### **Community Newsletter**

September 2025





# **Construction progress**



97/100 turbines installed



**46km** overhead power lines



106km underground reticulation



3/3 substation energised

### **Project update**

Construction of Clarke Creek Wind Farm is almost finished.

The project team has completed the successful installation of 97 turbines at Clarke Creek Wind Farm, with three more turbines to be erected.

After all 100 turbines have been installed, energised, and testing is completed, the project will transition to the operations phase.

The operations buildings on site are also approaching completion.



### **Power Promise Program**

Squadron Energy is excited to launch our Power Promise Program, a community investment initiative that provides direct energy-related subsidies to regional communities, ensuring a share in the benefits of Australia's clean energy transition.

<u>The Clarke Creek Energy Bill Bonus</u> pilot has launched for residents and businesses within 20km of Clarke Creek Wind Farm – Stage One. Eligible applicants will receive a \$1,000 annual rebate on their electricity bills, delivered directly via our partner ReSwitch.

If you think you're eligible but haven't received an invitation in the post, you can reach out to Reswitch at <a href="mailto:support@reswitch.com">support@reswitch.com</a>.



## Scholarship applications

The latest Clarke Creek Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Scholarship round is open, with applications closing on Friday 31 October 2025.

We are committed to supporting the local community with education costs. Applications are welcome from any age or level of education, including upskilling, course costs and/or study related materials.

The Scholarship guidelines can be found on <u>our website</u>. Previous successful applicants must wait three years before reapplying. If you were a successful applicant and received funding in 2022, you will be eligible to apply in this current round.

Applications can be submitted via SmartyGrants.

### Q&A with scholarship recipient - Charli White

Local resident Charli White received a scholarship from the Clarke Creek Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund in 2022 to attend the State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP). SHEP is a distinguished educational initiative designed to support and extend the musical development of talented students across Queensland. It plays a well-established role in music education, uniting selected young musicians from regional centres to collaborate and pursue musical excellence.



#### Why was the scholarship important to you?

Being awarded a scholarship to SHEP was a significant milestone in my musical journey, as it recognised both the potential and excellence in my performance. The opportunity to attend the program—particularly as a scholarship recipient—provided access to high-level musical training, the chance to work with esteemed conductors, and the experience of collaborating with other accomplished young musicians. This recognition reinforced my commitment to pursuing my goals and motivated me to continue developing my skills. Participation in a program of this calibre not only fosters artistic growth but also creates valuable opportunities for mentorship, networking, and inspiration. The scholarship further enhances my portfolio and supports future applications to universities, music academies, and other advanced programs.

#### What does music/singing mean to you?

Singing is where I find clarity, discipline, and a deep sense of purpose. It demands both technical precision and emotional intelligence, challenging me to engage fully with the music and communicate it with honesty and nuance. For me, singing is not simply about producing sound, it is about interpreting meaning, conveying emotion, and forging a genuine connection with an audience.

#### Would you have been able to pursue this program if it weren't for the scholarship?

While my family has always supported my performing ambitions, the costs associated with participating in a program like SHEP, including travel, accommodation, and program fees, represent a significant investment. Without the assistance of a scholarship, attending the program would have required careful financial planning and potentially necessitated adjustments in other areas. The scholarship eased this burden, allowing me to fully focus on the opportunity and making the experience more accessible and rewarding for both myself and my family.

#### What have you achieved since receiving the scholarship?

Since receiving the scholarship, I have been fortunate to apply and further develop my skills through a range of valuable opportunities. These have included securing lead roles in musical theatre productions, winning vocal awards at Eisteddfods, performing both solo and group dance routines in Rockhampton, participating in professional dance workshops with instructors from across Australia, and engaging in industry-led workshops at Brisbane Performing Arts Challenge BPAC. These experiences have greatly contributed to my artistic growth and performance confidence.

#### What would you say to others who want to apply for the scholarship?

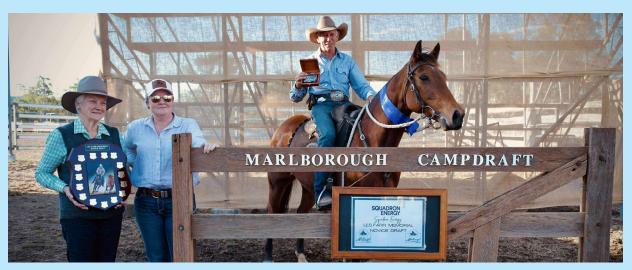
For those considering applying for a scholarship, I recommend approaching the process with thorough preparation and sincerity. A scholarship extends beyond financial assistance; it serves as an acknowledgment of your dedication, potential, and achievements. Regardless of the outcome, engaging fully in the process provides valuable self-reflection and insight, which can contribute significantly to your personal and academic development. Whether the scholarship is awarded for excellence in music and the arts, sports, or academics, it represents an important opportunity to receive recognition and support that can significantly enhance development and commitment in those areas.

### **Community sponsorship**

We are pleased to continue our support of the annual Marlborough District Campdraft event in July. The campdraft is a popular event for the Marlborough region, attracting competitors locally as well as further afield.

The Marlborough District Campdraft Association Inc. also received grants from the Clarke Creek Community Benefit Fund to upgrade their arena to provide a safe and functional venue for campdrafts, the Marlborough Agricultural Show and the Pony Club. These events provide a valuable opportunity for the community to come together.

As Clarke Creek Wind Farm moves from construction into the operations phase, the Community Benefit Fund and the Community Sponsorship Program will continue. If you are interested in applying for funding, please visit the <u>project website</u>.





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