

# **Community News**

**April 2023** 

We're keen to keep you informed on what's happening with Wollar Solar Farm. To receive future newsletters via email, please visit wollarsolar.com.au

#### **Wollar Solar Farm**

The solar farm will be located on the western side of Barigan Road approximately 7km south of Wollar, around 50km from Mudgee. Wollar Solar Farm will have a capacity of up to 280MWac and comprise approximately 660,000 solar panels across almost 500 hectares.

### **Project update**

Construction of Stage 3B Solar Farm commenced in February 2023. Over the last two months, we have started to erect the 8 kilometre perimeter fence line. We've almost completed installing the fence posts and mesh. This work will continue throughout May.

The civil plant has been mobilised with bulk earthworks ongoing and material being delivered to site. Construction of the lay down area and hardstand is complete. The access road for deliveries, site offices and facilities are expected to be finished by the end of April.

Over the coming months, civil earthworks and vegetation clearing will continue ahead of the installation of solar panel frames. Steel piles and solar panels will start to be delivered to site soon. We will also continue to construct the internal roads.

Typical hours of construction are:

Monday to Friday between 7am - 6pm and Saturday 8am -1pm.

To keep you informed, we will continue to provide progress updates about what's happening on site.

### Increase in road users at Wollar Solar Farm

As work continues on Wollar Solar Farm there is ongoing increased construction traffic in the project area. Specifically truck movements on the Golden Highway, Castlereagh Highway, Cope Road, Ulan Road, Ulan-Wollar Road, Barigan Street, Maitland Street, Phillip Street, Wollar Road and Barigan Road. Arrangements to manage traffic are in place to minimise safety risks for road users during periods of high traffic flow. Road conditions are also monitored to ensure safety and reliability. We encourage all road users to please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic control and signs.

Progress onsite	Anticipated Completion
Site mobilisation	April 2023
Onsite roadworks completed	August 2023
MV Station foundation completed	August 2023
Civil works completed	October 2023

# Raising funds for Riding for the Disabled Mudgee (RDA)

In December 2022, Wollar Solar teamed up with Riding for the Disabled Mudgee (RDA) for a community BBQ at the Mudgee Metroplaza. Wollar Solar dollar matched every gold coin donation. The BBQ raised over \$800 for the RDA. The project team were also on hand to answer questions about our Wollar Solar Farm project.



Project Manger Duncan Upton with the ladies from Riding for the Disabled Mudgee

## **Community sponsorship**

Wollar Solar Farm is always happy to consider opportunities to help support local clubs and organisations. Please submit your proposal via email to info@wollarsolar.com.au





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Above shows a grader stockpiling road material that will be distributed around the site as needed. This will help us build internal roads at the Solar Farm allowing safe access for our workers and vehicles.



The photo above has captured another beautiful Wollar sky as well as one of our internal project roads mid construction.



This is a great photo of the initial top soil removal for one of the lay down areas, the civil team brought in material to compact this area so that it will withstand the daily pressures of many semi-trailers delivering solar panels, steel structures and drums of electrical cable.



The brand new Transgrid 330KV switchyard, constructed by Downer and ready to receive energy from the solar farm when generating.



We have 8 kilometres of boundary fence line around the project, this is essential in protecting fauna as well as livestock in the neighbouring paddocks from coming into contact with the solar panels.