

Bungaban Wind Energy Project *update*

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Welcome to the latest update from the Bungaban Wind Energy Project.

In this edition, we're excited to share recent progress, highlight how we're working with

the community, and invite you to get involved in shaping what's next. Whether you're a landholder, local resident, or simply interested in the future of clean energy in our region – this newsletter is for you.

Building momentum Project approvals on track

The Bungaban Wind Energy Project has made strong progress over the past two years. Every approval brings us closer to delivering long-term benefits for the region.

- In March, the project received State Government approval for its Development Application – a significant milestone made possible through the ongoing support of Council, Traditional Owners, and the local community. Thank you for being part of this journey.
- The project is now under Federal environmental assessment through the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act, which protects nationally significant species, habitats, and cultural heritage.
- We'll be back in the community soon to share the EPBC assessment documents and invite your feedback.
- Want to stay informed? Register for updates by emailing us at bungaban@windlab.com.

Find out more

Reach out to the team any time with questions or to have a chat.

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Acknowledgement of Country

Bungaban is located on the traditional lands of the Iman and Auburn Hawkwood Peoples. Windlab honour the Iman and Auburn Hawkwood People's sacred and enduring connection to Country, culture and community.

Windlab is committed to engaging with Traditional Owners in a way that places their culture, knowledge, and perspectives at the centre of decision-making. This includes providing employment, contracting, education, and training opportunities.

Connecting with the community

It's been a busy few months on the ground. The Bungaban team has enjoyed catching up with locals, supporting regional events, and hearing what matters most to you.

Recent events we've supported include:

- Wandoan Camel Races
- Wandoan Community Campdraft
- WCCI Dinner in Wandoan

To everyone who stopped for a chat, shared feedback, or made these events possible – thank you.



The Bungaban team at the Wandoan Camel Races

Traditional Owner engagement

NQ Warriors sponsorship

The Bungaban Project was proud to sponsor the NQ Warriors in their recent participation at the All Blacks Footy Carnival in Townsville. The sponsorship helped cover travel costs, enabling players to take part in the carnival which is about more than just footy. The team's involvement also carried a powerful message of suicide awareness.

NQ Warrior Manager and Auburn Hawkwood People Aboriginal Corporation Director, Angel Hooper said "it was a powerful weekend filled with competition, connection and community spirit."



Celebrating Culture in Taroom

We were proud to sponsor and attend the Iman Wardinggarri NAIDOC Celebration in Taroom. The day celebrated community, culture, and this year's theme:

Keep the Fire Burning – a powerful reminder of the strength of shared stories and connection.



NQ Warriors at the carnival



The Ochre team facilitated workshops in Taroom and Wandoan



Social Impact Assessment underway

We've partnered with Ochre Consulting, a Central Queensland-based firm, to undertake a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the Bungaban Wind Energy Project. The SIA helps us understand and manage potential impacts and, importantly, how we can deliver positive, lasting benefits for the community.

The assessment is focusing on five key areas:

- Community engagement
- Health and wellbeing
- Local business and procurement
- Workforce management
- Housing and accommodation

As part of the assessment, community workshops were recently held in Wandoan and Taroom to hear directly from local residents and

stakeholders. Around 50 people attended the two sessions, representing Traditional Owner groups, landholders, community organisations and local service providers.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and shared their perspectives. Your feedback is invaluable and will directly inform the Social Impact Management Plan, which will guide how we manage social outcomes throughout the life of the project.

The Social Impact Management Plan will be published and updated annually, as part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability.

Pilot Community Benefit Program Applications open

Windlab is inviting applications for its Community Benefit Program, designed to support grassroots initiatives that deliver positive outcomes in the region.

- Funding is available for projects typically up to \$5,000
- Over \$60,000 has already been invested in the region – including support for the Taroom Early Education Centre and Starlink internet at Wandoan Showgrounds
- Applications are welcome from community and not-for-profit organisations in the Western Downs or Banana Shire Council area.

We're looking for projects that support:

- Community health and wellbeing
- Regional liveability
- Local economic development and tourism
- Coexistence with agriculture
- Renewable energy and recycling

Email us at bungaban@windlab.com or call **1800 846 980** to find out more.

Do you have a local initiative or event that could benefit from funding?



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Supporting coexistence Ag Energy Hub

Windlab is proud to be the Foundation Sponsor of the Ag Energy Hub, developed by the Queensland Farmers' Federation – a free, practical online tool to help farmers make confident decisions about energy on their farms.

The Hub includes:

Real-world case studies across all farming sectors

Energy saving tips tailored for agriculture

Toolkits and guides to help reduce energy costs

Funding options to help implement
energy-efficient systems

Whether you're managing crops, livestock, aquaculture, or a nursery, this one-stop resource is designed to help you make informed, cost-effective choices.

Visit qldagenergyhub.com.au to explore.



Looking ahead Bungaban Solar and Battery project update

The next exciting chapter in the South Queensland Renewable Generation Hub is Bungaban Solar – a proposed 500MW solar farm with battery storage, to be developed following the wind project's peak construction.

In June, Western Downs Regional Council approved our Development application for the Bungaban Solar and Battery project.

Key facts:

- Located next to the Bungaban Wind site
- Will use shared transmission infrastructure currently being developed by Powerlink
- Staggering the construction of each project will help reduce accommodation and workforce impacts
- Community engagement will continue consistently across both projects

Stay in touch

We welcome your ideas, questions, and feedback.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we're working towards a cleaner energy future that delivers lasting benefits for the local region.

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