

Battery switch room and control building arrive on site

The pre-fabricated switch room and control building for our 400 megawatt hour battery energy storage system has been lifted into place, after a 1,500 kilometre journey from South Australia.

The facilities will play an essential role in the battery project helping to control, protect and isolate electrical equipment on site and manage energy flows between the battery and the electrical transformer and switching station.

The 21m-long building was assembled in Adelaide and transported aboard a six-axle trailer, before two large cranes lifted and lowered the building into its final position in the switch yard.

It will now be fitted out before final commissioning.

The switch room's arrival followed the successful delivery of the project's 171-tonne transformer last month.

Site works are continuing for the battery project before electrical cabling and the battery systems arrive on site.



*CRG members Ned Duggan, Susan Wilson, Georgie (Darlene) McNaughton, Grant Clark, Carol Shantal and New England Solar Project Director Sarah Donnan.
(Missing from photo: Anaiwan elder Steve Ahoy).*

Expanded Community Reference Group jumps straight into grants assessments

The New England Solar Community Reference Group (CRG) has finalised assessments of the Round 1 grant applications under our Social Investment Program.

Two new members have recently joined the CRG - past ZNet Uralla president Carol Shantal and insurance claims manager Ned Duggan. It follows the departure of previous panel member Karin Jackson, who made an invaluable contribution to the group in 2024.

Karin's departure from the group and the inclusion of Ned and Carol have expanded the CRG's membership to six community members for this year, along with two ACEN Australia representatives.

The panel will also consider and select a second round of grant recipients for 2025, with applications for Round 2 set to open in June.

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