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# Granville Harbour Wind Farm Community Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. While 2020 has been a challenging year so far, we are immensely grateful for the support we've received from the community over the past few months and it's heartening to now see life on the West Coast slowing returning to normal.

The COVID-19 pandemic has clearly been our most significant challenge. We responded by putting in place additional safety measures that allowed us to continue with the wind farm construction and we are now nearing completion.

This progress is a testament to the commitment of our workers onsite, many of whom have been away from home and gone without seeing their families for several months, and we are extremely thankful for their dedication.

*Massive, specialist cranes have been used to install the 31 turbines at Granville Harbour Wind Farm.*



## Wind farm taking shape

Installation of the wind farm's 31 turbines is on track to be complete by the end of June. Each turbine consists of 12 'parts' – six tower sections, three blades, the nacelle, hub and drivetrain – that are assembled using massive, specialist cranes that can only be operated in favourable weather conditions. Needless to say, erecting 31 turbines on the West Coast is a significant achievement!

More than three quarters of our wind turbines are now 'energised' and sending electricity to Tasmania's power grid. We are now in the process of testing and commissioning the remaining turbines and expect the wind farm to reach its full capacity in August. Once complete, Granville Harbour Wind Farm will produce enough energy to power around 46,000 homes.

## Support for West Coast emergency services volunteers

In recognition of the vital assistance our emergency services volunteers and personnel provide to the West Coast community, we recently announced an extension to our Community Grants Program with an additional \$50,000 funding for local emergency services groups.

Over the last couple of years, local emergency services personnel have provided invaluable help and assistance to the wind farm project, in particular battling wildfires near Granville Harbour and Zeehan in 2019 and more recently supporting the community through the coronavirus pandemic.

This year we're proud to be supporting the Zeehan and Queenstown SES, the Queenstown Volunteer Ambulance Service and Zeehan Fire Service. Our funding will go towards new tools and equipment to help West Coast emergency volunteers to continue their amazing work to protect our community.

Applications for our annual Community Grants Program will open in August this year.

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## Moving towards operations

Over the coming months our construction crews will progressively demobilise from site as the wind farm moves into the operational phase. A team of four permanent employees have now been recruited to oversee operations and maintenance at the wind farm and will soon be starting onsite. We look forward to introducing our permanent team in the near future and to continue working closely with the local community throughout the wind farm's operational life.

Granville Harbour Wind Farm is expected to operate for at least 25 years, possibly longer, and during this time will provide enough clean, renewable energy for almost every household in North-West Tasmania.

## Oversize deliveries now complete

At the beginning of May, we successfully delivered our final wind turbine component to site, marking the end of a major 18-week transport program – the largest ever seen on the West Coast. We're proud to say that all 372 loads were safely delivered to site without incident and would like to thank local Councils, emergency services and the Department of State Growth for their support. In particular, we wish to thank local residents – we could not have done this without your cooperation and patience.

## 'Picture perfect' rehabilitation

As construction of the wind farm nears completion, our onsite team is working closely with landholder, Royce Smith, to ensure the land is restored to pasture for his 2000 prime beef cattle. Our aim for Granville Harbour Wind Farm is to demonstrate the integration of cattle farming and wind farming, and ensure Granville Farm can continue to operate successfully, with cattle grazing amongst the wind turbines.

Alongside this, our winter readiness program is underway to ensure our roads and infrastructure onsite are appropriately prepared to withstand wet weather conditions over the coming months.



*Rehabilitation works are underway onsite to restore the land to pasture for cattle grazing.*



*Near completion, the wind farm is expected operate for at least 25 years.*

## Stay in touch

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