

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

Main photo: Drone footage - main crane preparing to install the wind turbine blades.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Since our last update in July, construction at site has been progressing well with completion of all the site roads and the wind turbine foundation bases. The concrete batching plant has been removed from site, rehabilitation works have commenced and machinery for the civil works has demobilised. The main contractor Vestas and their infrastructure contractor Zenviron are progressing on schedule with all remaining works including the completion of the substation and the site operations and maintenance building.

The grid connection works commenced in September. This involves construction of a 6km 66kV overhead line providing the vital connection for the wind farm to the AusNet distribution network. All the poles along the line have now been installed and it is expected that the works will be completed before Christmas. Approximately 80% of the deliveries of the turbine components to site have been completed and the installation of the 16 wind turbines is now in full swing and from some vantage points around Seymour, the wind turbines can now be seen on the horizon.

The schedule for installation is running on time with component deliveries expected to be completed over the summer. The installation of all 16 turbines is expected to be completed by March 2020. The main crane used to lift and install the wind turbine components and build the wind turbine is a Liebherr LG 1750 lattice-tower mobile crane with a maximum load capacity of 750 tonnes. It is one of only a few such large mobile cranes operating in Australia and due to its mobility and flexibility is widely used in the wind industry for the installation of wind turbines. At Cherry Tree Wind Farm each Vestas wind turbine consists of 10 main components with a combined weight of over 440 tonnes. The heaviest component to be lifted is the nacelle and drive train with a total weight of 126 tonnes that is required to be lifted over 90m to install it on the top of the tower system. All main turbine deliveries are arriving at site via the Goulburn Valley Highway, onto Kobyboyn Road and into Homewood Road before accessing the site.

Main photo: Wind turbine at Cherry Tree wind farm

JOHN LAING

John Laing is an international originator, active investor and manager of infrastructure projects. John Laing is one of the world's most trusted brands in the field of infrastructure thanks to its expertise and credentials, with more than 100 projects in the last 30 years.

They have built up a significant global and diversified investment interest and experience in the renewable energy sector to include the global onshore and offshore wind, solar and biomass combined heat & power markets, building partnerships with experienced developers for asset development and equity investment.

John Laing entered the Australian renewable energy market four years ago and now holds the seventh largest portfolio of assets in Australia.

Some of the main projects within the John Laing portfolio in the Asia Pacific include:

2011 New Royal Adelaide Hospital

2014 New Perth Stadium

2015 Sydney Light Rail

2016 Hornsdale wind farm in South Australia

2017 Melbourne Metro

2018 Sunraysia Solar Farm, Finley Solar Farm and Granville Harbour wind farm

As well as their Australian portfolio John Laing also operate across Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific. As well as the renewable sector John Laing have extensive experience in other infrastructure sectors such as transportation and social and environmental infrastructure. Its flexible business model and strong network of global partners allow the company to respond to new situations as they emerge, helping to deliver vital infrastructure that improves the lives of communities everywhere.

For Cherry Tree Wind Farm leading renewable energy developer, Infigen Energy (Infigen) is working to deliver the project for the owner, John Laing Group (John Laing). Infigen will manage the construction for John Laing and once the wind farm is complete Infigen will purchase 100% of the electricity generated from the wind farm.

MEET THE TEAM

Tiarna Story

From: Seymour

What is your role on the project? Site Access Manager

What is the best part of your job?

I started at the gate involved with site access but I have now been given the opportunity to learn more about the internal Vestas Communications Systems and other administrative work.

What have you enjoyed so far on this project?

I have come from a customer service background and greeting people at the gate works in that respect. It's a really worthwhile project to be involved with.

What's the best thing you've learnt in your role?

Learning all about wind farms and wind energy and all the components involved. There's so much planning to get such a large project operational.

What are your hopes for a renewable future?

I hope we can steer away from damaging energy systems and have more clean power. I hope we can preserve the environment as much as we can.

Getting to Know You

What skill would you love to master? Ukelele

What series are you currently watching and loving? Scorpion

Where do you see yourself in five years? I hope I would have graduated from Uni in one of my dream courses, either para-medicine or psychiatry.



Tristan Penhall

From: Bendigo

What is your role on the project?

I work with Beon as Site Manager - Power line build. I manage the site workers as we install the 66kV, 6.4km power line construction.

What is the best part of your job?

It's a beautiful site here, next to the river.

What is the biggest challenge in your role?

At this site - the steep terrain and inclement weather conditions.

What are your hopes for a renewable future?

All of Australia ends up 100% renewable.

Getting to Know You

What skill would you love to master? Getting my new born son to fall asleep.

Where do you see yourself in five years? I hope I am still working with Beon and on more renewable projects.

What do you hope never changes? The Australian lifestyle and way of life we currently enjoy.



IN THE COMMUNITY

The team have been thrilled to be involved in a number of local events in October. The new Cherry Tree wind farm marquee popped up at the Seymour Agricultural Show. The team commented that it was wonderful to chat to locals who were participating in the agricultural show and to be part of such a fun day. Photo by Matthew Giannarelli.



Chris Buller (L) represented the team at Art Beyond the Divide Exhibition which is a large, annual regional art show held in Seymour. Cherry Tree wind farm sponsored the Encouragement Award which was won by Helen Miles (R) for her piece titled May Murmurings.



Community Sponsorship

Infigen and John Laing are committed to local community engagement with a focus on investing in programmes and initiatives that benefit the local community, or local community groups to help build sustainable communities.

Cherry Tree wind farm is also committed to establishing a long-term Community Benefit Fund (CBF). This commitment will ensure that \$25,000 is made available, to the local community each year for the first 25 years of the operation of the wind farm.

To be successful for funding, applicants need to demonstrate how their community project meets the following criteria:

- Deliver social, cultural, economic or environmental benefits to local communities of the Seymour and surroundings districts
- Address an identified community priority
- Ensure that any ongoing or recurrent costs of the project can be met by the community group once grant funding has been expensed.
- Capacity to manage funds and deliver the project

Details of the process to apply for the CBF will be made available in early 2020 and applications will open once the wind farm construction is complete and the wind farm has moved into its operations phase.

Sponsorships

Cherry Tree Wind Farm and the team at John Laing and Infigen have already been involved in a number of local community initiatives through sponsorship of the Seymour Show, Seymour Football and Netball Club, Seymour FM community radio, NAIDOC parade, Seymour Performers Workshop, Tallarook Recreation Reserve, Seymour District Arts Society - Art Beyond the Divide, Trawool and Tallarook CFA, Friends of Tallarook Pool, Tallarook Primary School and Tallarook Cricket Club. Round three of sponsorships have been approved, just in time for Christmas. The full list of successful recipients from this round will be published in the local paper.

Questions and feedback

Questions and feedback about the project can be provided to Infigen through phone, email or post at all times.

Phone (24-hour line): 1800 917 372

Email: cherrytree@infigenenergy.com

Post: Infigen Energy, Level 17, 56 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000

Project information and updates can be found on the following website:

www.infigenenergy.com/cherry-tree/

Infigen's complaint management process involves acknowledging receipt of a complaint with the stakeholder as soon as practicable, normally within seven days; and resolution of their complaint within 30 days where possible. Any complaint not resolved within 30 days of being received will be referred to the relevant member of senior management.



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