

Community News

March 2024

We're keen to keep you informed on what's happening at Wollar Solar Farm. To receive future newsletters via email, please visit wollarsolar.com.au. You can unsubscribe at any time by emailing info@wollarsolar.com.au.

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

We've returned from the December holiday break refreshed and started the new year with electric enthusiasm. The progress on piling has been remarkable, as we've now hit the impressive 75% installation milestone, which means they're now on their final stretch. Our focus has shifted predominantly to the North-Western section of the site, nearing completion near the substation. Piling is likely to be fully completed by the end of April.

Meanwhile, the PV panel installation team has been steadily advancing, with a notable 25% of the trackers now adorned with panels – a whopping 150,000 panels have been installed to date, although they're not yet generating electricity as they await connection.

This month we will also see the electrical completion of our flagship 'Golden Row,' setting the benchmark for the farm's electrical infrastructure. The site's first power generation remains on track for Q2 this year.

Project timeline

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Progress onsite	Anticipated completion
Onsite roadworks	Q2 2024
Other civil works	Completed
Installation of steel framing (trackers)	Q2 2024
Installation PV panels	Q2 2024
Commissioning	Q3 2024
First electricity generated	Q2 2024
Completion	Q3 2024
Typical hours of construction are Monday	
to Friday between 7am - 6pm and Saturday	
between 8am - 1pm	

Trenching onsite has continued through the summer months, laying the groundwork for the high voltage, low voltage, and communications cables beneath the tracker systems to be connected. This monumental task will extend over several months, with hundreds of kilometres of cabling to install and backfill.

We eagerly anticipate the arrival of the final major procurement items on-site. This means all 600,000+ panels and HV cables will have been delivered with only a few of the 5,400 tracker system parts remaining.



Happy Easter from Wollar Solar

Everyone at Wollar Solar Farm would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy Easter period. Our office will be closed from 29 March to 1 April 2024 inclusive for the Easter long weekend. Construction will also slow down during this period to a much smaller workforce.

You can still contact us and we will respond to your emails after we return on 2 April 2024. If you need more immediate assistance, please phone our toll-free number on 1800 700 743 (leave a message and we'll call you back). If there is an emergency, please dial 000.

Wollar Solar kicks off its partnership with the Mudgee Dragons

Wollar Solar Farm is delighted to be a 2024 sponsor of the Mudgee Dragons, with the Solar Farm's logo appearing on the jersey of the club's Captain this season. Football is an important family and community activity in regional Australia and Wollar Solar is proud to be part of this year's football season supporting our local team, the Mudgee Dragons.

Round 1 gets underway on Saturday the 27th of April and we're looking forward to supporting our team!







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Wollar Solar a proud Gold Sponsor of the 179th Mudgee Show

The first weekend in March saw the 179th Mudgee Show in full swing. Wollar Solar was delighted to support this wonderful family and community event as a Gold Sponsor in 2024.

Bernie James, representing the solar farm, attended the show on Friday. "It was great to see such a large crowd visiting the wide variety of stalls, sideshow alley entertainment and watching the ring events. I particularly enjoyed the rodeo," he said.

Established in 1846 the Mudgee Show is the second oldest continually operating show society in NSW. Its success is largely due to support from local businesses like Wollar Solar Farm.

As a Gold Sponsor, Wollar Solar had a bundle of Show tickets to share with their partners and the community.



"We were pleased to be able to share some of the tickets with our work crews on the project to thank them for their efforts over the past few years." Mr James said. "I was also pleased to be able to provide show passes to one of Wollar Solar's neighbouring family's as well as 21 children's tickets to the Barnados Foundation.

"Being able to provide an opportunity for children who may not have had the chance to attend the show, to go and have a wonderful day out reinforces our commitment to being a good community neighbour and supporting the local community."

Support for another four local initiatives

Earlier this month, Wollar Solar Farm announced four local initiatives will receive funding support from the second round of the <u>Sponsorship Program</u>.

Arts, Culture and Advocacy initiatives will be supported as part of the second round of funding, with the following applicants all announced as successful:

- 1. Mudgee People Against Violence Committee -16 Days of Activism
- 2. Henry Lawson Heritage Festival Committee Gulgong **Henry** Lawson Heritage Festival
- 3. Gulgong Chamber of Commerce for the ${\bf Gulgong\ Gossip}$
- 4. Arts Council of Gulgong UneARThed Art Prize 2024





Sponsorship Program - ROUND 3 OPEN

Applications for Round 3 are now being accepted, with the round closing on 28 June 2024. Our <u>Sponsorship Program</u> is one of the ways we support organisations and initiatives that benefit the local community and future generations. We encourage sponsorship applications from a wide variety of community based activities, events, initiatives and projects. If organisations, individuals or community groups require assistance with their submission, please contact <u>info@wollarsolar.com.au</u> or call 1800 700 743.



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Captions

- 1. Site overview
- 2. Piling at Block 16
- 3. Installing the cables in-ground around the tracker systems
- 4. Looking across the arrays at blocks 15 \updeta 19 towards the Transgrid 330kv switchyard
- 5. A valley of solar panels nearing completion

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.

