# **Community Newsletter**

December 2024





## At a glance



321k Expected homes powered



**594MW** Expected capacity



322k Expected tonnes of emissions avoided

# **Project update**

As we approach the end of the year, Nigel, Tom and Luke from the Bookham Wind Farm team at Squadron Energy would like to extend our thanks for your continued interest and involvement in the project.

We wish you a safe and happy festive season and look forward to continuing our collaboration in the year ahead.



#### **Planning**

The project is expected to enter the NSW planning system in early 2025 by requesting the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A Scoping Report detailing key information and identifying environmental and social considerations for the project will be submitted.

The Scoping Report and the SEARs will be published on the project website when available.

An EIS will be prepared in accordance with the SEARs which will require a range of studies, including biodiversity, visual, noise, Aboriginal heritage and traffic. These studies will assess the existing environment and predicted impacts and opportunities for the project.

Field studies such as long-term biodiversity studies have started in 2024.

We plan to install two temporary wind monitoring masts early in 2025. The masts will provide more accurate wind data for the site as well as monitor bat activity as part of the biodiversity assessments.

#### **NSW Renewable Energy Planning Framework**

In November, the NSW government released its Renewable Energy Planning Framework which sets out revised guidelines to support the development and assessment of large-scale renewable energy projects.

The Wind Energy Guideline includes technical supplements for the evaluation of visual and noise impacts. The guideline also provides updated information on the way developers should share the benefits of projects with surrounding communities.

## Company update

It has been a busy year for Squadron Energy. We are 100% Australian owned with 1.1 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy in operation and 900MW under construction.

Find out more about our progress this year in our Year in review and our FY2024 Sustainability Report.

Our impact to date

tonnes of emissions avoided

2,100

direct iobs created

\$350m regional investment

**Current status** 

Operational:

**1.1GW** 

wind

In construction:

900MW

wind

# **Bookham Wind Farm in the community**

Throughout the year the project team has engaged with host landowners, neighbours and local stakeholders to discuss the project and to seek feedback and local knowledge to inform aspects of the project design.

On 22 October 2024, the Bookham Wind Farm team hosted a Community Drop-in Session at the Bookham Memorial Hall. This provided an opportunity for the community to learn about the proposed wind farm, the planning process and to ask questions of the project team.

We continue to visit the area regularly and are available to meet with anyone interested in the project. Please contact us by emailing <a href="mailto:bookhamwind@squadronenergy.com">bookhamwind@squadronenergy.com</a> or calling 0485 971 367 to have your say.



Our sponsorship program is open and we encourage local groups to apply. The program allows us to actively engage with the community and provide financial support, partnering with local groups and organisations to deliver events, programs and infrastructure.

Through this exciting initiative, we are pursuing projects that foster community connection and promote local economic development.

To date we have supported:

- · Bookham Cricket Club
- · Jugiong Golf Club (in conjunction with Jeremiah Wind Farm)

If you are interested in applying for sponsorship, please visit www.squadronenergy.com/communitysponsorship

### **Next steps**

We will continue to refine the project layout using information from ongoing technical studies, civil design and feedback from community consultation.

Your input is valuable and we encourage you to share your questions, concerns and feedback.

## **Contact us**

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