



Rye Park Wind Farm

Newsletter
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Tilt Renewables and construction contractor Zenviron are continuing with constructing the 396 MW Rye Park Wind Farm project.

This June newsletter includes updates on:

- what's happening onsite
- what's happening on the public roads
- compliance updates
- local contracts awarded and forthcoming
- spotlight on Rye Park village
- benefit sharing programs

Construction updates are distributed fortnightly, while newsletters are distributed bi-monthly.

Please make sure you're signed up to receive the updates via email or SMS notification.

When complete, construction carbon emissions will be offset within the first year of operation, and the wind farm will power the equivalent of approximately 215,000 homes.

Sign up to receive construction updates via text message:

Opt-in by hovering over the QR code or jump on the Project webpage and complete the linked form. Alternatively, send us an email or call us and we'll add you to the list.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

**Number of
Turbines:** 66

Blade Tip Height:
200m

**Operations &
Maintenance
Buildings:** 1

**Collection
Substations:** 1

**Connection
Substations:** 1

**Concrete Batch
Plants:** 3

**Construction
Compounds:** 3



PROJECT UPDATE

What's happening on site?

Construction of the main access track to northern and southern substation benches, along with internal civil works continue inside the three site entry points, including hardstand and foundation construction.

The temporary compound (office setup) is nearing completion, while the northern batch plant has been commissioned and will commence delivering concrete for foundation blindings (base layer of concrete) between the two northern site entries.

The ARDG quarries will continue supplying gravel to cap the internal access tracks, hardstands, compound laydowns and two remaining batch plant benches (similar to a hardstand for stockpiling materials).

Earthworks also continue in the northern and central areas, where turbine foundation excavation has commenced in anticipation of Vestas turbine components beginning to make their way to site in the third quarter of the year.

Completed wind farm access track and rehab



Wind turbine hardstand construction



What's happening on the roads?

The public road upgrades continue along **Dalton Road South** off the main project entry, with ripping, recompacting and gravel placement. It is anticipated that the two-coat seal will commence week commencing 27 June.

Flakney Creek causeway and drainage is completed with the 2-coat seal of the approaches scheduled for week commencing 27 June. (Due to the frequency of heavy vehicles and the high levels of wet weather further areas have degraded along Dalton Road. These areas will be repaired with ongoing maintenance expected for the duration of the Project.)

Works on **Grassy Creek Road** continue with the Pudman Creek bridge upgrade progressing slowly due to inclement conditions. Installation of roadside drainage continues with culverts and erosion protection. Grassy Creek causeway bypass removal and remediation works continue and the installation of road furniture is complete. Reinstatement of landowner access points also continues to progress.

The rehabilitation works continue through Boorowa with road furniture and line marking continuing along **Boorowa/Rye Park Road** with works finishing early-July. Ongoing maintenance will also continue along Boorowa/Rye Park Road.

Tilt Renewables continues to work with Upper Lachlan Shire Council to finalise the design of the **Cooks Hill Road** upgrade. The final design is being developed to address key biodiversity and heritage constraints, whilst balancing road safety considerations. We are working to finalise the design and undertake works as soon as practicable. Until such time the works are completed, the Project will continue to maintain the road.

OSOM bypass and drainage Dillon/Long St



Road users should still expect minor delays and diversions while the road works are being undertaken. If travelling along these routes, please be mindful of the works and follow traffic control directives and enforceable road work speed limits. If you have any questions or concerns about the onsite works and road upgrades, please contact:

- Tilt Renewables – Site HSEC Manager: Andrew Galland – 0447 076 886, or
- Zenviron – Site Manager: Sasa Stegic – 0499 011 861

Yass Street



Works along Yass Street (Rye Park village) are still underway with the causeway works progressing with approaches to be bitumen sealed. Yass St footpath rehabilitation also continues along with the continuation of Yass Street driveway tie-ins. Once the footpath works are complete, Tilt Renewables will seek to implement the landscape plan during the appropriate planting season (likely Winter/Spring).

Update on scope of works for the footpath:

- Detailed footpath design for construction and Council sign-off – complete
- Footpath installation – complete
 - Drain filled to allow for Parking at Memorial Hall
 - Hilltops Council to reinstate bus shelter and rectify drainage at causeway.
 - No trees have been removed to-date on Yass Street
 - Extended the footpath to tie into Kershaw Street
- Rehabilitation and drainage works – underway
- Landscaping (TBC)



The Outpost Food Van

Have you dropped into The Outpost yet? The village has welcomed experienced operator Peter Pritchard of The Outpost to chilly mornings at Rye Park Rec Ground. Serving up quality coffee and mouth-watering food, we know there's a host of customers happy about it.

MENU



Save time and book your food ahead by calling **Peter** on: **0416 941 713**

- **Freshly Roasted Coffee:** Small: \$4.50 Med: \$5.50 Large \$6.50
Currently pouring a Tanzanian Single Origin Kongoni. Roasted to two different profiles for depth and complexity, achieving chocolate, caramel as well as citrus notes in the cup.
- **Authentic Spiced Chai:**
Small: \$4.50 Med: \$5.50 Large \$6.50
- **Papua New Guinean Hot Chocolate**
Small: \$4.50 Med: \$5.50 Large \$6.50
- **Rockin' Rolls:** \$9.00
Pete's popular breakfast burgers fuse Mexican flavours with Big Mac comfort in the classic form of a humble Bacon & Egg roll. Hand blended Spanish inspired spices and maple glazed bacon topped with local free-range eggs, rocket, cheese and The Outpost special sauce on a brioche bun.
- **Toasties:** \$7.50
 - Ham and Cheese: Triple smoked ham, double cheese with Dijon, Spanish onion and rocket on light rye
 - Portuguese: Oven roasted Portuguese chicken thigh with double cheese, rocket Spanish onion and coconut chilli sauce
 - Mexican: Oven roasted Yucatán chicken, with double cheese, rocket and Spanish onion and authentic Mexican sauce
- **Treats:** \$4.00
 - Outpost Brownies
 - Mum's Carrot Cake



COMPLIANCE UPDATE

As part of the Project's compliance obligations, a complaints register, audit reports and management plans are updated and published on the website. You can find these documents on the Project Approvals and Applications page of www.ryeparkwff.com.au



Proposed Modification to Project Approvals

Tilt Renewables has identified several design optimisations to allow for the efficient delivery of the works while minimising the disturbance area associated with the Project. Minor revisions to the access tracks within the wind farm have been identified, both along the main wind farm access tracks and access to construct the overhead transmission lines. These revisions require modification to the existing Development Consent and the EPBC Act Approval for the Project as they fall outside the approved development corridor for the wind farm.

The access track revisions address challenges of constructability (e.g., avoidance of waterways and riparian zones, gully crossings) and decrease the amount of disturbance and reduce the scale of construction activities required in sensitive and topographically constrained areas.

The optimisations will reduce the amount of cut and fill to establish the modified access tracks. The optimisations will not result in a change to biodiversity impacts or impacts to Aboriginal heritage allowed by the projects approvals.

The modification to the Development Consent will be publicly notified and the community will have the opportunity to review and comment on these changes during the public exhibition period.

As soon as the NSW Department of Planning and Environment has notified Tilt Renewables of the public exhibition dates, we will communicate them by placing notices in relevant local and regional publications and by notifying our project database.

SAFETY ON THE ROADS

Please get in touch if you have any concerns about traffic impacts or conditions, or to report any dangerous driving by Project related vehicles. If possible, provide photo evidence as these assist with our investigations.

Call us on [1800 WE TILT \(938 458\)](tel:1800WE TILT).



Photo: Cooks Hill Road signage



Employment opportunities

We are committed to employing local people and buying local wherever possible. Construction also provides an economic boost for regional communities by increasing demand for local goods and services, such as accommodation, hotels, restaurants and cafes.

Local subcontracts awarded recently include:

- Surveyors – Diverse Project Solutions (Yass)
- Geotech engineers – 5QS (Yass)
- Hydraulic and plumbing works – T.C. Plumbing and Gas (Ngunawal)
- Concrete Supply for turbines – Hanson (national)
- Reo Installation Turbine Foundations and OHL – Stride Reinforcement (Yass)
- Civil Area 8 Earth Works was awarded to – Horizon United (Cootamundra)
- 33kv Line – SP Power (Round Corner)
- Under Ground Services – All-Energy Contracting (national)
- O&M Design – MKM Constructions (Bathurst)
- Substations North and South – JLE Group (Dubbo)

Forthcoming contracts include:

- Operations and maintenance facility construction
- Bridge installation works
- Supply and installation of grout
- HV cable terminations and testing

GOODS & SERVICES REGISTER

To register interest in providing goods or services for the Project, please hover over the QR code or visit the Rye Park project webpage www.ryeparkwf.com.au and complete the linked form under the Employment section.



BENEFIT SHARING UPDATE

Tilt Renewables is committed to sharing the benefits of the Rye Park Wind Farm with the local community. As part of the construction phase of the Project, we have committed to a number of programs that support the objectives of the Benefit Sharing Plan. An update on these is provided here.



Grants for tree planting – expressions of interest

Tilt Renewables is pursuing revegetation initiatives in the region that will need to align with the South East Local Land Services funding guidelines for Improved biodiversity on the Tablelands:

- Connecting existing remnant areas by fencing and planting large blocks of trees, tree lanes, clusters and/or paddock trees.
- Protecting and enhancing existing remnant areas by fencing to exclude stock and/or planting trees and shrubs to increase diversity.
- Rehabilitating creeks and minor/moderate erosion gullies by fencing and planting.

Please get in touch if you live near to the Project and are keen to explore the above on your property. Scan the QR code below to complete the form, or use this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/BT2ZZQm3tg>



Support for kids

The Project is in the final stages of preparing an in-kind contribution to subsidise a mental health support program with local business, AWI Consulting, to help kids get the support they need, faster. The funds will cover the often-significant costs associated with undertaking psychological assessments and wellbeing workshops.

To be run over three-years as a pilot program with the view for it to be extended under the Community Enhancement Funds, it is anticipated the program will now launch in Term 3.

Education funding through Yass and Boorowa Country Education Foundations

Tilt Renewables is proud to support an organisation that shares a passion for seeing rural and regional youth succeed. Country Education Foundation (CEF) Extra is a program that partners with organisations like Tilt Renewables, to provide additional support to eligible CEF students, in addition to the available local grants.

2022 marks the first year of a three-year agreement with the CEF to support students in the region around Rye Park to undertake post school study.

Congratulations to recipients Marlie McIntosh, Amelia Hewitt, Mackella Pye, Taylah Cutting of Boorowa and Emily Targett, Clare Henman, Nikki Wilke of Yass.

More to come on their endeavours in the next newsletter edition.



"I have the opportunity to attend University interstate in Brisbane, gaining first hand experience within my chosen field. I am extremely grateful for the support to be able to engage in these incredible opportunities."



Marlie McIntosh Boorowa
Tilt Renewables CEF Scholar





Questions?

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