

Monthly construction update

January 2026

Tower construction continues

Returning to work after a brief end of year shutdown, Transgrid's HumeLink West delivery partners, UGL and CPB Contractors have welcomed the new year with the assembly and erection of five transmission towers around Ladysmith, south-east of Wagga Wagga.

In the eastern section of the HumeLink West alignment, construction teams have made headway to prepare tower sites for drilling and piling, which involves excavating up to 27 metres below ground.

Several piling rigs, each weighing up to 100 tonnes, are now in operation west of the Hume Highway, managed by specialised crews.

At the Gugaa 330kV/500kV Substation at Gregadoo bulk earthworks are nearing completion and drainage works are progressing as piling activities are expected to be underway shortly.

Over 855 piles will be installed across both the new 330kV/500kV Gugaa and existing 330kV Wagga Wagga substations. Pile deliveries and related activities have also begun at the Maragle 500kV substation.

Other ongoing main construction works along the 140km alignment include building access points and tracks to over 360 transmission tower sites. Looking ahead, stringing the first power line conductors between towers is expected to start in the coming months.

Concrete plants and materials in delivery

Progress has also been made to mobilise concrete production at compounds on Lower Bago Road near Batlow and Cullinga Park Lane in Tarcutta.

Crews are carrying out bulk earthworks, ground compact testing and delivering equipment and material to establish these sites.

These compounds will support the supply of concrete, to keep work moving across multiple fronts.

To support tower foundation works, HumeLink West is also sourcing concrete at existing production plants in Wagga Wagga, Tumut and Tumbarumba.

Meanwhile, stockpiling and deliveries of prefabricated galvanised steel components are filling up fast at several of laydown facilities across the project alignment. More than 2,960 tonnes have already been delivered to our work fronts to date.

These components are sorted at strategic laydown locations and dispersed to each tower erection site, where they are laid on the ground and bolted together into segments ready for assembly.



The first towers have been erected southeast of Wagga Wagga.

Final touches at Kunama accommodation facility

The temporary accommodation facility at Kunama and project offices are now completed and quickly filling up.

Located 6km east of Batlow on Green Hills Access Road, the self-sufficient facility is designed to accommodate up to 350 workers and includes a dining hall, fitness and entertainment areas, medical and laundry amenities, as well as parking for project vehicles and a recently completed outdoors recreational area.

The road widening works on Green Hills Access Road, aimed at improving the entry and exit point from to the facility are almost complete, making access smoother and safer for everyone.



The Lower Bago Road material laydown and concrete batch plant site.

We want to hear your feedback

We're conducting an independent annual survey to understand your views on the HumeLink project.

Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping how we deliver the project and work with local communities. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts by completing the survey [here](#).



Members of the HumeLink West team training with the local Batlow RFS.



Finishing touches are being made to the Kunama accommodation facility.

Bushfire preparedness

As heatwaves affect NSW, we're taking extra care across our major projects and network maintenance to protect the environment, property and the people who live and work nearby.

Before any work starts on a landowner's property, our teams complete a Fire Risk Assessment and put controls in place based on conditions on the day.

We work closely with the NSW Rural Fire Service and other emergency services to develop our bushfire prevention plans, and our project teams and delivery partners follow strict safety protocols.

On total fire ban days, only approved activities can go ahead. We also work closely with landowners and adjust or stop works when weather conditions change.

This shared approach helps ensure risks are managed carefully and responsibly for everyone.

All project vehicles are equipped with bushfire response kits, water carts are available for use on-site, and additional water storage is available at accommodation facilities and most of the project compounds, in accordance with normal RFS operational standards.

We will continue to work closely with landowners to address any weather-related concerns and, on a case-by-case basis, or adjust working hours where necessary.

We value the opportunity to work with stakeholders to help identify, manage, and minimise any risks to the community and emergency services, prior to and during bushfire events.



Tower steel stockpiled at the Gugaa lawdown facility near Wagga Wagga.

Out in the community

HumeLink West has a busy couple of months ahead, with teams attending several local events to connect with the community. As major sponsors of the TumbaFest celebrations in Tumbarumba, the team is looking forward to speaking with people, answering questions, and sharing updates about the project.

Say hello to the HumeLink West team at these upcoming events:

- TumbaFest, 21-22 February 2026
- Tumut Show, 7 March 2026
- Adelong Show, 14 March 2026
- Tumbarumba Show, 21-22 March 2026
- Batlow Show, 28 March 2026

The community is also welcome to visit the HumeLink West Information Centre at the Snowy Valleys Resilience Hub, 37 Pioneer St. Batlow, open on Thursdays and Fridays, from 9am to 5pm.

Connect with us

Transgrid is committed to working with landowners and communities through the development of HumeLink. Please connect with us for more information.



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