

ENERGYCONNECT

# Newsletter



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## Upgrading transmission across the Murray

The first of nearly 80 steel monopoles have been installed on the NSW to Victoria transmission line as part of the \$1.8 billion EnergyConnect project. The poles will replace the existing 220kV single circuit transmission line which was installed in the late 1970s and connect our Buronga substation in NSW with a substation at Red Cliffs in Victoria. The monopoles have a reduced footprint compared to towers, allowing them to be installed in our existing easement and minimising environmental impacts.

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## New arrivals transform Buronga substation

After a 973km road journey from Port Kembla two large transformers recently arrived at our Buronga substation for installation on site. It was a heavy lift operation from all involved with the main tanks of each unit weighing more than 118 tonnes.

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## Local dealerships helping to drive project

Wagga Wagga dealerships are keeping EnergyConnect moving, supplying \$14 million in vehicles to support construction of the project. Transgrid's construction partner SecureEnergy has purchased trucks, buses and utes from local dealerships as part of our commitment to supporting regional businesses. Wagga Trucks has signed a \$7.4 million contract with SecureEnergy to supply six prime movers and 40 4x4 crew trucks, the largest single purchase from a local supplier to date.

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## New camp sites support construction workers

Workers have now occupied the second accommodation camp built for the \$1.8 billion EnergyConnect project. The Renmark Road camp houses 99 workers, with quality living amenities including a gym and recreational room. In total six accommodation camps are being provided along the project alignment with nearly 1400 beds for workers. Camps ease the pressure on limited rental and accommodation markets, reduce travel to construction sites, and help ensure the health and wellbeing of employees.

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## First engineering scholarships awarded

Seventeen students at Charles Sturt University have been awarded scholarships by Transgrid as part of our commitment to investing in the next generation of engineers and addressing Australia's infrastructure skills shortage. Transgrid's \$2 million Engineering Scholarship Fund is supporting 100 students between 2023 and 2029 to help build a bigger, skilled workforce across the industry as the clean energy transition accelerates.

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## Wartime heritage project towers over town

Transgrid's Community Partnerships Program supports not-for-profit projects in communities where we work. Uranquinty's progress association is among the many groups in communities along the EnergyConnect alignment to benefit from the program. The association received a grant to help fund a mural on the town's water tower which depicts scenes from the area's military history.

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## Having a field day at Mildura agricultural event

Thanks to everyone who dropped by the EnergyConnect stall at the recent Mildura Field Days to meet the Transgrid and SecureEnergy team and learn more about Australia's largest electricity transmission project. It's exciting times for the Riverina-Murray with construction activity on the project well underway.

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## Keep up to date on construction activity

Stay up to date with EnergyConnect construction notifications for your area by visiting the EnergyConnect project portal of our construction partner SecureEnergy.

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