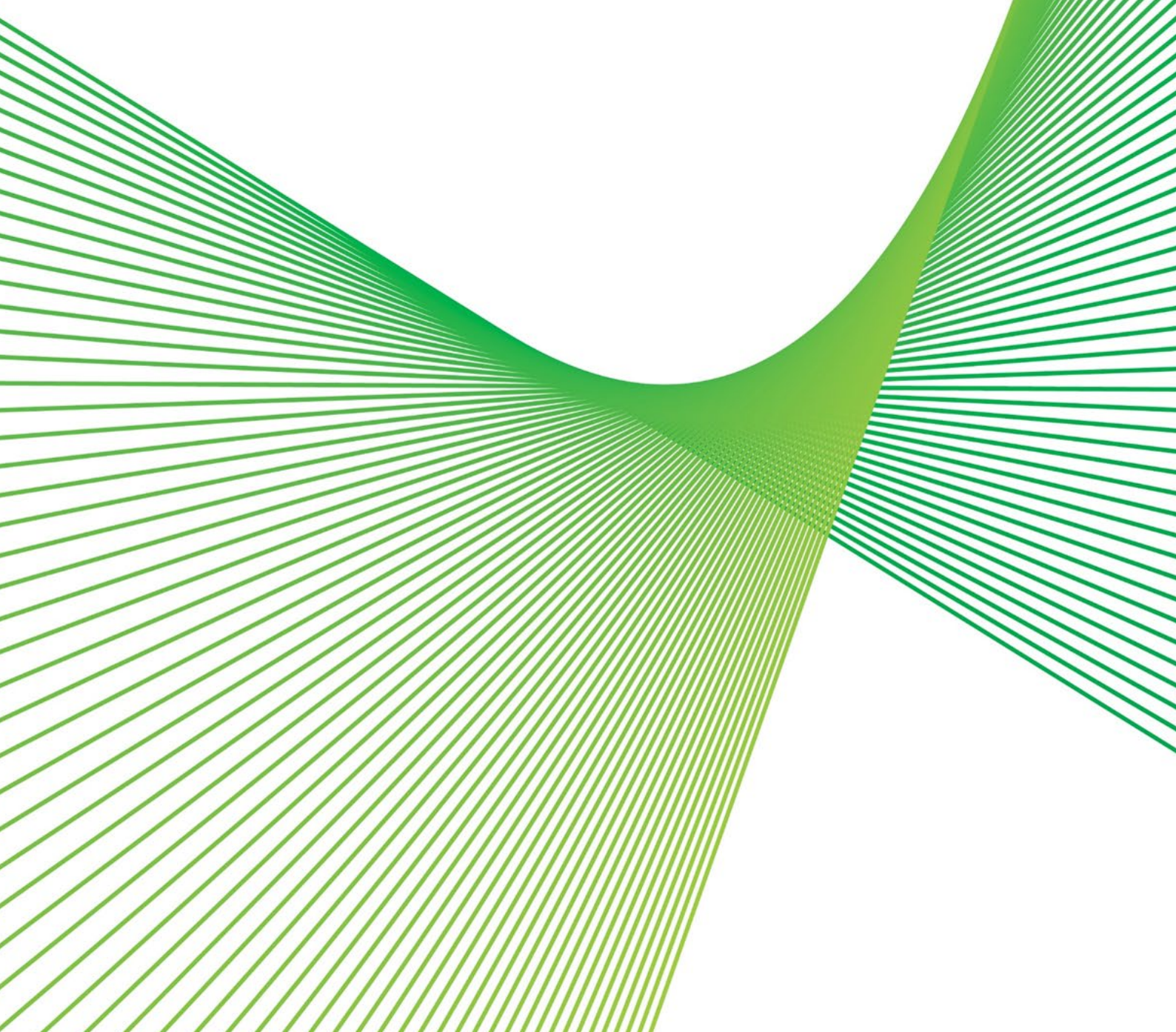


What we heard report

HumeLink West Tarcutta Community Information
Session
Tuesday 10 March 2026



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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to capture and share information discussed at the HumeLink West in-person community engagement meeting held on 10 March 2026. This report will be published on the HumeLink West project website as a record of engagement to ensure transparency in key outcomes for the meeting.

Summary

The HumeLink West community information meeting was designed to engage a broad audience of interested communities, landowners, local government and businesses and provide a project update. The meeting focused on sharing updates on current work activities, highlighting progress and procedures in place for the project.

The session is held in addition to other community engagement opportunities for the community to meet the team and or obtain information on the project. These include attendance at community events and meetings, local community group briefings, notifications, newsletters and the Transgrid website.

The meeting was held at the Tarcutta RSL and Citizens Club, Tuesday 10 March.

Matters raised by attendees included large project vehicles using Westbrook Road and the outcomes of the Community Investment and Benefits Program.

The meeting offered a practical two-way communication approach, allowing stakeholders to meet and discuss the project with representatives from Transgrid and HumeLink West senior management, community engagement and project delivery teams. Communications materials available at each session included:

- Interactive presentations facilitated by the HumeLink West Project Director, Construction Director, Workforce Development and Local Participation and Community Stakeholder Engagement leads and tailored to the local area
- Project material and collateral, visual mapping of approved project vehicle movement plans and specific information on project features, including the number of towers constructed to date, training and apprenticeships available through the project, number of people inducted to the project including subcontractors and local suppliers engaged on the project
- Maps detailing project alignment, water access points, temporary concrete batch plants and other points of interest such as work compounds and worker accommodation
- Community factsheets detailing design of transmission towers, construction work activities, bushfire management and water use
- HumeLink West project quarterly newsletter
- Map of the 365-kilometre HumeLink alignment outlining the two delivery partner packages: HumeLink East and HumeLink West.

Engagement approach

The meeting was held during the evening so community members would have an opportunity to attend after work hours or commute periods. In response to feedback from the

community information meetings held in December 2025, the meeting start time was changed to a later start to make it easier for people to attend. The meeting was held at the Tarcutta RSL with it being the central hub for the community. Light catering was also provided.

Information about the time and location of the meeting was distributed to approximately 360 HumeLink West project subscribers via email including impacted landowners, businesses, local information distributors and the general community. The key information was additionally published on the HumeLink project website.

Letterbox drops also took place for the Tarcutta, Humula, Ladysmith and Gregadoo areas.

The table below shows the date, location and attendee numbers at the community meeting.

Table 1.1 Community information session held 10 March 2025

Location	Date	Time	Venue	Attendees
Tarcutta	Tuesday 10 March	6:30pm-8pm	Tarcutta RSL	10

Key topics and responses

This section provides an overview of the key topics raised at the meeting and the HumeLink response to discussion. If you feel that any significant items are not noted in this report, please contact the HumeLink team on 1800 317 367 or humelink@transgrid.com.au

Community investment

The most popular topic raised by community members at the information session was the outcomes and projects awarded as part of the HumeLink West Community Investment and Benefits Program (CIPB).

Discussion included the decision-making process and allocation of funds to the Tarcutta Recreational Grounds Infrastructure Improvement Plan rather than to the initiative put forward by the Tarcutta RSL and Citizens Club. Concerns raised included the Club being the key community hub for Tarcutta and functioning as the community management centre for emergencies and evacuations. The attendees also raised costs involved in maintaining the club for multipurpose uses. Further comments included the CIPB allocation would have been better shared between the two Tarcutta initiatives, and the substantial amount of work for a small community to complete the application for a process such as the CIPB.

The community initiatives put forward by the Tarcutta community, the Tarcutta RSL and Citizens Club and the Tarcutta Recreational Grounds Infrastructure Improvements presented very strong applications. They received stakeholder and community support and also performed well in the overall assessment process. However, there is a limit on the overall funding available and unfortunately this meant a number of projects were ultimately unsuccessful in securing funding.

The Tarcutta Recreational Grounds Infrastructure Improvement Plan was selected based on a multi-criteria analysis, demonstrating extensive benefits for the community with sustainable and long-lasting social legacy.

Through the CIPB, 22 projects have been funded across the HumeLink project footprint. These selections were informed by extensive engagement to ensure they reflect local priorities and deliver meaningful, long-lasting benefits for the communities involved.

The project received 118 proposals from an Expressions of Interest process and following a thorough assessment, 23 projects across Wagga Wagga and Snowy Valleys Council local government areas were recommended for shortlisting. These were sent to the relevant Councils to undertake a screening process and review for alignment with community strategic plans and local environmental plans. Shortlisted initiatives were also displayed publicly, supported by a community prioritisation survey and drop-in sessions.

Following the screening and prioritisation, shortlisted initiatives went through an eligibility and weighted criteria assessment undertaken by Transgrid and HumeLink West JV. This process considered:

- *Permanent impacts from HumeLink project (this considered transmission line and substation infrastructure around the location of the community initiative)*
- *Tangible social / economic benefits (how projects demonstrated benefit to the community relative to the funding requested, with consideration of alignment to Transgrid's Community Investment and Benefits priorities)*

- *Planning and approvals (which included consideration of development approvals, timing, resourcing and project planning)*
- *Project sustainability (consideration of ongoing costs, maintenance and long-term sustainability/viability of the project).*

More information about the on HumeLink Community Investment and Benefits Program can be find at [HumeLink Community Investment and Benefits Program | Transgrid](#)

In addition to the HumeLink CIBP, Transgrid's Community Partnership Program, provides grants for not-for-profit organisations that are local to our planning, operations, and major project areas. The first round of this year will open late March 2026. More information can be found here: [Grants - Our Community Partnerships Program | Transgrid](#).

Traffic management

Topics raised included road safety, signage, heavy vehicle movements on local roads leading in and out of Tarcutta, and visibility for local motorists when entering or exiting their properties, being able to see project vehicles coming over hills or around bends in the road, particularly for Westbrook Road, condition of Westbrook Road and project road maintenance agreements with Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC).

There is an acknowledged increase in vehicle movements as identified in the project [Environmental Impact Statement](#). The project [Conditions of Approval](#) specify use of local roads, which are outlined on the approved project Vehicle Movement Plan and include Westbrook Road.

Following feedback from community members during community meetings in 2025, call up markers have been installed on Westbrook Road.

In addition, following feedback from the community during the 10 March 2026 meeting, road signage has been installed to alert motorists to be aware they are approaching areas where there are driveways on Westbrook Road. The signs were installed in sections of road where there are potential blind spots for motorists, such as on hills or approaching bends in the road.

In relation to road maintenance, the project is required to restore and rectify project-related impacts to roads or pay the full costs associated with repairing under [Condition of Approval B38](#). This is done in consultation with Wagga Wagga City Council for roads under their authority.

Frequency of future meetings

The meeting included a discussion about future community meetings. Community members were invited to provide feedback on whether they would like additional meetings to be scheduled and, if so, their preferred timing. The community indicated they will inform the project team of their preferred timing for future meetings, taking into consideration time of year, such as daylight savings and harvest season.

In the meantime, the project team will continue to engage with and provide updates to the community through a range of established communication channels, including newsletters, email updates, participation in existing community events, and other appropriate engagement activities.