



Community Update – July 2023

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# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Tallawarra

Tallawarra Power Station is on the traditional Country of the Dharawal peoples. EnergyAustralia respects and acknowledges their continued connection to Country, culture and community.

A lot has been happening out at Tallawarra over the last six months. Our Tallawarra A Power Station has been operating more than ever, providing electricity into the National Electricity Market. We are planning for a major overhaul on the Tallawarra A gas turbine, generator, and steam turbines in April next year. Not only will this upgrade improve the efficiency of Tallawarra A, but it will also make it possible to use hydrogen as a fuel source.

Work on our Tallawarra B Power Station continues with a number of major construction milestones achieved. Work on the switchyard which connects the power station into the grid is now completed. In May, we received approval from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to install the Plume Dispersion Device (PDD) on the exhaust stack. Work to install the PDD, as well as testing and commissioning of Tallawarra B will take place over the coming months. Further information on the PDD is available on our website.



## Protecting our native wildlife

The Tallawarra B project will expand the existing Tallawarra 132kV switching station and associated transmission line works. UGL has completed this work, which includes moving overhead transmission lines from the large steel towers to more compact concrete poles. These have a longer lifespan and are much less visually intrusive. This also allows the steel towers to be removed.

One tower (Tower 983) will be maintained as it is the habitat of an Eastern Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus cristatus*). We are proud to have the Osprey breeding on our site and want to ensure that this beautiful bird can continue to nest nearby Lake Illawarra.





## Tallawarra Community Grants Open

We wouldn't be EnergyAustralia without local communities. That's why we're proud to provide funding and support for local projects. Our community grants program provides sustainable benefits for education, social inclusion, and regional sports and recreation.

In 2022, we donated over \$140,000 to grass roots community organisations in our areas of operation. In Round 1 of this year's Tallawarra Community Grants, we have \$25,000 for local community organisations. The Tallawarra team would welcome grant applications from community organisations. Applications open on Monday 3 July and close Friday 31 July 2023.

Further information on how to apply, plus the grant program guidelines are available on the project's website. You can also email us at [Tallawarra.community@energyaustralia.com.au](mailto:Tallawarra.community@energyaustralia.com.au) and we will send you a copy.



## Tallawarra B Testing and Commissioning

Our Tallawarra B Power Station remains on track to be operating for summer this year. Like any major project, we will shortly commence testing of the gas turbine and all other components within the power station. Community members may notice new lights on top of the exhaust stack are on or flashing, and there may be some new noise associated with the power station's operation. Should you have any concerns, contact us on 1800 574 947 or at [Tallawarra.community@energyaustralia.com.au](mailto:Tallawarra.community@energyaustralia.com.au).





## Visits to Tallawarra

In March, members of the Department of Regional NSW and the Department of Planning and Environment visited Tallawarra for a briefing on the Tallawarra Lands development.

In May, we were delighted to welcome 44 participants of the Australian Power Institute's Summer School Program. Participants are considered emerging leaders in their organisations and join the program from energy generators, retails, government departments, and major distributors from across Australia.

Also in May, we were pleased to host the Shellharbour Airport Users Group for a meeting where we discussed the future operation of Tallawarra B Power Station ahead of a brief tour.



## Beautifying our local area

At EnergyAustralia, we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint. The Tallawarra B Power Station will be 100% carbon offset when it starts operation later this year. It has been a pleasure to partner with the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council and Wollongong Botanic Gardens to grow native seedlings which will be planted adjacent to the power station as part of our Vegetation Offset Program. We have also been working with the Coomaditchie Aunties to create beautifully designed signage which provides information about the different species of plants and animals and their significance to the local area.

## We're here to help

Got a question or want to provide feedback?  
Interested in having a member of our project team talk to your community group?

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