# **Community Newsletter**

December 2024





As we approach the end of the year, the Spicers Creek Wind Farm (SCWF) team – Trish, Kristy and Kate – and Squadron Energy would like to extend our thanks for your continued interest and involvement in the project.

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



#### **Project update**

In a huge project milestone, NSW State approval was received from the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) on 31 October 2024. The Commissioners visited the site in August, followed by the Public Meeting held at the Dunedoo Jubilee Memorial Hall. The project is now being assessed for Commonwealth approval by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

On 11 December 2024, <u>SCWF became one of 19 successful projects</u> for the Australian Government's Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS), 7 of which are in NSW. Read more about the CIS.



#### **Next steps**

The team is working on the secondary approvals for the wind farm, including management plans and public road upgrade works. Detailed design is progressing well, with further geotechnical work to start in 2025 which will inform detailed civil and electrical design.

<u>Business information sessions</u> were held at Dubbo and Dunedoo on 25 September for local businesses interested in working on the construction of the project. Local contractors and service providers are encouraged to <u>register their interest</u> for supplying goods and services to the project.

### **CWO REZ transmission project**

Importantly for SCWF, the <u>Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone transmission project</u> became the first REZ transmission in NSW to receive project approval in June 2024. This project is essential for the NSW Electricity Infrastructure Road map and will connect 4.5 gigawatts of capacity to the network. Construction is expected to be complete in 2028.

### Water security

Squadron Energy, and Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) are proud to have <u>signed a memorandum of understanding</u> (MoU) to fund an advanced wastewater treatment facility at Dubbo Sewerage Treatment Plant.

This infrastructure upgrade is a permanent solution to ensure local water security and will not only benefit projects like Spicers Creek Wind Farm, but also others within the DRC Local Government Area.



Pictured: (back) Dubbo Regional Council CEO Murray Wood, DRC Water and Sewer Client Services Officer Bina Mahadeb, DRC Infrastructure Director Luke Ryan, DRC Manager Strategy Water Supply and Sewer Chris Godfrey, Squadron Energy CEO Rob Wheals, Squadron Energy Regional Economic Development Facilitator Bart Sykes, (front) Squadron Energy Chairman Jason Willoughby and (former) Dubbo Regional Council Mayor Mathew Dickerson.

# **Spicers Creek Wind Farm in the community**

This year we were pleased to partner with so many local groups and organisation through our sponsorship program, including:

- · Gulgong Public School Breakfast Club
- · Fanny Lumsden Country Halls Tour at Goolma Hall
- Elong Elong RFS
- · Dunedoo Central School's Art for Youth Program
- · Dunedoo Sports Club Tunes on the Turf
- · Geurie Goats Rugby Union Club
- · Dunedoo Amateur Swimming Club
- Dunedoo Preschool Kindergarten Fundraising Event
- · Gulgong Fishing Club
- · Gollan Hall Christmas Party

If you are interested in applying for sponsorship, please visit <a href="https://www.squadronenergy.com/communitysponsorship">www.squadronenergy.com/communitysponsorship</a>



Dunedoo Amateur Swimming Club



Gulgong Public School Breakfast Club

## 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 <u>Year in review</u> and our FY2024 <u>Sustainability</u> Report.

Our impact to date

7m tonnes of emissions avoided 2,100 direct jobs created

\$350m regional investment

**Current status** 

**Operational:** 

**1.1GW** 

5 wind farms

In construction:

900MW

wind farms

### **Contact us**

Trish McDonald - Acting Head of Project Development Phone: 1800 095 754

Email: spicerscreekwind@squadronenergy.com

Web: spicerscreekwindfarm.com.au

SQUADRON 70 ENERGY

squadronenergy.com