

MACINTYRE WIND FARM

Welcome to the MacIntyre Wind Farm Newsletter. ACCIONA is committed to open and honest dialogue with our host communities and key stakeholders and we would like to keep you informed of our latest project to be delivered in Queensland.

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Located in Queensland approximately 50 km south-west of Warwick and 10 kms south of Karara, the MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct will be located within 36,000 hectares of leased land. The proposed MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct is expected to have an export capacity of approximately 1,026 MW and up to 180 turbines. The precinct will comprise two separate projects – the MacIntyre Wind Farm and the Karara Wind Farm. The wind farms will be constructed on land predominately used for sheep farming. Current farming practices will continue during the construction and operations phases of the wind farms. ACCIONA has reached an agreement with CleanCo, the Queensland Government's newest renewable energy generator, for it to become the independent owner and operator of a 100MW wind farm within the MacIntyre precinct – this will be known as the Karara Wind Farm. In addition, CleanCo will acquire the annual production of 400MW from ACCIONA's facilities for ten years through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). ACCIONA will build and operate the MacIntyre and Karara Wind Farms.

Meet the new members of the team

ACCIONA is pleased to announce the appointments of four senior team members on the MacIntyre Wind Farm project. The newly appointed leadership team will draw upon their extensive experience in the energy and infrastructure sectors to deliver a world-class project, drive local industry participation and keep the community updated regarding project developments.

Lars Hansen, Project Director



Lars Hansen is an accomplished leader committed to driving innovation and developing strong relationships with the community. He brings both domestic and international experience to the team from a variety of engineering and construction projects. Lars is highly respected by industry peers and has shared his extensive knowledge at reputable events such as the Australian Clean Energy Summit and the EU Climate Diplomacy Day.

David Bratby, Deputy Project Director



David Bratby has been appointed Deputy Project Director and will work closely with Lars. David has been integral in the MacIntyre process thus far and, in his new role, will maintain a high level of involvement in the project during the delivery phase. David's focus will be on the overall commercial strategy of the project.

Peter Gibson, Project Manager



Peter Gibson is a seasoned Project Manager with expertise in the energy industry. He has been integral in the delivery of several regional projects having most recently worked on the Coopers Gap Wind Farm, located near Cooranga North, between Dalby and Kingaroy. Peter is a highly motivated team player who is committed to achieving positive outcomes on the MacIntyre project for all stakeholders.

Praveen Vijayakumar, Senior Project Engineer



Praveen Vijayakumar has joined the MacIntyre Wind Farm leadership team as Senior Project Engineer. With an extensive background in renewable energy projects and over 13 years' experience in a wind and farm engineering, construction and project management, Praveen will bring invaluable insight as we transition to the delivery phase of the project.

Engaging with the community



Pictured – Senior Business Development Manager, John Sadler presenting at the TSBE Enterprise Breakfast event in Toowoomba

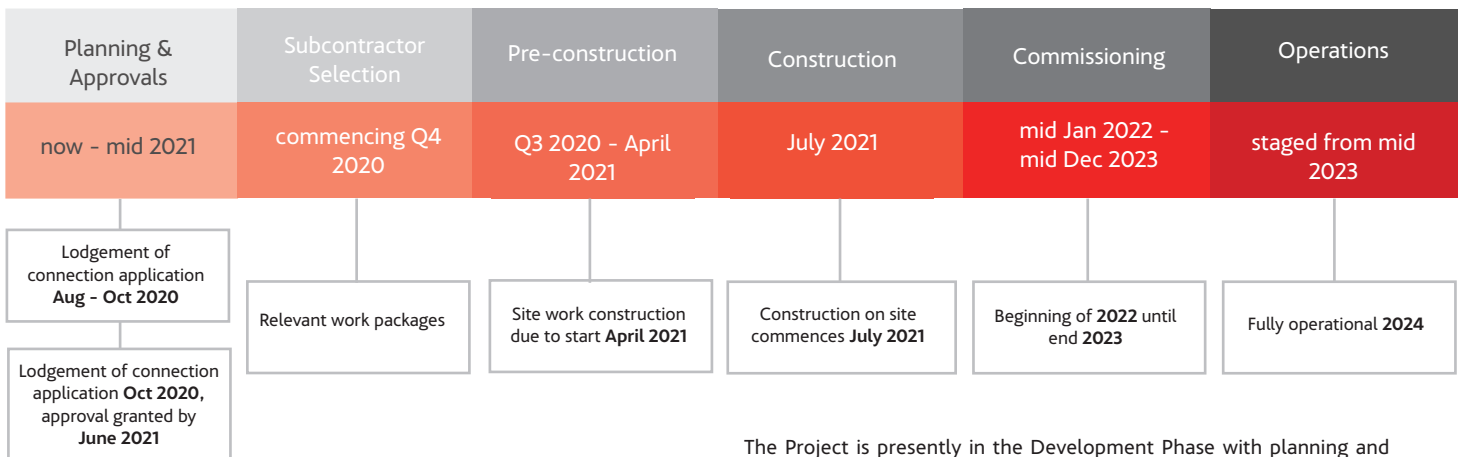


Pictured – Praveen Vijayakumar (ACCIONA); Angela O’Mara (SDRC); John Sadler (ACCIONA) and Mayor Penissi (SDRC)

ACCIONA’s Senior Business Development Manager, John Sadler, provided an update on the MacIntyre project at the sold-out September TSBE Enterprise Breakfast Event in Toowoomba. John presented to 100 members of the local business community, discussing expected timelines, procurement opportunities and community benefits.

Members of the MacIntyre Project Team also met with Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor, Vic Penissi, during the month. The MacIntyre Precinct is expected to generate significant local business and investment across the Southern Downs, Goondiwindi and Toowoomba regional council areas throughout its lifetime. Roughly \$2.5 million in financial contributions to local community programs, events and initiatives over the first 10 years of the project is also planned.

Indicative construction timeline



The Project is presently in the Development Phase with planning and approvals currently in progress. Construction is anticipated to commence in mid-2021, with the project being fully operational in 2024.

Employment opportunities

We want to hear from experienced renewable energy professionals who are interested to be a part of this exciting project. There will be several roles upcoming to take the project through the planning stages, right through to construction and operations. Keep a watch out on our website for new project opportunities [here](#).

USQ scholarship partnership

ACCIONA, in partnership with the University of Southern Queensland, has established the MacIntyre Wind Farm Scholarship. The initiative, designed to provide financial support to local students, is now open for applications. Students undertaking their first year of study in 2021 are invited to apply.

A sum of \$2,000 will be made available to first year students each year. As the MacIntyre Wind Farm will be around for many years to

Local supply & contracting opportunities

ACCIONA is committed to supporting local industry participation and we have been working with the Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) Economic Development Team to offer Supplier Information Sessions that will take place in Stanthorpe and Warwick on 20th and 21st October, respectively at the Council premises. The information sessions will provide details on the project timeline and opportunities to become involved in upcoming work packages.

If you interested to attend one of the events, please go to the Eventbrite website via these links - [Stanthorpe Event](#) or [Warwick Event](#). Numbers are limited, therefore bookings are essential.

We are encouraging local suppliers and contractors that are interested in conducting business for the project to register through the ICN Gateway. A representative from ICN Queensland will also be present at the Information Sessions to demonstrate how to register your business on the ICN Gateway. The ICN MacIntyre Wind Farm Project page - can be accessed via this [link](#).

ACCIONA is very appreciative of the assistance provided by the team at SDRC for their support of this project and by keeping local businesses informed of the upcoming opportunities to be involved.

come, this partnership with USQ offers us a platform to provide ongoing support where it's needed most - in the local community.

The MacIntyre Wind Farm Scholarship is open to students residing within the local government areas covering Southern Downs Regional Council, Goondiwindi Regional Council, or Toowoomba Regional Council.

Information on how to apply for the scholarship is available [here](#).



Community Engagement Committee (CEC) announced

Continuous communication and dialogue serve as the foundation for ACCIONA's relationship with our stakeholders, and one such way we look to promote ongoing communication is through the establishment of project Community Engagement Committees. ACCIONA is pleased to announce the appointment of community members to the MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct Community Engagement Committee (CEC).

Brett Wickham, Managing Director, thanked those who nominated for the CEC and said the committee members represented an excellent cross-section of the communities interested in the project.

"Community committees are designed to foster genuine discussion and collaboration and are always an invaluable source of advice on ways a project should be progressed within an existing local community," he said.

We were impressed with the calibre of nominations for the MacIntyre Wind Farm CEC and look forward to working with the committee members to achieve strong local outcomes from the project."

The local stakeholders appointed to the MacIntyre Wind Farm CEC, who are representative of the three local government areas with interest in the project, are:

- David Bartlett (Gore), Traprock Group
- Trudi Bartlett (Harlaxton), Regional Development Australia
- Michelle Conkas (Severnlea), Granite Belt Sustainable Action Network
- Lloyd Hilton (Karara), local community volunteer
- Susie Kelly (Goondiwindi), Goondiwindi Regional Council
- Graham Parker (Stanthorpe), Stanthorpe and Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce
- Joel Richters (Goondiwindi), Care Goondiwindi
- Jo Sheppard (Toowoomba), University Southern Queensland

The CEC term of membership for Community Representatives is two years. The CEC will hold its first meeting at the end of October 2020 at which the CEC's Independent Chairperson will be announced.

Social Impact Assessment - Understanding the impacts and opportunities

We have engaged EMM Consulting to conduct a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) as part of the planning process for the MacIntyre Wind Farm Precinct. Whilst an SIA is not required for the approval of the windfarms, we have chosen to engage EMM Consulting to conduct an in-depth assessment of the possible benefits and impacts of the project to the surrounding community during its construction and operational phases.

The assessment will provide a comprehensive overview of the local communities, their needs, and aspirations. These will inform a Social Impact Management Plan that will focus on minimising impacts while maximising the benefits of the project on local communities.

We have recognised the importance of engaging an independent body such as EMM, with experience and integrity in the field of SIA, to appropriately assess the various possible impacts and benefits of the project.

A Social Impact Assessment aims to:

- describe the existing social conditions and demographic profile of the local communities;
- identify and assess the extent and nature of potential social risks;
- evaluate the significance of the social impacts and benefits arising from the project;
- provide mitigation recommendations to reduce the negative social impacts and enhancement measures for significant positive impacts;
- develop a monitoring and management framework.

How can you get involved with the SIA?

We are dedicated to working with the community to understand your views, interests and what is important to you. From October to November 2020 EMM Consulting will conduct a range of engagement

activities with community groups, members, and interested stakeholders, to better inform the Social Impact Assessment. This will include a range of in-depth interviews, workshops and online surveys.

If you would like to access the on-line survey, click on the link [here](#). If you would like to be involved in an interview, please send an email to: sayala@emmconsulting.com.au

Stakeholder engagement during COVID-19

All community consultation will be undertaken in line with current government guidelines, which will include social distancing and increased hygiene practices. Wherever possible the project team will provide you with options for engagement that best suit your circumstances while keeping you and the project team safe.



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