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Welcome to HumeLink East Community News

We've been getting ready for the start of main construction for a long time, and it is now imminent. Our subcontractors and delivery team have been working hard to get us ready and delivery of our enabling works has paved the way for main construction to be a success. We are seeing some significant achievements reached. Our Adjungbilly camp has welcomed its first workers.

We would also like to thank the community for your understanding and support as we completed our enabling works. We will continue to work with you through main construction.

I look forward to providing you with further updates as main construction progresses.



Carel Nagel

HumeLink East Project Director

Construction update

This year, we have been completing enabling works and associated activities to progress detailed design for HumeLink East, ready for main construction works to start in the coming weeks. This marks a significant project milestone.

Since work began, our team has been able to get on with carrying out environmental and property surveys, constructing access points and tracks and establishing worker accommodation facilities at Yass and Adjungbilly.

We will soon begin main construction which will comprise of three major components – access, towers and stringing. Construction will start along the full alignment, and further updates will be communicated to those communities and property owners ahead of work beginning.

As part of preparing for main construction, enabling works have been continuing well with more than 40 access points and more than 40km of access tracks now completed across the project.

After starting works in June at Bannaby substation, works are progressing well, with earthworks underway and more than 4,000 cubic metres of dirt moved. The team is now focusing on the upgrade of the substation and electrical equipment, with planning underway on this upgrade.

We are continuing ecology, heritage and biodiversity surveys across the project footprint, ahead of main construction getting underway 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.



Access track work being carried out on HumeLink East.



Earthworks at the Bannaby substation.

Adjungbilly workers accommodation facility now open

The Adjungbilly workers accommodation facility has opened to the first group of workers on the project.

At peak, Adjungbilly will house 190 workers and includes accommodation facilities, a fuel depot, an office and recreational facilities.

With the Adjungbilly workers accommodation facility now open, the final preparations are underway at Yass workers accommodation facility which will be open and operational in October.

These camps will more than just house workers, they will bring more people into communities to support local shops and businesses without adding pressure on limited housing and accommodation.



Project team members at Adjungbilly camp.

Showcasing local businesses

As construction on HumeLink ramps up, local businesses across the project area are benefiting as a result.

HumeLink East has invested more than \$15.2M with 135 local and First Nations businesses in the Southern Tablelands, Riverina and Snowy Mountains since the start of 2025.

One of the businesses working on HumeLink East is Divall's Earthmoving and Bulk Haulage, which has prepared sites including the Yass worker accommodation facility and Bannaby substation.

The business, based in Goulburn, has been operating in the region for more than 50 years and now employs more than 350 people.

Director Andy Divall said: "We really appreciate the chance to work on the project. It's pleasing to see HumeLink using locals not just bringing Sydney companies in and giving locals the first crack at the job if we can do it."

We know that it's important that we invest in the resources and established businesses that are already here so that we leave a legacy, not just for the sake of this project, but for future generations and will continue to look for opportunities to support local businesses along the HumeLink East alignment.



HumeLink East Construction Manager Jacques Coetzee and Divall's Earthmoving and Bulk Haulage Director Andy Divall.

Upcoming on HumeLink East

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

- Start of main construction on HumeLink East.
- The completion of the Yass workers accommodation facility, 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.

Community investment

HumeLink and Transgrid launched the Community Investment and Benefits Program for HumeLink in June. The program sought expressions of interest from community groups and individuals on potential funding for local initiatives. We were incredibly pleased to receive a wide variety of submissions along the alignment with some fantastic community initiatives put forward.

This month, we held project showcase sessions to hear from the community about what matters most in their community and which initiatives they would like to see progress.

Thank you to everyone who attended and we look forward to announcing the successful initiatives in the coming weeks.

Learn more about the CIBP here:



Subcontractor engagement and assistant linesworker events

The HumeLink East team recently held the project's first subcontractor forum at the start of August, bringing together 30 subcontractors and suppliers from various backgrounds.

The event aimed to facilitate open communication and collaboration among the attendees and provide safety, environmental and construction updates to those subcontractors working on the project.

The subcontractor forum allowed our construction, safety, environment and workforce development teams to share key updates with the subcontractors working on HumeLink East.

The forum also served as a platform for subcontractors to share their feedback and experiences, promoting a safer and more efficient work environment.



HumeLink East subcontractor forum.

HumeLink builds local jobs and skills in regional New South Wales

This year, we partnered with TAFE NSW to help train future workers for the critical \$4.89 billion transmission project.

Working with TAFE NSW the team developed a series of new hand-on courses for trainees from Yass, Crookwell and Goulburn to help them become plant operators on the project.

Twelve locals from Yass, Crookwell and Goulburn participated in the training, graduating with Statements of Attainment in Earthworks, Loader and Excavation Operations in June.

Four of the locally trained students have now secured full-time roles on the project.



James Murray, Goulburn TAFE graduate who started as a Yardsman on the project.

Inspiring the next generation of scientists

HumeLink East is inspiring the next generation of scientists, engineers, and mathematicians as we deliver the project.

As part of National Science Week, we hosted First Nations students from the Stars Foundation program at Tumut High School at the Australian Agricultural Centre at Crookwell.

The young women learned how drone technology is being used on the project through an educational presentation and live demonstrations of our heavy-lift agricultural drone!

Members of the HumeLink East team also shared stories from their careers to encourage the students to consider roles in STEM.



Stars Foundation students watch a drone demonstration during Science Week.

NAIDOC Week event

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, HumeLink East, HumeLink West and Transgrid joined together to host a community NAIDOC Week family event. The event was well attended and included Indigenous painting activities, ball games and a free BBQ.



NAIDOC Week event in Tumut.

