

Wooreen

Energy Storage System



COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE

AUTUMN 2026



Welcome to the Autumn 2026 Wooreen Community Newsletter

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Picture: The Wooreen site: March 2026

Artwork: "Under One Sun" Montana McStay

UPDATE: Construction is well underway on Wooreen

Located at Bonds Lane, near EnergyAustralia's Jeeralang power station, the Wooreen project is delivering a strong economic boost to the Gippsland region through the use of local contractors, and when completed will enable more new energy to enter the electricity network.

Wooreen will be a utility-scale battery with a capacity of 350 MW and four hours duration.

Banpu Energy Australia is EnergyAustralia's equity partner, with a 50% equity interest in the Wooreen Energy Storage System (WESS).

Since construction commenced 12 months ago, our construction partner ZENVIRON and their contractors have been busy:

- constructing drains and a retention dam
- installing underground electrical conduits for transformers & the 1,038 battery units, and
- Installing the two High Voltage (H.V. Transformers)



The first of Wooreen's 1038 QUANTUM batteries are arriving on site, marking a major milestone in the construction of Wooreen.



Hear from
Project Director
John Delicato
about the
Wooreen project
via this QR Code



Just COOL FACTS



**350MW
for 4 hours**



**80 Jobs during
construction**



**Powering up to
230,000 homes**



**Community
Benefits**



**Completion
during 2027**

Benefiting the Local Community

The Wooreen Energy Storage System will benefit the local community through a wide range of initiatives and partnerships including:

Light the Way Community Future Fund

This fund is designed to support the surrounding communities of Hazelwood North, Morwell and Churchill, administered by the local community.

Federation University Churchill

Wooreen will provide scholarships for local students, to further build local capacity and helping to kickstart careers.

Hazelwood North CFA Brigade

The project will provide funding to support infrastructure improvements, designed to strengthen local community fire safety.

Local Content Commitments

The Wooreen project has committed to using local suppliers and workforce to build Wooreen.



↑ Recently the Wooreen project and ZENVIRON donated and installed a refreshed layer of mulch in the playground of the Hazelwood North Primary School



↑ During January, High Voltage (HV) Transformers were delivered from Wilsons located in Melbourne. Each transformer weights around 150 tonnes

↓ "Out and About" in the Community during Summer- Sponsoring the Churchill "Shop Local Christmas Market" and the "Merry Morwell" Festival





In February the Wooreen project presented a \$200,000 cheque to the Hazelwood North CFA. This was a project commitment made under the Commonwealth's Capacity Investment Scheme. The contribution will support the volunteer brigade's vision for a new station building and upgraded equipment.

ZENVIRON, Wooreen's construction partner, donated a custom response trailer, purpose-built to improve rapid access to water, and features secure equipment storage and on-board battery systems for sustained fire response operations.

An Important Community Safety Message

**SLOW
DOWN**



In the coming months, traffic volumes will increase significantly along Monash Way, Tramway Road and Bonds Lane.

Please take care, particularly when travelling along Bonds Lane near the Wooreen site.

If our work has the potential to impact on the local community, we will advise the community well in advance of any likely impacts.

If you have any questions or concerns about Wooreen's construction:

- Call us on our 24/7 project telephone number: 1800 574 947
- email: community.wooreen@energyaustralia.com.au OR

Call into our Community Hub at 228 Commercial Rd, Morwell on Wednesdays 10am to 3pm

Energy Efficiency

Understanding Your Plan and Managing Energy Affordably

Here's some tips for better understanding how your energy use is measured and charged so you can make informed decisions.

Review your tariff type

Different tariffs such as single rate or time of use charge differently across the day. Understanding your tariff can help you shift usage to lower-demand periods where possible.

Check your usage patterns on your bill or app

Most bills show daily average usage. Reviewing trends helps identify seasonal spikes or unusual increases.

Understand peak and off-peak times

If you are on time of use, shifting flexible appliances outside peak demand periods can reduce strain on the grid.

Set up usage alerts if available

Monitoring tools can help you identify unexpected increases early.

Review controlled load arrangements

Some homes have separate tariffs for hot water or slab heating. Understanding how these operate helps manage total demand.

Check eligibility for concession or rebate programs

Government programs can support households experiencing vulnerability and may reduce financial pressure.

Speak with us if you are experiencing payment difficulty

Hardship programs are designed to support customers while maintaining essential energy access.

Consider bill smoothing or payment plans (Regular pay)

Spreading payments evenly across the year can assist with managing seasonal usage changes.

Keep contact details up to date

This ensures you receive important information about plan changes, support options and energy-saving programs.

Compare your current plan periodically

Energy markets change. Reviewing available plans helps ensure your rate structure aligns with how you use energy.

For assistance, call in and speak with our Customer Team on Wednesdays at the EnergyAustralia Community Hub, 228 Commercial Road, Morwell



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Energy Efficiency

Energy efficient tips for the coming winter months

Winter Energy Saving

Set heating between 18–20°C

Higher thermostat settings significantly increase energy demand.

Close curtains and other window coverings as soon as the sun goes down

Curtains add insulation and reduce heat loss through glass.

Use door snakes and draught stoppers

Preventing cold air from entering helps maintain temperature with less heating.

Heat the space you are using

If zoning is available, focus heating on occupied rooms.

Dress warmly indoors

Layering clothing can reduce reliance on higher thermostat settings.

Let sunlight in during the day

Open curtains on sunny winter days to capture passive solar warmth.

Heating and Cooling Efficiency

Clean air conditioner filters regularly

Blocked filters restrict airflow and increase electricity use.

Arrange regular servicing

Well-maintained systems operate more efficiently and use less energy.

Use timers or smart thermostats

Programming systems prevents heating or cooling when no one is home.

Turn systems off when leaving for extended periods

Avoid maintaining temperature in an empty house.

Check insulation levels

Ceiling and wall insulation reduce heat transfer and lowers heating and cooling demand.



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