

First transmission towers going up

Transgrid’s HumeLink West delivery partners, UGL and CPB Contractors have begun assembling and erecting the first transmission towers on the project.

Located at Gregadoo to the east of Wagga Wagga, the towers are being constructed using prefabricated galvanised steel components being stockpiled nearby at the Gugaa laydown facility.

The materials are sorted and dispatched to each tower erection site where they are laid on the ground and bolted together into segments for lifting into place by a tall crane.



A transmission tower under assembly south-east of Wagga Wagga.



The first tower foundations have been poured on HumeLink West.

More tower foundations are being poured

Civil construction crews are moving from one tower site to the next, drilling deep foundation piles, installing steel reinforcement and, depending on ground conditions, steel lining sleeves.

Finally a tower leg stub is positioned before the foundation is filled with concrete to secure each of the tower’s four footing piles into place.

Because the concrete takes up to four weeks to fully set, the team is drilling, installing and pouring as many foundations as possible to ensure the tower erection team is kept busy.

Stringing of the first conductors between towers is scheduled to get underway in early 2026.

Other main construction works on the 140km alignment include building access points and tracks to over 360 transmission tower sites, bulk civil earthworks for a new 500kV substation at Gregadoo and another at Maragle in the Snowy Mountains.

Gugaa Substation earthworks clear the way

One of two new 500kV substation sites under construction on HumeLink West has progressed quickly into a major work site.

Located south-east of Wagga Wagga, Gugaa Substation will provide a link between the local Riverina power network, HumeLink West and the Snowy 2.0 hydro project.

Current works have involved surface stripping and cut and fill operations to achieve the required ground levels. Early in 2026 workers will begin excavating and installing the concrete foundations of the substation.

At Maragle in the Snowy Mountains, a similar substation that will receive 330kV power from Snowy 2.0 and step the current up to 500kV for transmission via HumeLink, is preparing for the start of foundation piling this month.

Both substations, as well as upgrade the existing Wagga Wagga Substation, are due for completion in 2027.



The HumeLink West alignment is marked in yellow.



The near complete Kunama worker accommodation facility showing associated road widening and upgrade works along Green Hills Access Road.

Kunama camp nears completion

The second of two 350 worker accommodation facilities to be constructed to house the HumeLink West construction force is nearing completion. A similar facility on the western outskirts of Tarcutta is complete and operational.

Most of the 120 or so prefabricated modules that comprise the Kunama facility have already been delivered and installed.

Roofing for covered walkways and recreational areas is due to be fitted and services connected and tested this month.

A defining unique feature of the Kunama facility is the 40 metre tall communications monopole used to provide residents and office workers at the Kunama facility with internet access via a direct microwave link to Sydney.

Upcoming project information sessions

The HumeLink West team is committed to keeping the community informed about upcoming works. Over the coming weeks, the project team will hold a number of information sessions at the following locations:

- Adelong - Adelong Services & Citizen's Bowling Club, Wednesday 3 December, 6.00pm to 7.30pm.
- Batlow - Batlow Resilience Hub, 37 Pioneer St Batlow, Thursday 4 December, 6.00pm to 7.30pm.
- Gregadoo -Gugaa Substation compound on Livingstone Gully Road on Wednesday, 10 December, 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

For more information on upcoming information sessions, please visit the project website [here](#).

Road and driver safety

Until the project is completed in late 2027, as we progress with construction of the transmission towers and lines, there will be an increase in both light and heavy vehicle movements on some local roads.

These movements include workers traveling to and from construction sites and heavy vehicle journeys delivering essential materials such as tower steel, concrete and construction equipment to substation sites and tower location access points.

Safety is central to all traffic and vehicle operations on the HumeLink project. We strive, where possible, to minimise the number of machinery and vehicles used across sites, and ensuring all vehicles are regularly maintained and serviced to reduce risk and environmental impact.

To support this, all drivers on the project have completed mandatory safety training and operate vehicles fitted with In-Vehicle Management Systems (IVMS). These systems enable live tracking and real-time Geofence alerts to ensure compliance with approved travel schedules and designated routes.

Before commencing work each day, personnel receive pre-start briefings and site-specific inductions on safety protocols.

We thank the community and road users for their patience and ask everybody to take extra care, observe speed limits, follow directions and drive to the conditions.

Local traffic information is available at www.livetraffic.com

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