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Crowlands Wind Farm – June Update

Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to the latest update from the Crowlands Wind Farm Project.

Construction Progress

Construction is progressing well and we are on schedule. The permanent site offices have now been established, which will be the home of our site team for the remainder of the project.

The Concrete batching plant is now complete, enabling the concrete used by the project to be mixed on site and helping to reduce the number of truck movements on local roads. The internal access tracks and hardstands (large flat level areas next to each turbine location) are also nearing completion.

Works in the southern section of the project near the Pyrenees Highway have commenced. We have constructed a new bridge over the Wimmera River that will form part of our access track. This will allow us to transport supplies for the foundations, and the large turbine components into the southern section of the site. Excavations for the turbine foundations are also progressing well.



Sunrise over the site, showing civil works

Upcoming Works

Over the coming weeks, work will continue on excavating the wind turbine foundations and other civil/earthmoving works. Delivery of the wind turbine “embeds” (the steel ring component where the wind turbine tower is bolted to the large concrete base) has begun, so you may see these truck movements on local roads. The embeds are being manufactured by Keppel Prince Engineering in Portland, Victoria. Delivery of tower sections and turbine components (blades, hubs, and nacelles) is expected to commence later in the year. We will provide advance notice of these movements commencing.

Construction Launch



The launch event and plaque unveiling

On Friday 23 March, Pacific Hydro joined with the community of Crowlands, our project partners Senvion and MPC, and representatives from the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (MREP) to celebrate commencement of construction of the Crowlands Wind Farm at Crowlands Hall.

Crowlands Wind Farm will sell electricity to the 14 leading organisations participating in MREP, which in an Australian first have combined their purchasing power to support the development of renewable energy infrastructure in regional Australia.

During the event, Pacific Hydro also announced the donation of a solar and battery storage system for the Crowlands Hall. This will significantly reduce the electricity costs of the facility, improve its energy efficiency, and help the hall's long-term sustainability. It is the first of many projects that will be funded by Pacific Hydro's Community Investment Program over the life of the project.

Representatives were presented with a specially branded hard hat and a vest manufactured by local disability support service Pinnacle Inc.'s embroidery business, Embroidability.. A showcase of community groups previously supported by Pacific Hydro were present, including the Ararat City Band, Pomonal CFA, and the Ararat Woodies Club. The team from Senvion Australia was so impressed with the Woodies' model turbines that they have put in an order for another 25!

Local Opportunities

We are very pleased that the majority of the team working on site at the moment are from the local area. We are also working with local businesses, including GME, MFC, and MC Dean who are local earthmoving companies supporting the civil works.

Complaints, enquiries, and feedback

For more information about this update or the Crowlands Project or to speak with us, please call 1800 730 734 or email enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au

Yours sincerely



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