

# After more than two years in construction, Tasmania's newest wind farm is now complete.

Following the successful installation of the 31st and final wind turbine in late October, Granville Harbour Wind Farm is now fully operational and providing up to 112 MW of clean energy for Tasmanian homes and businesses.

This a major achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire project team, construction crew and in particular the Landholders – Royce and Lisa Smith.

So far, Granville Harbour Wind Farm has contributed over 200 gigawatt hours of clean energy to the state's electricity grid – playing a key role in helping Tasmania achieve its goal of becoming 100 per cent reliant on renewable energy – and reaching this goal two years early.

#### **Thank you West Coasters**

With construction now complete, the project team would like to thank the West Coast community for their support and hospitality throughout the wind farm's development. For the last two years the West Coast, and in particular the town of Zeehan, has provided a 'home away from home' for our wind farm workers.



Many local businesses have tailored their services to meet the needs of our workers – providing accommodation, catering and supplies – and we're extremely grateful for this contribution and, in particular, for the warm community welcome extended to our team.

As we move into the operational stage, Granville Harbour Wind Farm is committed to making a positive contribution to the West Coast region and will continue to engage, work with and support the local community in future.

#### **Meet the Team**

Our new onsite Operations and Maintenance team is now onboard and will perform day-to-day servicing of the turbines to make sure the wind farm continues to operate as safely and efficiently as possible.

Site Supervisor Phillip Burne hails from North-West Tasmania originally and says he's excited to be based on the West Coast and working with the most advanced wind energy technology at Granville Harbour.

Granville Harbour Wind Farm is expected to operate for at least the next 25 years. Like any machine, wind turbines need to be regularly serviced and maintained to ensure optimal energy generation. On average, each individual wind turbine will be checked, serviced and maintained every six months.





## **Employment Opportunity**

We're currently looking for a Service Technician to join our site-based team. If you live in the local area and are interested in finding out more about this exciting role, we'd love to hear from you. Candidates must hold either a mechanical trade certificate or A-grade electrical licence. To register your interest in this role, please visit our website and complete the Employment Enquiry form on the Contact Us page.



## Inspiring the next generation of West Coasters

In partnership with the Cradle Coast Authority and Beacon Foundation, Granville Harbour Wind Farm helped to deliver Tasmania's first 'growth industry preparation program' focussed on the state's burgeoning renewable energy industry.

As part of the program, we were pleased to welcome secondary students from Queenstown and Rosebery to the wind farm site and provide an opportunity for students to learn first-hand about career pathways in the renewable energy industry. The program is designed to help build capacity locally and encourage more young Tasmanians to develop the necessary skills to work in this growing industry.



# A seamlessly integrated wind and cattle farm

From the outset, the vision for Granville Farm was to build a sustainable wind farm that would operate seamlessly alongside the Smith family's highly regarded beef cattle business.

Throughout the construction period, the project team worked hard to maintain a high standard of environmental management and worked closely with Landholder Royce Smith to ensure Granville Farm could continue to operate as a working cattle farm with perennial pasture for grazing.

Site rehabilitation works are now almost complete, with major construction disturbances including a 60-metre deep quarry and 31 turbine component 'laydown' areas returned to pasture. With construction works finished and the pristine agricultural land now restored, Granville Farm's 1850 head of prime beef cattle can graze undisturbed beneath the wind turbines.

## **Community Support to continue**

Granville Harbour Wind Farm has made significant contributions to the North-West Tasmanian region since the start of construction – primarily through the provision of local jobs and community funding. To date, the project has provided over \$50,000 to local community groups – supporting community events, education and training and funding local initiatives and public asset improvements.

This community support will continue as the Wind Farm moves into Operations. Further details on our Community Grants and Volunteer Emergency Services Fund can be found on our website.



#### Stay in touch

This is the final version of our community newsletter – we hope that you have enjoyed reading our updates during the construction period and if you'd like to stay in touch, please visit our website.

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