

Bungaban

Joint venture project

July 2026 update

Welcome to the latest update from the Bungaban Wind and Bungaban Solar projects.

In this edition, we're excited to share milestone agreements signed with Auburn Hawkwood Traditional Owners, a successful capacity investment scheme submission, and an update on our Social Impact Assessment process, as well as updates on what we're supporting in your community.



Milestone agreements signed with Auburn Hawkwood Peoples Aboriginal Corporation

Bungaban Wind has reached a significant milestone with the signing of a Cultural Heritage Management Agreement (CHMA) and a Shared Benefits Agreement (SBA) with the Auburn Hawkwood Peoples Aboriginal Corporation (AHPAC).

Signed in Townsville on 23 June, the agreements recognise the project's footprint includes Auburn Hawkwood Country and establish a framework for working together throughout the life of the project to protect cultural heritage, manage impacts on Country, and deliver meaningful long-term benefits for Auburn Hawkwood peoples.

The agreements also provide a foundation for ongoing collaboration throughout project delivery, including regular engagement with AHPAC, introductions to key contractors, opportunities for Auburn Hawkwood Rangers to participate in land management activities, and ongoing review of shared priorities and progress.

Since 2022, the project team has been working closely with AHPAC to understand the opportunities and potential impacts associated with the project. Throughout these discussions, AHPAC consistently emphasised the importance of maintaining strong connections to Country, culture and community. These agreements reflect that shared commitment and provide a clear pathway for working together as the project progresses and the project's responsibility for protecting Country.

Windlab and Squadron Energy advance Bungaban together

Windlab and Squadron Energy have announced a new Joint Venture that will support the ongoing development of the Bungaban Wind and Bungaban Solar projects.

As strategically important projects supporting Queensland's clean energy future, Bungaban Wind and Bungaban Solar are well positioned to benefit from the combined experience, resources and commitment of both organisations as development continues.

While the Joint Venture represents an important milestone for the projects, it is very much business as usual for local communities.

Windlab's existing project team will continue to engage with landholders, community members, Traditional Owners and councils, ensuring established relationships and points of contact remain unchanged.

Squadron has been involved in the projects as a shareholder for some time, and the new arrangement creates a unified project team working together to progress Bungaban through its next stage of development. By combining capabilities across development, construction and operations, the joint venture strengthens the projects' pathway to delivery while maintaining the existing development approach.



Bungaban receives Capacity Investment Scheme backing

Bungaban Wind has reached another important milestone after being selected under the Australian Government's Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS).

The announcement supports the continued development of the project.

Bungaban Wind has been designed to work alongside existing grazing operations while creating opportunities for the region - expected to contribute around \$500 million to the regional economy through local employment, supply and contracting opportunities, with around 1,000 jobs at peak construction.

Bungaban Project Director Kimberly Cram said, "The selection recognises Bungaban's strong planning and development progress and its potential to deliver long-term benefits for local communities."



Delivering real benefits to your community

The project team was proud to attend and support both the Wandoan and Taroom shows for 2026. The contribution from our Pilot Community Benefit Fund helped provide event security to support a welcoming and safe environment for all.

Congratulations to both Show Societies, the many volunteers, competitors and exhibitors who work countless hours to ensure these important rural events are thriving for years to come.

Other recent initiatives we've supported include:

6-7 June

Wandoan Polocrosse Carnival

A long-standing event that attracts visitors across the region. This is a fantastic opportunity for the community to enjoy country hospitality and connection with one another.

13 July

Taroom Rodeo

We are proud to partner with the committee to deliver this highlight event which will be held in July. The Taroom rodeo plays an important role in strengthening community connections.

Supporting the organisations that make our host communities thrive is at the heart of what we do. We're excited to continue supporting initiatives that strengthen connections and create opportunities across the region.



Social Impact Assessment update

Central Queensland based firm Ochre Social Performance (OSP) continues their work on a Social Impact Assessment (SIA). The SIA helps us understand and manage potential impacts and, identify opportunities to deliver positive, lasting benefits for the community.

In March, OSP returned to Wandoan for further community engagement with the project team and held an Emergency Services Roundtable in Taroom in response to earlier SIA feedback. The roundtable was an opportunity to increase collaboration between key agencies and the project team, and identify solutions moving forward.

Ochre has engaged with more than 160 local stakeholders across 21 engagement activities as part of a rigorous consultation process. Thank you to everyone who shared their perspectives. Your feedback will directly inform the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP), and guide how we manage social outcomes throughout the life of the project. The SIMP will be published and updated annually, as part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability.

The final SIA report is expected to be completed soon. Proactive mitigation and management approaches will then be developed as part of the SIMP.

Key SIA themes			
Impacts	Roads, traffic and heavy vehicles	Communication and community engagement	Access to critical services and health and emergency services
	Housing and accommodation	Community infrastructure and services	Land management
Opportunities	Economic development	Community facilities, recreation and liveability	Investment in health, aged care and other community services
	Education and training	Support for community identity and belonging	Investment in housing

Acknowledgement of Country

The Bungaban Renewable Energy Hub is located on the traditional lands of the Iman and Auburn Hawkwood Peoples. We honour the Iman and Auburn Hawkwood People’s sacred and enduring connection to Country, culture and community.

We are 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.

Upcoming engagement opportunities

We will be hosting a community drop-in session soon to provide an opportunity to meet the team, have any questions answered and chat about opportunities and benefits for locals.

We will share an invite soon. If you want to be kept informed, register for updates at the QR code.



Find out more

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