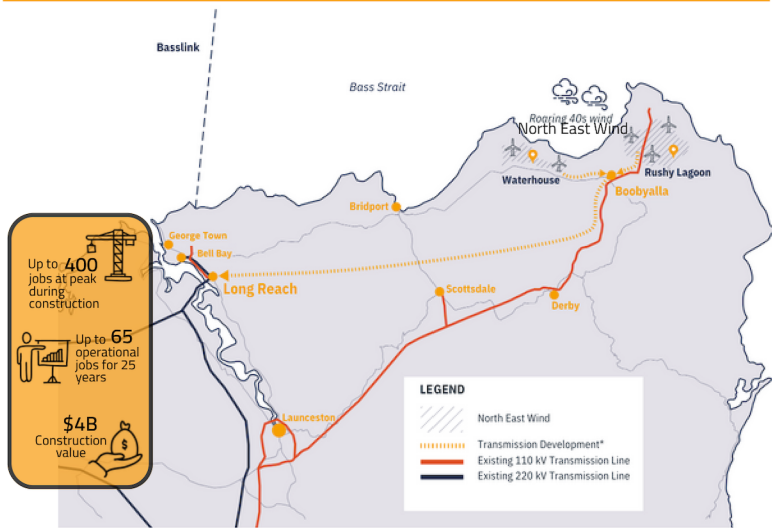


North East Wind

Renewable Energy from ACEN



Project update: April 2024



About North East Wind

North East Wind involves the proposed development of a large-scale wind farm located on agricultural land in the Dorset municipality in North East Tasmania.

The project will be developed across two clusters, Waterhouse in the west and Rushy Lagoon in the east. With a generation capacity of up to 1,260 megawatts, North East Wind includes the construction of up to 210 wind turbines.

A transmission line is being developed to connect the project to the existing electricity network near George Town.

North East Wind heads 'Back to Gladstone'

ACEN Australia was grateful for the opportunity to attend the first ever 'Back to Gladstone' event which showcased the town's history. Photographs of Gladstone throughout the years and memorabilia were on display at the event.

The popular event provided an opportunity for attendees, including former and current residents, to share stories, view old photographs and memorabilia and learn about the history of the town. The project team spoke with many community members who were interested to learn more about North East Wind. Many were interested in how the expansion of Tasmania's renewable energy industry can deliver a range of benefits to the region, the state and the nation more broadly.

Gladstone is an important community for North East Wind due to its proximity to the project area. ACEN is engaging with local residents, businesses and community groups to share information and understand how locals can benefit from North East Wind throughout the project stages.

During construction and operations Gladstone will be an important hub for the project. Gladstone and the Dorset region more broadly will benefit from economic activity over the +25 year project lifespan.



Project Developer Tom Wilcox (right) and Community Engagement Specialist Dan Sinkovits (left) talking to attendees at Back to Gladstone





Supporting Tomahawk's Family Fun Day

ACEN Australia was pleased to join the annual Tomahawk Family Fun Day event held on the Easter Long Weekend. Hosted by the Tomahawk Progress Association, the community gathering attracted 200+ attendees from the nearby holiday homes and caravan park. Friendly volunteers from the Tomahawk Progress Association put on a complimentary BBQ, sponsored by ACEN Australia, along with various games and contests for all ages. Dan Sinkovits, from ACEN (Community Engagement Specialist) was on-hand to provide information about the project and help on the grill. Dan was honoured to be invited to announce the winning raffle tickets.



Alan Davenport from Tomahawk Progress Assoc (left), and Dan Sinkovits, ACEN Australia (right)

Supporting Dorset Community House

Tom Wilcox (Project Developer - Wind Farm) caught up with Naomi Buster, Dorset House Manager at Dorset House. Naomi provided an update on how the community grant provided to Dorset Community House has helped fund a field trip as part of a remote Youth Program, an International Women's Day event, and delivery of Youth Week events, in partnership with local schools.

ACEN Australia provided a \$6,000 sponsorship grant to Dorset Community House to aid in the costs of community support programs in Gladstone and Winnaleah.

Dorset House is a local community-led organisation that builds community capacity using a community development framework.



Tom Wilcox, Project Developer at ACEN Australia and Naomi Buster (Manager, Dorset House) in the community garden at Dorset House.



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Social Investment Program

ACEN Australia's Social Investment Program is our voluntary contribution to communities, invested in local community benefit sharing initiatives aligned with ACEN's value areas.

We believe that benefit sharing starts in the development stage increasing through construction into a +25 year commitment over the operational life of the project.

ACEN Australia's value areas



Environmental resilience and stewardship



Community enhancement and resilience



Reconciliation and addressing indigenous disadvantage



Education and work opportunities

Organisations we partner with and support include:

- Not-for-profit organisations and charities
- Incorporated community based organisations
- Social enterprises, including indigenous organisations
- Government entities and for-profit organisations where community benefit can be demonstrated

Other ACEN News

New England Battery Energy Storage System (NSW)

In March ACEN Australia and Marubeni Asian Power Singapore signed a Cooperation Agreement for the joint development of a 200 MW/400 MWh (2-hour) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in New South Wales, Australia.

The agreement shows the collaborative efforts of Marubeni and ACEN to promote the sustainable supply of renewable energy in Australia. Battery storage will play a critical role in bringing renewable energy projects to life and clean electricity for Australian homes and businesses.

The agreement is another milestone for ACEN Australia's inaugural project, New England Solar, which stands as a major contributor to the National Electricity Market (NEM). Once finished, it will be one of the Australia's largest co-located solar and battery energy storage facilities enabling energy to be stored and made available to the grid when it is needed.

The 50-50 partnership has a projected investment amount of \$250 million with a target completion by 2025.

