

Hawkesdale Wind Farm

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Project Update

The wind farm is **fully operational** and, to many, there would appear to be not much happening. The staff on site are busy with the **scheduled maintenance and monitoring of the turbines**.

A **control centre** is manned around the clock at **head office in Canberra** and supports **all activities at the wind farm**, especially during the hours of 5pm and 6am when the local staff are not on site.

Activities On Site

- The facility is fully operational
- **Brolga surveys** are being conducted fortnightly through to December. Further surveys will be conducted aligned with the endorsed Bat and Avifauna Management Plan
- Post construction **noise monitoring has been completed** in line with Permit and EPA conditions. The report is with the auditor for review.
- The annual servicing program is underway and should be completed by January 2027.

Permit Amendment - Permit number – 20060221-3

- Operational noise is now exclusively dealt with under Environmental Protection Regulations 2021
- Removing condition 42
- Deleting conditions 43, 44 and 45 as this is dealt with in the approved Noise Management Plan (NMP)
- Amending condition 47 – complaints process to reflect current legislative conditions
- The amendment has been approved. The revised Complaints Investigation Response Plan has also been endorsed

Preparing for the Summer Fire Season

The Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale Wind Farms operate under an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), which is endorsed by the relevant responsible authority prior to the commencement of construction. The EMP includes a Bushfire Emergency Response Plan (BERP), which is reviewed and updated to reflect changes in activities during the operational phase of the wind farms.

Each year, prior to the commencement of the fire season, the site team undertakes a range of activities to prepare for the increased risk of bushfire. These include:

- Invite emergency services, including the CFA, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and SES, to participate in a site familiarisation session.
- Check that all fire water tanks are full and accessible, and that associated fittings and equipment are operational.
- Provide all relevant emergency services with current site information.

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- Inspect all access tracks to ensure they are clear, accessible and maintained to an appropriate standard.
- Throughout the entire fire season, teams work to ensure that grass around infrastructure is maintained at a height of no more than 10 cm.
- Remove unnecessary debris and combustible materials from site offices and surrounding areas.
- Inspect all fire extinguishers across the site, including those in site vehicles, to ensure they are current, accessible and operational.
- Check that the Emergency Information Box at the site entrance is up to date and readily accessible.
- Confirm that servicing and maintenance of all site vehicles is up to date.



Who's Who

Kirsty Levings

A Queenslander by birth and a Canberran by grit, Kirsty traded a 17-year career in traditional electricity for a brighter future in renewables with GPGA in 2023. As a key member of the Operations team, she manages a diverse and vital remit:

- **WHS:** Ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of our staff and the wider community is at the forefront of everything we do.
- **Environment:** Keeping our footprint light and our permits tight.
- **Quality:** Sharpening our edge by turning glitches into lessons.
- **Compliance:** Respecting the rules, the laws, and our community vows.



Beyond the technicalities, Kirsty is a fierce advocate for women in renewables. She believes a sustainable future requires more than just new technology; it demands the distinct insights women bring to traditionally male-dominated fields to challenge the status quo and spark true innovation.

At home, Kirsty manages three wonderful humans (aged 16 to 20) and a small menagerie of furry friends (six cats and dogs in total). She spends her rare quiet moments restoring old furniture - likely because furniture doesn't talk back - or soaking up the sun with a crime novel.

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Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing

Community Engagement Committee

The **Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee (CEC)** meets bi-monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10 2026

Minutes from CEC meetings are available on the **Moyne Shire web site**, from CEC members or please contact Debra Dumesny on 0428 867 646 or by **email: hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au** to request a copy of the minutes.

We encourage you to nominate as a **CEC representative**, the CEC has a constructive position in the life of the project.

Hawkesdale Community Grant Program

GPG Australia's **2025 Community Grant Program** for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm provided funding opportunities for community organisations both within and beyond the township.

The three-year tenure of the previous Grant Committee concluded at the end of 2025, with a new committee now established. The committee represents the diverse communities surrounding the wind farm, with members bringing a range of geographical perspectives, ages, genders, interests, skills and experience. This diversity contributes to constructive discussion, informed decision-making and a strong understanding of the needs and priorities of the local community.

The **committee reviewed all documents** associated with the program and made some adjustments that they felt were needed based on community feedback.

The recipients of the 2025 fund were:

- Macarthur Gun Club – Macarthur Clay Target Club Shooting Lane Upgrade
- Willatook and District fire brigade – Quick fill trailer
- Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club – Resurfacing netball court
- Macarthur Advancement and Development Association Inc. – Exercise equipment for town precinct.
- The recipients of the township fund were:
- HADDAC (2 applications) – renewing the historical signage and installing solar lighting on the town common area
- Hawkesdale Cricket Club – New freezer in the club rooms
- Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club – Walk in cool room
- Hawkesdale Recreation Reserve – New entrance gate and signage
- Hawkesdale Racecourse Reserve (3 applications) – Trimming and removal of non native trees, concreting floor and fitting out shed and purchase of gardening equipment.

The projects are completed except for the Macarthur exercise equipment. This is with Moyne Shire to finalise.

GPG Australia and the Hawkesdale wind farm are excited to see the updates to equipment and facilities.

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The **2026 Community Grant Program** for the township and the district was heavily subscribed with a total of 29 applications received for the township and district community benefit funds combined. The grants committee made the decision to focus on the projects that had the greatest benefit to the local Hawkesdale community.

The 2026 recipients:

- Hawkesdale Cricket Club – New chairs for the club rooms
- Racecourse reserve – Replacement entrance signage
- Recreation Reserve – Contribution to electronic scoreboard
- Hawkesdale College – Playground equipment
- HMFNC – Lighting upgrade
- Hawkesdale Hall – Landscaping at northern entrance area
- Willatook Hall – Repair external walls
- Willatook CFA – Water supply fittings and pump
- Broadwater Community – Repairs to facility

Complaints Investigation and Response Plan (CIRP)

The **CIRP** is endorsed and can be found on [Hawkesdale Wind Farm - GPG Australia](#). The annual **Complaints Report** was submitted to the **Ministers office in August and made available to Moyne Shire**.

Complaints can be made in the following ways:

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Further Information

Do you want to know more?

If you would like to know more about the **progress at the wind farm**, check the latest updates on the web page or maybe you are a **member of a club or group** that would like us to **visit and explain** further about the construction and operation of the wind farm, please contact Debra on 0428 867 646

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