

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CRWF SITE VISIT IN SEPTEMBER

Lue Public School Principal Caron McDonald said of the trip: "It was such a fabulous day at Crudine Ridge Wind Farm for students in years 3-6. They learned so much about wind energy and were absolutely amazed at the size of the wind turbines."



Rodney Capon from Carcalgong, who visited the wind farm with his father, said: "I've watched it from the road grow over the past few years... I've really enjoyed seeing them up close and seeing all those components we watched come down the road all come together into an actual operating wind farm".



SPONSORSHIPS



Guyra Anglers Club
GoneFishing day



Inverell and Glen Innes High
School trip to the Ekka



Boorowa Irish Woolfest

TUPPENCE BOOK LAUNCH

'Tuppence the Orphan Turbine', written by our Community Engagement Coordinator Lyn Diskon, is a tale about a wind turbine, three kids and their pet dog and bird. Six schools surrounding Bango Wind Farm were each given chapters of the book to read and then illustrate.

The book was launched in Boorowa and Yass in November along with an art exhibition. Local communities and students were invited to attend the book reading and see the artworks up close. Copies of the book have been donated to the schools for P&C fundraising.



TAFE COURSE

We've been supporting Central West locals to increase and support safety skills in the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone by offering places in a Certificate IV in Workplace Health and Safety. The course is run out of Wellington TAFE, close to Ungula Wind Farm.

YEAR IN REVIEW

DECEMBER 2022



A MESSAGE FROM JASON

Growth has been our theme for 2022. We not only expanded our presence into Victoria and Queensland, we also increased our team by almost a third to help manage our pipeline of renewable energy projects.

We completed construction on two wind farms, launched two new projects and delivered enough renewable electricity to power more than 320,000 homes. We also achieved the first transmission approval for a battery energy storage system to connect to an existing wind farm for Sapphire Battery. Importantly we have continued to work closely with communities to design our projects to maximise local benefits and balance impacts.

We proudly supported a range of community initiatives across the regions in which we operate, including uniforms and amenities upgrades for community sports clubs, Christmas toy drives, and sponsorship of important local events. One of my highlights was a very special book launch of an adventure story, which local school children around Bango Wind Farm had helped to illustrate.

With Australia now on a legislated pathway to emissions reductions of 43% by 2030 and net zero by 2050, our work is more important than ever. We look forward to continuing to lead Australia's clean energy transition into 2023 with our partners, including our hosts, local communities and corporate power purchasers.

Jason Willoughby, CEO



AN UPDATE FROM BRENDAN – ASSET MANAGEMENT

Our renewable electricity generation has been on par with expectations with 1,656 GWh generated this year from our three wind farms, Sapphire, Crudine Ridge and Bango. Sapphire had a particularly strong year, producing enough extra electricity to power 18,000 additional homes. With construction completed at Bango Wind Farm, near Yass, and final commissioning taking place, we expect the project to be fully operational in the New Year. It will become the third largest operational wind farm in NSW.

To enhance our operational management, this year we upgraded our market control room, which allows us to monitor the energy market and manage our plants' performance simultaneously. The purpose-designed space caters for two full-time operators. We also maintained our ISO certification for our Quality, Environment, and Safety management systems during our annual audit in November. This certification ensures we meet, and maintain compliance with, the global benchmark for these standards while continuing to drive improvements.

A highlight of 2022 was the ability to welcome the community to Crudine Ridge Wind Farm, near Mudgee, which became fully operational earlier this year. In September we hosted two schools as well as the community out on site. Many community members were amazed to see the wind turbines in action after seeing delivery of various components during construction.

We proudly sponsored a wide range of local events and initiatives during 2022, including a number of community events which had been postponed multiple times due to Covid, including Boorowa Irish Woolfest. This support is in addition to our annual contribution to community benefit funds of \$359,000.

We look forward to hosting a special event for our landowners in 2023 to show our appreciation for their ongoing support through the operations of the wind farms.

We are also gearing up for construction on the 414 MW Ungula Wind Farm, which will deliver a big boost to our generation capabilities. We've been able to recruit locally for a series of project-related roles for Ungula, which during construction will support a total of 250 jobs.

Brendan McAvooy



AN UPDATE FROM ED - DEVELOPMENT

Development activities have progressed with social, environmental, and technical studies this year. We have also expanded, with teams and projects now across Victoria and Queensland complementing our strong New South Wales presence.

In NSW we have continued to identify opportunities as well as progress our early-stage and advanced developments. We are close to starting construction with Ungula Wind Farm in the Central- West Orana (CWO) Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) and the Sapphire Battery project co-located with our operational Sapphire Wind Farm in the New England (NE) REZ. We have also started broad community consultation on our Boorolong Wind Farm, in the NE REZ, and Dubbo Firming Power Station, in the CWO REZ.



We opened new offices in Brisbane and Melbourne. In Brisbane, a team of six (which is growing, and supported by the rest of the team) has been screening potential sites, engaging with landowners and undertaking early-stage activities in Queensland. In Victoria the team is looking to take forward two defined projects in the west of the state.



Our portfolio of advanced developments is now over 5 GW in size and spans renewable generation, battery storage and firming projects. Increasingly we want to ensure we have provision to firm our wind farms generation, which is why our projects are geographically spread, planned with co-located battery storage and also why we are pursuing firming developments. This means that at times of demand, where there is low wind or solar generation, we can meet our customers' requirements with firm power.

The year ahead will see more developments progress into the public domain, of all technology types, and across all three states. Busy and exciting times ahead for us and the regions within which we operate.

Ed Mounsey