

Scholarship recipient part of a new generation helping to build Tasmania's renewable energy sector

- ACEN Australia provides scholarship for learning pathway into a future career in Tasmania's growing renewable energy industry

4 October 2022, TAS – Year 12 Hellyer College Student Kinæe Edwards has her sights set on a learning pathway to position herself to be part of the workforce that will be needed to support Tasmania and Australia's growing renewable energy sector.

Kinæe is the recipient of ACEN Australia's 2022 scholarship to undertake a Certificate II in Electrotechnology / Sustainability, offered annually to students at Burnie's Hellyer College. The scholarship, valued at \$1000 supports students with the cost of education and further training within the sustainable energy and electrical sector, including the provision of a starter tool kit upon completion of the certification at the end of the year.

Kinæe is on track to complete her studies in November with a view to pursue an electrical apprenticeship in Tasmania's North-West.

Kinæe says the scholarship is preparing her for an apprenticeship to help her reach her career aspirations.

"I hope to gain employment in the electrical industry as an apprentice, and long term I have aspirations to work in the mining industry. A recent visit to the Woolnorth Wind Farm however helped me see the value of alternate energy and its potential value to the community. The renewable energy sector is another future pathway I could pursue."

ACEN Australia Chief Operating Officer David Pollington welcomes Kinæe's commitment to her studies and to pursuing a possible future career in renewable energy.

"We're really pleased to support Kinæe and others like her. Completion of a Certificate II in Electrotechnology/Sustainability provides the foundation for a learning pathway into an electrical apprenticeship, but most excitingly, a pathway into a future career in Tasmania and Australia's growing renewable energy industry".

"ACEN Australia has a number of large-scale wind, solar and storage projects either in development or construction across Tasmania, NSW, Victoria and South Australia. All of these require hundreds of enthusiastic skilled workers to build and operate them. It's an exciting time for an industry that can provide training and employment opportunities for a new generation of learning workers".

"Upon completion of Kinæe's studies I look forward to following her next steps as she seeks to secure an electrical apprenticeship, and perhaps one day, we'll see her working at one of ACEN Australia's wind farms in Tasmania."

The Clean Energy Council estimates there is over 20 new wind farms being built in Australia, supporting 8000 jobs.

Learn more about ACEN Australia at www.acenrenewables.com.au

Learn more about Vocational Education Training pathways for Australia's clean energy future at <https://www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au/advocacy-initiatives/workforce-development/careers-guide/vocational-education-and-training-vet>

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About ACEN

ACEN is the listed energy platform of the Ayala Group. The company has ~3,800 MW of attributable capacity in the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, India, and Australia. The company's renewable share of capacity is at 87%, among the highest in the region.

ACEN's aspiration is to be the largest listed renewables platform in Southeast Asia, with a goal of reaching 5,000 MW of renewables capacity by 2025. In October 2021, ACEN announced its commitment to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

ACEN has been a partner of UPC Renewables in Australia since 2018. In 2021, ACEN began a transaction to eventually own 100% of UPC\AC Renewables by early 2023; with this transaction, the company is now called ACEN Australia. This marks a strategic pivot for ACEN as it embarks on its first wholly owned development and operations platform outside of the Philippines.

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