

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](http://wollarsolar.com.au)

## Wollar Solar Farm

The solar farm will be located on the western side of Barigan Road approximately 7km south of Wollar and 55km north-east of Mudgee. Wollar Solar Farm will have a capacity of up to 280MWac and comprise about 660,000 solar panels across almost 500 hectares.

## Project update

July 2023 marks an exciting project milestone onsite with the installation of the first solar panels at the 'Golden Row' now complete. This row of panels is a critical part of the construction process as it acts as a prototype; a benchmark for quality and confirmation of construction methodology.

Piling of the trackers is now commencing and will be ongoing over the coming months while earthworks continue.

Meanwhile, more than 25% of the trackers have been delivered to site and the first PV modules were delivered to site in July. Deliveries of the trackers and PV modules are scheduled to continue through October.



*The Golden Row; 1 row of more than 5,000*

## Wollar Solar Farm employment opportunities

We always aim to make as much use as possible of local skills and expertise. We are very pleased that Mudgee-based A1 Earthworx has carried out the civil engineering work on the project's access road. There are further opportunities for local businesses and individuals to secure contracts or gain employment. We anticipate needing a workforce of up to 400. Submit your expression of interest via our [website](http://wollarsolar.com.au).



*Local vegetation control*

## Project timeline

Progress onsite	Anticipated Completion
Onsite roadworks	Q1 2024
Other civil works	Q1 2024
Installation of steel framing (trackers)	Q2 2024
Installation PV panels	Q2 2024
Commissioning	Q3 2024
First electricity generated	Q2 2024
Completion	Q3 2024

## Wollar Solar Farm Sponsorship Program now OPEN

Wollar Solar Farm is committed to working with local communities. In July, we've launched our **Community Sponsorship Program** and encourage applications from a wide variety of community-based activities, events, initiatives and projects. We will look to support applications that provide demonstrable outcomes, particularly in areas of:

- economic development
- health and fitness
- research
- youth development
- education and training
- First Nations
- environmental sustainability
- or activities that seek to improve the wellbeing and quality of life for the community

The program will continue over four rounds during project construction with the **first round closing at the end of August 2023 with up to \$8,000 available for community initiatives**. Priority will normally be given to not-for-profit organisations geographically within the vicinity of the solar farm. Interested groups can apply or learn more via our website [here](http://wollarsolar.com.au/community/sponsorship-program) ([wollarsolar.com.au/community/sponsorship-program](http://wollarsolar.com.au/community/sponsorship-program)).

## Wollar Solar lends a helping hand

Wollar Solar Farm proudly supported the purchase of a new 22,500L water tank installed at Wollar Hall for the Wollar Progress Association. The new tank will supply water for drinking, cooking, cleaning and toilets at the Wollar Community Hall.



*Wollar Solar Farm uses state-of-the-art bifacial modules that can capture energy reflected off the ground and other modules*



*Some piles resting before being put to good use in the generation process*



*Flyover of the construction compound and newly constructed substation*

*We acknowledge the Wiradjuri people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands upon which the Wollar Solar Farm operates and their continuing connection to Country. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging.*