

Substation extension works start on site

Electrical engineering contractor EPEC has started early site work on two new transformer bays at the existing substation for the New England Solar project.

A team of a dozen workers has been completing sites surveys, trenching and excavations, early electrical work and installing new fencing.

The work is required to accommodate two new large transformers that will help connect our Battery Energy Storage System and our Stage 2 solar project to the electricity grid.

The work will continue for the rest of year, with the first of the transformers expected on site in early 2025.

Work on the adjacent switching station upgrade and battery storage project is continuing into mid-2025.



Funding locked in for 23 local community projects

Funding for an extra 23 community projects has been announced as part of New England Solar's Social Investment Program.

The projects support sporting groups, education, community and environmental projects and events.

\$100,000 was provided under the latest funding round.

- Armidale Athletics Club – Training for coaches
- Armidale Junior Rugby Union – Trailer for club equipment
- Bundarra & District Campdraft Association – Heaters for new undercover outdoor area
- Bundarra Sports and Recreation Club – Energy-efficient kitchen appliances
- Can Assist Uralla – Subsidise transport for clients
- Friends of McMaugh Gardens – Medication trolleys and Therapy dog
- Guyra Junior Rugby League Club – Club presentation ceremony
- Headspace Armidale – Youth design competition for Elders Olympics team uniform
- Highlands End of Life Project – Community events and support group
- Kentucky Memorial Hall & Literary Institute – Hire band for old-time dances
- Kentucky Public School P&C – Outdoor experience excursion
- Kingstown Pony Club – Jumping equipment and grounds upgrades
- New England Lace Group – Artist training to produce lace for collection
- New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club – Access ramp to pavilion
- Uralla Branch of Tamworth Regional Horse Drawn Club – Portable dressage arena
- Uralla Central School P&C – Breakfast club for students
- Uralla District Show Society – Entertainment for 2025 Show
- Uralla Fairy Festival – Entertainers for 2025 festival
- Uralla Historical Society – Wheelchairs for museum visitors
- Uralla History Hub – Computers
- Uralla Showgrounds Management Committee – Defibrillator
- ZNet – Map and propagate non-commercial fruit tree species

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