

Community News



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Welcome to HumeLink East Community News

Main construction is underway on HumeLink East! It has been a busy few months with the first foundations drilled, tower steel arriving and our first tower going up.

While many of us are winding down for the end of the year, our construction team will be continuing to work over the break, setting us up for 2026.

I would like to say thank you to our subcontractors, suppliers and our wider team for their hard work getting us to this point. I'd like to also extend my heartfelt thanks to you, the community, for your support throughout the year, meeting with our teams and for welcoming us into your communities.

On behalf of the HumeLink East team, we wish you a happy and safe Christmas and I look forward to keeping you updated in 2026.



Carel Nagel

HumeLink East Project Director

Construction update

Main construction on HumeLink East began in late September with the first foundations drilled near Tumut. In November, we received some key deliveries to support main construction, with the arrival of our first two steel shipments, which were transported to some of our sites between Adjungbilly and the Murrumbidgee River.

By early December, we had 10 foundations drilled and the first tower erected at Adjungbilly. This is the most visible sign of progress to date and is a major milestone for the project. We will continue with tower assembly in 2026.

Additional works include the continued construction of access tracks, access points and tower pads along the full length of the alignment. Over 60 access points and 80 kilometres of access tracks have already been completed.

As construction activity increases, there will be more HumeLink East vehicles travelling along local roads and near construction sites, and we want to thank the community for their patience while there are increased traffic movements in the area.



First pile being drilled near Tumut in late September.



Foundation construction near Adjungbilly.



Tower assembly underway at Adjungbilly

Yass worker accommodation facility now open

The Yass worker accommodation facility welcomed the first workers in October 2025. At peak, the site will accommodate 300 workers for the project.

It includes 300 ensuite bedrooms, dining hall, kitchen, office and recreational facilities.

The camp will bring more people into Yass, supporting local shops and businesses while easing pressure on housing and accommodation.



Aerial image of Yass worker accommodation facility (October 2025).

Upcoming on HumeLink East

Over the next three months, the following activities are planned:

- Continuing tower assembly along the alignment
- Preparation for start of tower stringing
- Continuing construction of access tracks and points
- Earthmoving works at Bannaby substation continuing
- Attending Gunning and Gundagai community shows.



Andrew Fields of Yass Earth Movers.

Showcasing local businesses

With main construction ramping up, the project is continuing to invest with local suppliers.

To date, HumeLink East has invested more than \$8.9M in direct spend through signed contracts with local suppliers, plus \$10.3M for indirect spend which includes local accommodation and credit card purchases with 95 local and First Nations businesses in the Southern Tablelands, Riverina and Snowy Mountains.

One of the businesses working on HumeLink East is Yass Earth Movers, which is helping complete access tracks and water crossings.

The family-owned and run business has been operating for 61 years and is run by Andrew Fields and his sister Maureen, and employs 30 people.

Andrew is hoping HumeLink East will help the business expand: "This project will benefit us. It's local work for local people, benefiting the community, and we hope to employ skilled individuals and grow with the project.

"That's what I like about this project, because this approach ensures real community impact. People that live here, in this town, will benefit."

We continue to seek opportunities to support local businesses throughout construction.

Civil Contractors Federation visit

Representatives from the Civil Contractors Federation visited Yass for a HumeLink East site tour and networking event, in late October.

The afternoon began at the Yass Soldiers Club with a presentation on the HumeLink Project, attended by approximately 40 guests, including a range of local subcontractors such as Divall's Earthmoving & Bulk Haulage and Yass Earth Movers.

Following the presentation, attendees visited a work site in Yass where they saw work on tower pad construction. They also heard an update from the construction manager on the progress of construction and tower works before they were taken on a guided tour of the Yass worker accommodation facility.

Guests were thoroughly impressed with the facilities, hospitality and catering, with some even staying overnight to experience the accommodation firsthand.

The event provided an excellent opportunity for networking with subcontractors and showcased the strong collaboration between HumeLink East and local industry partners.



Civil Contractors Federation delegation visiting construction near Yass.

Work over Christmas

The HumeLink East project offices will be closed from Friday 19 December 2025 and re-open on 5 January 2026.

There will be no work on our sites between 24 and 28 December. Construction on some sites will resume on 29 December. If work continues near you, the HumeLink East Community and Stakeholder Engagement team will be in contact with you.

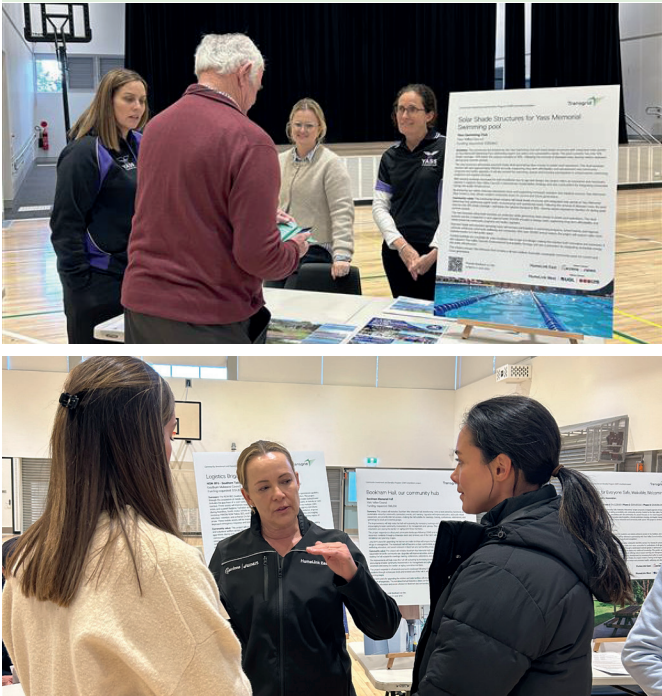
If you have any questions over the holiday break, please contact our Community and Stakeholder Engagement team by calling 1800 317 367 or by emailing humelink@transgrid.com.au

CIBP events

The Community Investment and Benefits program attracted strong interest from the community with more than 60 people attending events in late September in Yass, Gundagai, Crookwell and Tumut, to review the 24 shortlisted projects on HumeLink East.

The feedback from the community was overwhelmingly positive with more than 800 community prioritisation surveys completed, which will help form a part of the final decision on which projects will be chosen to receive funding.

Successful shortlisted applicants will be announced in early 2026.



CIBP community prioritisation events in Yass.

Murrumbateman Field Days

Our community team had a fantastic few days representing the project at the Murrumbateman Field Days on 18-19 October.

Nearly 300 people dropped by our stall and it was a pleasure to speak with the community and provide them with an update on how the project is progressing.



HumeLink East team at Murrumbateman Field Days.

Register to receive SMS Alerts

To help keep you informed about what is happening and when road convoys will be in your area, we are now offering the option to register for SMS Alerts to receive updates on the project.

Scan the QR code below to opt-in to SMS Alerts. By opting in, you consent to the HumeLink East project delivery partners using your details to provide you with project updates and information related to the project.

