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Welcome to HumeLink East Community News

It's been a busy three months since our last community update, and we have a lot to share with you.

We have recently completed our laydown yard at Faulders Avenue in Yass, which is already starting to receive deliveries for the project ahead of the start of major construction later this year. We have also begun works on Yass and Adjungbilly worker accommodation facilities, and our access track and access point work is continuing along the full alignment.

Our team has been out meeting with the community over the last few months, with several community events and consultations. Thank you to everyone who has spoken with our team and provided feedback. If you haven't been able to speak with our team but want to get in contact with us, I encourage you to fill out the community feedback survey in the newsletter.

You will start to see our team out and about even more as work continues, and I look forward to keeping you updated on the works we are doing in your community.



Carel Nagel

HumeLink East Project Director

Construction Updates

Early construction is well underway on HumeLink East with several milestones reached in April, May and June.

Work commenced on both the Yass and Adjungbilly worker accommodation facilities in April, with construction of the Adjungbilly site almost complete. In June, all accommodation facilities had been installed, with the establishment of a fuel farm and workshop the final two activities before the facility is completed in July.

Earthworks for the Yass accommodation facility are nearing completion, with the team moving more than 27,000m³ of dirt. The construction and fit-out of the accommodation facilities will continue mid-year.

With the partial completion of the project compound at Faulder Avenue in Yass, deliveries of material for the project have begun. The first conductor cables have been delivered to the site, where they will be stored until needed during construction. The project also recently received a delivery of 100,000 glass conductors that will be used during construction.

In mid-June, we started works at Transgrid's existing Bannaby Substation to upgrade the substation, with works including bulk earthworks and preliminary civil works.

We are continuing ecology, heritage and biodiversity surveys across the project footprint, ahead of major construction commencing later this year.

Ground investigations and earth testing are also continuing, using a borehole drill to collect soil and rock samples. This will help determine actual ground conditions to inform the design of transmission tower foundations.



Adjungbilly worker accommodation facility in May 2025



Earthworks at Yass workers accommodation facility

Water Usage

To carry out work on the HumeLink East project, the team will be accessing potable and non-potable water to carry out construction activities.

HumeLink workers will use water at compounds and accommodation facilities for drinking, cooking and sanitation. During enabling and construction works, water will be used for dust suppression, soil compaction and other construction activities.

HumeLink East is working with private landowners to secure water access throughout their project alignment. These agreements will allow the project to use specific amounts of water from landowners' bores or dams. Potable water for the Adjungbilly site will be sourced from a bore that will be constructed by HumeLink East, and then treated, while the Yass worker accommodation site will access potable water through council supply.

For more information about how HumeLink East will use water on the project, view the Water usage fact sheet on the Transgrid website.



The first drums of conductor cables arriving at Faulder Avenue in Yass.

Building local skills and jobs on HumeLink East

HumeLink East has partnered with TAFE NSW to help upskill future workers for the project.

We have structured new hands-on courses for trainees from Yass, Crookwell and Goulburn to help them develop the skills and qualifications to become plant operators on HumeLink East and gain employment at the completion of their TAFE course.

Our team is already looking at future certificates and qualifications the trainees can undertake if they take up a job as a plant operator. This means local people will be paid to gain further skills, qualifications and experience while working on the project.

Twelve students signed up to start the courses, which kicked off in May.

The NSW Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education The Hon. Steve Whan, MP visited Goulburn TAFE to launch the initiative and meet some of the trainees.

The new TAFE courses include:

- Statement of Attainment in Excavator and Dozer Operations
- Statement of Attainment in Backhoe and Loader Operations
- Statement of Attainment in Earthworks 2 (Skid Steer and Excavator)



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Interested in working with us?

We are committed to investing in local communities, and providing tangible and meaningful benefits, including jobs and skills development, on the HumeLink East project.

A range of jobs are available, for both office and site-based workers, and we will continue to recruit for new roles over the course of the project.

If you are interested in working on the project, please submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) via the QR code below so we can keep you informed about new opportunities.



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Bringing benefits to your community

We're working with local communities to make HumeLink more than just an energy project - we want it to deliver lasting benefits for people and places across the region. We are supporting projects that strengthen community connection, local industry development and education.

If you have an initiative that could make a lasting difference to your area, we want to hear from you. To learn more scan the QR code below.



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SIMP consultation

Throughout March and April, we engaged with a broad range of stakeholders from local Councils, emergency services and business groups to discuss our Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP). A SIMP outlines how a project will manage and minimise its impact on local communities.

SIMP group consultation sessions were held in Goulburn, Yass and Tumut, and we also had five one-on-one sessions for stakeholders needing individual discussions.

In the community

We held our second round of community events in May, meeting members of the community to discuss construction work, job and traineeship opportunities on the project and our community investment opportunities.

The events held in Crookwell, Yass, Tumut and Gundagai were well attended with more than 100 community members meeting with our team.

HumeLink East artwork

The project commissioned Luke Penrith, a local indigenous Wiradjuri artist, to create an artwork that represents our vision for integration between the project team and the local indigenous community and landscape. An interpretation theme of “Connecting to Country” was chosen by the artist, representing the significance of the landscape that the project is part of and its intertwined coexistence with the local indigenous heritage and history.

The artwork is on display through the project, and we hope that through these avenues, the project can represent the importance of the local indigenous presence for the project as well as the central role it plays in defining the project alignment tower locations, construction methodology and disturbance footprint.



Connecting to Country artwork



Community Investment and Opportunities Event in Tumut in May 2025

Community feedback survey

Your feedback is important to us, and we want to hear from you about how we can effectively communicate and engage with the communities in which we are working.

The project has a Community Communications Strategy (CCS) which describes how Transgrid and HumeLink East (AGJV) will manage communication and engagement with the community throughout the enabling works and construction of the project.

This strategy can be [viewed on the Transgrid website](#) and we encourage you to provide feedback on this document. This can be done by:

- Calling the Community Information Line on 1800 317 367
- Emailing the community inbox at humelink@transgrid.com.au
- Filling out the contact form at: [HumeLink East | Transgrid](#)

Upcoming on HumeLink East

Over the next three months, the following activities will be occurring:

- Community investment and benefits consultation will be held from July to September.
- The completion of the Adjungbilly workers accommodation facility in July, pending site and weather conditions.
- The community team will continue to meet with landowners along the alignment to keep them informed about work on their land.
- Preparatory works for commencement of construction of access points and tracks and tower pads.
- NAIDOC Week event at Valmar Services Club, Tumut, on 10 July between 10.00am to 1.00pm.