

Monthly construction update

April 2026

Substation concrete pours continue

Construction of two new substations and upgrade of a third has moved into a new phase.

Thousands of cubic metres of concrete are being poured for foundation piles and equipment mounting pads or 'bunds' at the Maragle Substation site in the Snowy Valleys and at the Gugaa Substation site at Gregadoo, near Wagga Wagga.

Following the arrival of transformers and shunt reactors at Wollongong's Port Kembla in March, the project team is now coordinating the transport of this equipment to the Maragle and Gugaa sites.

The first of the transformers required for both substations is scheduled to be delivered later this month.

Meanwhile, concrete pours are also continuing at Wagga Wagga Substation in readiness to install new equipment.

With over 25,000 cubic metres of concrete required in total to construct HumeLink West, Transgrid's project delivery partners, UGL and CPB Contractors, have begun sourcing concrete from two new batch plants, in addition to ongoing deliveries from valued suppliers in Tumut, Tumbarumba and Wagga Wagga.

The Tarcutta batch plant began production at Calinga Park Lane in late February and a new facility on Lower Bago Road is beginning deliveries now.



Concrete from the new batch plant is poured at Maragle Substation.



New transmission towers erected near the new Gugaa Substation.

Over ten percent of new towers now erected

Almost 40 of the over 360 transmission towers needed for the HumeLink West project have now been erected.

The overhead transmission lines tower erection crews are currently completing around five towers each week and expect to take that rate higher as additional workers join the project.

Well over half of the tower pads have been excavated, followed by the foundation crews then moving in to drill and pour the deep foundation piles needed to anchor each tower in place.

Stringing of the first conductors between towers is scheduled to get underway near Wagga Wagga this month.

Transmission line stringing is set to begin

The overhead transmission lines team is set to begin stringing conductor cables over a 2km section of alignment between Gregadoo and Wagga Wagga Substation from mid-this month.

To string cables (conductor) between towers insulators, pulley blocks are put in place to enable the conductors to be installed.

During the stringing process, we will use drones and helicopters to install the pilot cable (draw wire) through the pulley blocks from the winch site to the brake site.

The draw wire is then used to pull the permanent conductor through the pulley blocks. During this work, drones and helicopters will be flying close to the top of new transmission towers. Stringing between towers typically takes one to two days in one location.

Landowners and neighbours within 500 metres of the project will be notified and consulted well in advance, by phone, for all stringing work, flight paths and planned aerial inspections, and given time to move any livestock.

Further information is available from the HumeLink West Community team using the contact details below on Page 2.



The new hybrid solar battery power supply system doubles as a handy carport for vehicles to park beneath. The solar panels are mounted on the folding roof.

Solar power at project sites replacing diesel

The HumeLink West team has begun rolling out hybrid solar battery systems to reduce dependency on diesel engine powered electricity generation at eight key project sites.

The latest installation of the EcoPro system, developed by CPB Contractors, has reduced diesel power generation at a Gregadoo storage and offices facility to just one hour per day.

A recent successful trial of the 123kWh solar battery system at the Maragle construction site reduced carbon emissions from site power generation by 98% - the equivalent of taking 65 cars off the road each day.

As a result of the trial, UGL and CPB Contractors are installing the systems at a total of 9 major construction materials and equipment storage facilities, including concrete batchplants and at some work sites.

Construction traffic safety on local roads

Until project completion in late 2027, local road users will notice more than the usual number of cars and trucks on some routes.

This traffic increase includes workers travelling to and from project sites and trucks delivering construction equipment and key materials such as steel and concrete. See the [FACT SHEET](#) for more information.

Safety is central to all traffic and vehicle operations on the HumeLink West project. If you wish to report any project-related safety concern, please use the contact details below.

We thank the community and road users for their understanding and ask everybody to take extra care, stay within speed limits, follow traffic control directions, and drive to the conditions.

Local traffic information is available at www.livetraffic.com

School holiday fun fact finding in Batlow

Our community team has planned fun and learning for primary school children (ages 5-12), their parents or carers on Tuesday 14 April at the HumeLink West Information Centre at 37 Pioneer Street in Batlow, and on Thursday 16 April at the Humula Soldiers Memorial Hall, Mate Street, Humula.

Activities include:

- Build a transmission tower
- Try Virtual Reality (VR) goggles
- Paint a nest box and use a noise monitor
- Assemble electricity kits
- Be immersed in an information portal and video
- Participate in kids' workwear dress-up and a safety talk.

Places are limited to eight children and their carers per session, so please use the contact details below to book ahead.

Where else to meet our community team

Members of the community are welcome to visit the HumeLink West Information Centre at the Snowy Valleys Resilience Hub, 37 Pioneer St. Batlow, open each week from Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm.

Additionally, our community team will be at the following local events in April.

- Tarcutta Camp Draft - Friday to Sunday April 3rd to 5th
- Markets By the Lake, Wagga Wagga - Saturday April 4th
- Markets, Royal Adelong Hotel - Saturday April 11th
- Kunama Worker Accommodation Facility - Sunday April 12th.

We look forward to meeting you, so please come and say hello.

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