

# 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:
  - ✓ The Generator Performance Standards approved by AEMO already received.
  - ✓ Pre-Connection Documentation (R1 package) is currently under preparation.

## Activities On Site

- Under progress:
  - ✓ Turbine excavations continue
  - ✓ Blinding pours are continuing at the prepared foundation sites
  - ✓ Anchor cages and reinforcement steel is being installed
  - ✓ 11 foundations have been poured
  - ✓ 4 foundations have been backfilled
  - ✓ Construction of access tracks continues with approximately 80% trafficable
  - ✓ 5km of interconnection cables have been laid
  - ✓ 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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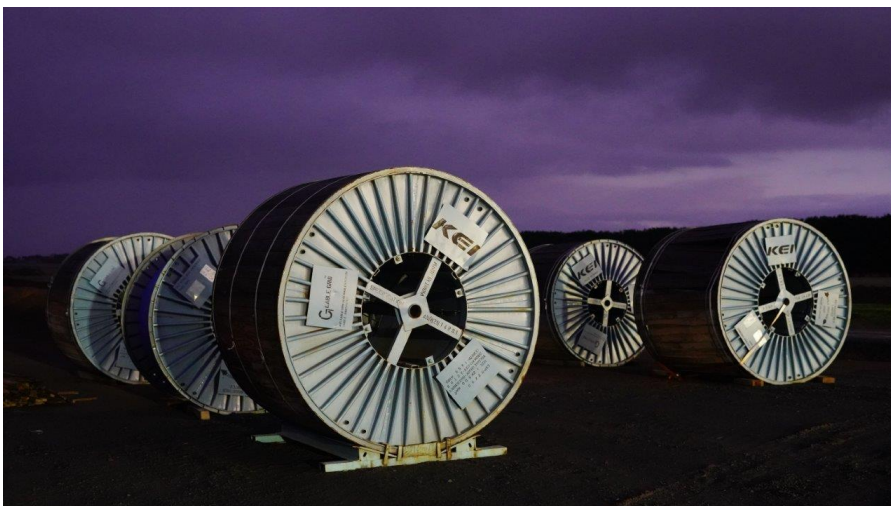
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# Transmission Line and Tarrone Terminal Station

- ✓ Installation of the new 500kV and 132kV switch gear at Tarrone Terminal Station has been completed and pre-commissioning tests are in progress.
- ✓ At Tarrone Terminal Station 132kV interplant connections and secondary cable installation work are in progress.
- ✓ 420MVA, 500kV/132kV Power transformer delivered to site. Transformer installation is in progress.
- ✓ The final geotechnical surveys for the transmission line in progress.
- ✓ The native vegetation removal permit for the transmission line. was granted on 18 May 2023



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# Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing

## Community Engagement Committee

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

## Hawkesdale Community Benefit Fund (HCBF)

The Hawkesdale Community Benefit Fund (HCBF) is part of the Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing Plan for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm to engage and empower the local community to realise positive social outcomes associated with the wind farm. The HCBF will be implemented through two individual grant programs:

1. Hawkesdale Township Grant Program: \$100,000 annually targeting the needs of the Hawkesdale township. These funds are available during the construction and operation of the wind farm.
2. Hawkesdale District Grant Program: \$57,500 annually during the operation of the wind farm. These funds become available after the first 12 months of operation to the broader Hawkesdale district community.

A separate committee has been formed to manage the Hawkesdale Township Grant Program. The first meeting was held on May 30 and discussion took place around the committee's function and the application and selection processes. Information will be available on the web site when the processes are finalised and applications for funding are invited.

If you would like any further information, please contact Debra on 0428 867 646 or by email [debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au).

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# Who's who?

## Luke Svarc

### BMD Constructions Project Manager

BMD are the principal contractor for the Hawkesdale wind farm. Luke Svarc is the appointed project manager.



Luke grew up on a farm in Tawonga in the hills of northeast Victoria at the base of Falls Creek. Luke moved to Melbourne to follow his chosen career and secured a position with BMD as an undergraduate engineer.

Like most country kids, Luke grew up playing football in the winter and cricket in the summer. As Luke is one of 6 children there was a small team for home practice sessions. He has retired from these sports and has recently taken an interest in triathlons. Luke recently completed his first half ironman in Geelong.

Luke has been in construction for 12 years, commencing with BMD as an undergraduate Engineer. He has completed various projects in many sectors including road, rail, airfields, ports and defence. This is his first project in the renewable energy sector and is looking forward to continuing working in this sector.

Being a country boy, Luke is enjoying his time in the Southwest, especially being near the ocean and is hoping to be able to regularly swim throughout the year, even the winter months. Good luck with battling the Southern Ocean in winter!

Luke says the team at the Hawkesdale wind farm project is fantastic. "We are fortunate to have really driven and passionate people within our client and delivery management teams which also extends throughout the workforce, and with a collaborative approach have challenged and supported each other to achieve really positive outcomes for the project to date."



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# Do you know about?

## Safety First: Fall from height risk reduced

A complex construction site, such as a wind farm project, presents ongoing challenges to ensure the safety of all the staff on the site. Prestart and toolbox meetings held with all employees reinforces the need to put safety first with all activities.

BMD Construction, the lead contractor on the Hawkesdale wind farm project, recognised a fall from height risk associated with the installation of the anchor bolt arrangement at the base of a wind generating turbine. The anchor bolts stand approximately 3.0m in height and access is required from the top to tie in steel reinforcement. On investigation they found that there was not a safety device that could be used for this activity.

BMD Construction, together with the support of GPG and the structures subcontractor, Commercial Construction Specialist (CCS), developed an innovating solution for this problem.

A first of its kind custom fall protection system comprises a circular frame and barrier system which fits within the centre of the anchor cage allowing reinforcement to be tied in without any risk of fall from heights. The unit can be simply lifted into position and removed seamlessly with a crane.

Furthermore, improvement of the solution is being considered with the potential to incorporate additional safety features as follows:

- ✓ adding a gate section with a ladder that allows safe access down into the base of the foundation
- ✓ incorporate tool retrieval system (i.e davit arm)
- ✓ adjustable legs for different depths of foundation

The device has been welcomed by the contractors and the employees as an important measure to reduce what is a high risk task on the site.

Foremost in the thoughts of all involved in construction is that everyone returns home safely at the end of the working day.



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# Further Information

## 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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