

Meeting minutes

Fulham Solar Farm and Battery – Community Reference Group (CRG)

Date	Time	Attendees	Apologies
11 February 2026	6pm – 7pm	Matt McNally (MM) Tricia Pacifico (TP) Sid Pandey (SP) Michelle Dowsett (MD) Alfred Chown (AC) Kirsten Power (KP)	Harry Hooke (HH)

Agenda Items

Topic	Notes/Discussion
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TP acknowledgement of country and close working relationship and history
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TP provided an update on experience and role on the project AC provided update on experience and interest in the project and electrical background, keen interest on the project SP update on experience and role as project manager on project MD, Sale born and bred, accountant background, worked on a few boards, Gippsland management, RDA committee, community aged care facility, community foundation, founded in east Gippsland, managed money to go to impacted individuals, disperse grants to community, keen interest in community benefits. Shared about putting money aside yearly to benefit the greater period of time. MM provided introduction and relationships established so far. KP from council – current work focuses renewable and defence, lasting positive legacy
Project update, key highlights and upcoming activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction is well and truly underway, 90 panels up out of 150,930 to go Workforce will peak at 200 pax around March/April
Local initiatives update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OA is working with local pubs for monthly raffle during construction

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating strategic partnerships with Committee4Gippsland, TAFE Gippsland, Powering Her Pathways (Tradeswomen Aus)
Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AC asked where batteries are coming from. SD answered China and the battery provider is Wartsila. CATL is the actual battery cell.• MD asked about workforce, SD answered that 90 are on site currently, towards end of March that will increase to 200. With roughly 50 people working on the AusNet switching station. % of local and FN businesses.• MD asked about workforce once operational. SP answered there will be five FTE during operations.•
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion around workforce compared between traditional coal fired power and renewable projects• Community fatigue, due to offshore wind and ongoing engagement with government and other players• Conversation around lack of manufacturing in Australia in these projects• Next meeting to be scheduled for May 2026.