

Glenellen Solar Farm

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Project Update

Mobilisation began 28th August

Smoking Ceremony 11th September

Site compound has now been established

Civil contractors have begun work

Works have now begun on 30% of the access roads

Internal fencing has begun

Deliveries of components to commence mid October

Approximately 35 people working on site with 50% local



A traditional smoking ceremony was held On site to mark the occasion of the start of construction at the Glenellen Solar Farm, the first GPG Australia solar farm project in New South Wales.

The event brought together contractors and representatives from GPG to honour the land and ensure a safe and prosperous construction process.

The smoking ceremony, conducted by proud Wiradjuri man, Uncle Mark is believed to have cleansing properties for both the land and the people, as well as the ability to ward off bad spirits. This ceremony serves as a gesture of respect to the Traditional Owners of the land and reinforces GPG Australia's commitment to cultural inclusivity and recognition.

The Glenellen Solar Farm will provide renewable energy to supply over 80,000 homes, reducing carbon emissions, and create jobs in the region for many years and represents a major milestone promoting sustainable development and environmental stewardship.



Immediately following the Smoking Ceremony GPG Australia staff and contractors joined Uncle Mark at the Jindera Pioneer Museum for a Cultural Heritage Induction involving many aspects of Wiradjuri culture and history.

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Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing

Community Information Day

A Community Information Day was held on 14th August 2024 for the Glenellen Solar Farm project located at Jindera NSW. The event, aimed at informing and engaging the local community, was a resounding success, with many attendees from the surrounding area.

During the event, residents had the opportunity to learn about the benefits of the solar farm, including its contribution to clean energy, potential local job creation, and environmental sustainability. The project team were on hand to provide detailed insights into the project's timeline, technology, and impact on the local community.

Attendees could ask questions, share feedback, and discuss any concerns they may have. The event also featured displays, brochures, newsletters and company merchandise.

The solar farm began construction in the last week of August, and will generate enough clean energy to power approximately 80,000 Australian homes per year and will reduce carbon emissions by 385,000 tonnes.

GPG Australia extends its gratitude to all who attended and contributed to the success of the event. We look forward to continued collaboration with the community as the project progresses.

Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Plan

In the coming weeks we will be out in your community meeting with local groups, schools and clubs to learn more about the community. As part of our Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Plan GPG will establish an annual Community Grant Program that is designed to distribute funds to eligible recipients. The grant program will be managed by a committee made up from local people (usually five) and two GPG representatives. We will be asking for nominations for the committee in coming weeks.

Local Development

Please contact our Community & Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Philip Beattie, on **0488 215 575** or by email philipbeattie@globalpower-generation.com.au, if you are interested in any of the following opportunities at the Glenellen Solar Farm.

Employment Opportunities

Our contractors are always looking for skilled and passionate people to join their team. In addition to this, the long-term maintenance and operation of the Glenellen Solar Farm will create several permanent jobs.

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Local Accommodation

As construction commences, temporary accommodation will be required for workers. If you have a property that could be used as temporary accommodation for workers, please contact us.

Local Services

GPG Australia is working with its contractors to identify local services that may be able to be contracted locally during construction. The preference is to work with local suppliers and manufacturers where possible, provided they can meet a range of deliverables including safety, quality, reliability, timeframes, etc.

What is Agri-Solar?

AGRI-SOLAR, also known as agrivoltaics or agriphotovoltaics, refers to the dual use of land for agriculture and solar energy production. This innovative approach involves installing solar panels above crops or grazing areas, allowing farmers to cultivate crops or raise livestock while generating renewable energy. The Glenellen Solar Farm is being constructed as agri-solar to efficiently combine food production and renewable energy generation while offering economic, environmental, and social benefits.



What are the benefits?

The key benefit of agrisolar is that it optimises land use, providing both food and energy without competing for space. In addition to enhancing energy production, agrisolar systems can offer environmental benefits, such as reducing water evaporation and providing shade to crops, which can improve their resilience to heat and drought.

The shade from solar panels can also lower the temperature of the soil and plants, potentially enhancing crop yields in hot climates.

Overall, agrisolar represents a promising solution for addressing global challenges related to food security, renewable energy, and sustainable land management.

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Who's Who

Philip Beattie – Community & Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Philip Beattie is the Community & Stakeholder Engagement Officer responsible for the Glenellen Solar Farm. Philip's role includes helping to manage the relationships with neighbours, community groups, council and contractors, as well as implementing the Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Plan. Philip has met with many of the neighbours within one kilometre of the project. We have also had meetings with the Rural Care Link and a couple of local contractors. Philip is very approachable and always up for a chat. He lives on a small property with sheep and alpacas, is a very keen keelboat sailor, loves golf and getting away in the caravan with his partner and the dogs.



Contact Us

For more information about the Project, please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Philip Beattie, by phone on 0488 515 275 or by email, philipbeattie@globalpower-generation.com.au or glenellsolarfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au, also if you want to be included on the distribution list for our newsletter and updates via email.

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