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## Wollar Solar Farm

The solar farm is located on the western side of Barigan Road approximately 7km south of Wollar and 55km north-east of Mudgee. When completed, Wollar Solar Farm will consist of almost 660,000 solar panels and will have the ability to generate up to 290MW, which is enough energy to power approximately 104,926 homes every year.

## Project update

Spring is in the air at Wollar Solar Farm and construction is blossoming! Over the past months', piles have begun sprouting from the ground with about 10% now installed. These piles are the foundations upon which the beams, trackers and eventually solar panels, will be placed. With the number of piles installed rising every day, our workforce is increasing as we begin to install the trackers and panels.

An important piece of infrastructure has also begun to arrive on site, Harmonic Filters. These components are installed at the substation to facilitate a smooth connection between the energy generated from our solar farm and the power grid. We've also hit exciting delivery milestones with about 50% of our steel tracker systems and 60% of the PV panels having now been delivered to site. Deliveries are expected to continue into the new year.

In other construction news, civil earthworks and roadworks are continuing onsite, with 80% of the earthworks expected to be completed by the end of October 2023.

## Smoking Ceremony event

In August, Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation attended site to perform a Smoking Ceremony.

A smoking ceremony is a traditional Aboriginal custom which involves burning the leaves of native plants just enough to produce smoke. The smoke then cleanses the area and the people of bad spirits and promotes the protection and wellbeing of visitors to the land. These ceremonies are an important part of connecting to Country and promoting good health and wellbeing through connection to the land.

The Smoking Ceremony is a way to ensure continuing cultural practises occur on this land and raise cultural awareness on site.

Wollar Solar Farm is in the vicinity of a number of cultural Aboriginal sites which were identified at the commencement of the project by representatives from the Aboriginal community and project archaeologists. Stone artefacts, modified trees and stone axe grinding grooves are just some examples of the types of Aboriginal heritage items found in the area and provide insight into how the Aboriginal people lived on the land and the tools they used.

Further information about the Aboriginal heritage sites in the vicinity of the project and the extents we are going to mitigate any potential harm to them, can be found on our website in our [Cultural Heritage Management Plan](#).



The recent Smoking Ceremony conducted by Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation



Facilitators of the Smoking Ceremony

## Wollar Solar Farm Sponsorship Program provides boost for local events

Earlier this month Wollar Solar Farm was pleased to announce the recipients of the first round of funding for the Solar Farm’s Sponsorship Program . More than 20 submissions were received, with applications ranging from the arts to community markets, sporting and community events and more.

### The successful Round 1 applicants are:

1. Mudgee Business Chamber of Commerce – **Magic of Christmas in Mudgee Event**
2. Mid-Western Region Community Music Association – **Mid West Music Quest**
3. Mudgee Touch Association – **Junior Development Program**
4. Riding for the Disabled – **End of Year Presentation**

We are very pleased with the response we’ve received from the local community for the program, and we are looking forward to supporting the first-round recipients over the coming months.

To read more about Round 2, click [here](#). Applications for Round 2 will open on 1 November 2023 and will close on 31 January 2024. Applications must be submitted online or via email. If organisations, individuals or community groups require assistance with their submission, please contact [info@wollarsolar.com.au](mailto:info@wollarsolar.com.au) or call 1800 700 743.

## Wollar Solar goes green for Watershed Landcare’s 15th Annual Green Day

Organised by Watershed Landcare, this annual event, tailored for students in Grades 4 – 6, revolved around the theme ‘Water, Our Most Precious Resource,’ offering an array of enlightening workshops. Over 600 students from 17 schools participated, making it a day of fun, learning, and inspiration. The workshops, although centred on water, covered a spectrum of environmental topics, instilling the significance of preserving our environment, soils, and biodiversity in our young leaders .

The enthusiasm was electric as students from various schools united with a shared mission for a sustainable future. Wollar Solar Farm was proud to sponsor the 2023 Green Day.



### 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
<p><i>Typical hours of construction are Monday to Friday between 7am – 6pm and Saturday between 8am –1pm.</i></p>	



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### Captions

1. Looking at the bi-facial panels, providing energy reflected from the ground and other panels.
2. Civil equipment parked up at end of day with the western zone of the solar farm in the background.
3. High voltage cable arriving onsite.
4. An example of how we can install piles for solar panels on undulating ground.
5. Preparation for cable trenching and a pile of our specially sourced thermal rated sand to assist the performance of the high voltage cables.

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