into his new career he noticed that he came across many veterans who he knew had great skills but were drifting through life with no real purpose or employment opportunities.

Dave then decided to start Veterans in Construction, where he could employ veterans on Civil Construction Sites. The company now has 55 employees working across Victoria, ACT, and QLD.

Having worked with BMD on the Barwon Heads Road Project and the Corio Wharf, we were able to provide employees to the Hawkesdale Wind Farm (HDWF). There are currently 8 employees working on the project, all of whom are local to the area. The workforce has thoroughly enjoyed working on the project and are looking forward to seeing it through to completion.

Jack, who has worked on the project for two months says, 'It is amazing to be a part of something so iconic to the Warrnambool region and having stable employment. We are all learning new skills that will allow us to be employed as construction workers well into the future".

Robert, who has worked on the project for one month says, 'The employment opportunities provided by BMD & GPG are life changing. It has provided a steady income and allowed me to upskill my current qualifications'.

The entire team at Vets in Construction wish to thank BMD & GPG Energy Group for their continuing support.

The members of the Hawkesdale wind farm construction team were fortunate to have Dave Farrell speak to them on the importance of teamwork and supporting each other in the workplace. He shared some amazing stories of his exploits while serving in the armed forces.



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## **Community Engagement & Benefit** Sharing

## **Community Engagement Committee**

The Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee (CEC) April meeting was held. The next meeting is scheduled for May 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.

## Hawkesdale Community Benefit Fund (HCBF)

A committee is being formed to manage the HCBF. There was an overwhelming number of applications for a position on this committee. The final selection was quite difficult to make and we are confident that we have a broad representation of the Hawkesdale community.

Further details of the committee and the process for applying for funds will be available after the first meeting.

If you would like any further information, please contact Debra on 0428 867 646 or by email <u>debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au</u>.

## **Further Information**

## **Complaints Investigation and Response Plan (CIRP)**

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

Complaints can be made in the following ways:

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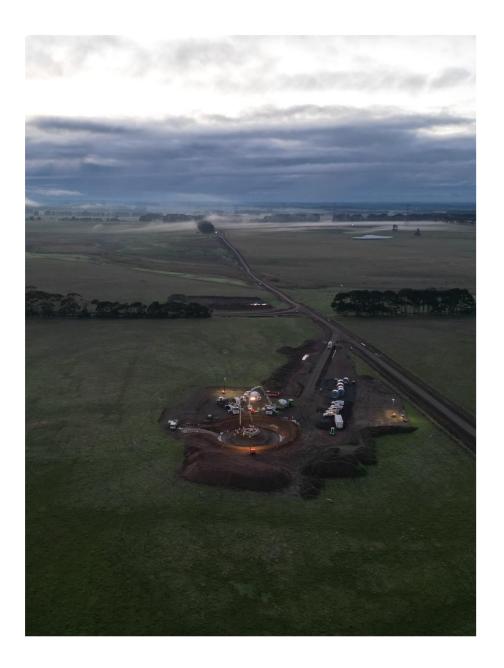
### Hawkesdale Office

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

Contact Debra on 0428 867 646 or by email debra.dumesny@globalpowergeneration.com.au

### 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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