



Fulham Solar Farm Community Reference Group #1

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Octopus Australia acknowledges the Gunaikurnai peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we are building the Fulham Solar Farm and recognise their communities' continuing connections to their lands, waters and cultures.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend this respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



“Traditional Healers and Community”
Artist: Wayne Apetyane Davis
Presented to Octopus Australia in 2022

Agenda

What	Who
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	Octopus Australia
Introductions	Octopus Australia and Community Reference Group
Project update, key highlights and upcoming activities	Sid Pandey, Octopus Australia
Local initiatives update	Octopus Australia
Q&A	
Dinner & informal discussion	All

Fulham Solar Farm Project - Overview

- 80MW Solar Farm with a 128 MWh Battery Storage, enough to power around 39,000 homes.
- \$300 million
- S72 Amendment to the Planning Application was approved on 4 December 2024.
- EPC contractor awarded to GranSolar (GRS)
- Construction works on the site have commenced.



DC-Coupled Technology and Layout



Local Opportunities

- The Fulham Solar Farm is committed to using local businesses to construct the project; to date we have awarded contracts to:
 - Tequa Group
 - Sproule's Demolition and Asbestos Removal
 - Cummins Civil
 - DC Civil and Rail
 - Cummins Excavations
 - EJM Contractors
 - Precision Point Electrical
 - Fowlers Asphaltting
 - Kwik Tip Bins
 - MedX



Supporting our local community

- As part of the Fulham Solar Farm, Octopus Australia are committed to ensure we provide long-term benefits to the local community, and are currently in the process of establishing partnerships below:
 - **Community Benefit Fund:**
 - The Fund will provide \$50,000 annually to support small projects within 40km of the project.
 - **Gippsland TAFE:**
 - Five-year partnership delivering scholarships, awards and improving student health and wellbeing.
 - **Broadening Horizons:**
 - Industry partner to provide educational opportunities to high school students.
 - **GLaWAC:**
 - MoU is currently with GLaWAC to deliver long-term benefits with the focus being culture management and economic development.
 - **Committee for Gippsland:**
 - Participating in the C4G Young Professional development course.
 - **Fulham Solar Farm monthly raffle:**
 - Monthly raffle, five winners receive a \$100 voucher at local Sale businesses – first one on 11th February at The Star Hotel
- The project is also supporting its neighbours, one of our neighbours has received a solar system installed on their property and providing surplus topsoil to neighbouring properties and businesses.

Upcoming Activities

- We're building the workforce on site tracking to about 100 in Q1 2026.
- Minutes and pack will be up in the project website.
- Next CRG meeting will be held in the next quarter, with more information on dates to follow.

Workstream	Key activities	Est. Date
Deliveries	Delivery of remaining tracker piles	In Feb 2026
Construction	Continue with tracker pile installation and PV Module installations	In Feb 2026
Construction	Continue with BESS bunds, DPS foundation works	In Feb 2026
Construction	Commence combiner box mechanical installation	In Feb 2026
Logistics	HV Transformer to leave the factory for shipment	In Feb 2026
Construction	Commence substation crew mobilisation, survey and construction activities	W/C 02 Feb 2026
Construction	Commence solar panel installation	W/C 02 Feb 2026
Construction	Golden row inspections b/w GRS/OA/GHD	W/C 09 Feb 2026
Logistics	Deliver the final batch of tracker equipment and remaining tracker piles	Before end of Feb 2026
Construction	Complete 25% of tracker pile installation (6 blocks)	Before end of Feb 2026
Construction	Complete 25% of tracker installation (6 blocks)	Before end of Feb 2026
Construction	Complete 25% of PV Module installation (6 blocks)	Before end of Feb 2026
Procurement	GRS to award electrical contract	Before end of Feb 2026

Site Images



Figure 1: Northern fence, adj. to prison



Figure 3: Tracker equipment staged across the blocks.



Figure 2: AusNet switching station



Figure 4: Electrical trench crossing internal road



Figure 5: Tracker deliveries



Figure 6: Tracker row installation



Figure 7: Installed tracker piles



Figure 8: Tracker pile installations



Figure 9: Back filling of road crossing trenches



Figure 10: Additional piling rigs mobilised at site



Figure 11: BESS bund construction, concrete pour



Figure 12: PV modules delivered to site



Figure 13: Tracker pile – pull out testing



Figure 14: Tracker installation



Figure 15: Mulch spreading across the perimeter fencing



Figure 16: BESS bund construction

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