



Community Update – April 2024

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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.

## Upgrade to Tallawarra A power station

Kicking off in the first week of April, our Tallawarra A gas-fired power station will undergo routine maintenance, accompanied by an efficiency upgrade. This will see its nominal output increase from 400 MW to 440 MW, and maximum output capacity grow from 440 MW to 480 MW. That means an extra 20,000 homes will be powered by Tallawarra.

## Tallawarra B fires up

The construction of our Tallawarra B gas-fired power station is complete. It's now supplying power into the grid during times of high demand to support our customers in New South Wales.

The power station is located in Yallah, New South Wales, and sits alongside the Tallawarra A power station which opened in 2009.

The construction of Tallawarra B commenced in 2022. To see its completion, it took over 250 workers more than two years to build, with a cost of around \$300 million.



Capacity  
**320 MW**



Energy for homes  
& small businesses  
**180,000**



EnergyAustralia's Managing Director, Mark Collette, at the opening of Tallawarra B.

## Why is it needed?

Around the world, coal-fired power stations are retiring as we shift towards renewables to reduce emissions. But, what happens when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing? Tallawarra B can help by providing fast backup for renewables and ensuring a reliable power supply. With the ability to dispatch capacity with 30 minutes' notice, it can power around 180,000 homes and small businesses in New South Wales during periods of high demand.



## Tallawarra B key highlights



Tallawarra B is Australia's first peaking power station with direct emissions offset.



The project's construction created over 250 jobs, over two years.



To ensure the safety of planes flying nearby, \$13 million was invested towards the management and monitoring of exhaust plumes, with funds put into a purpose-built plume dispersion device, monitoring and other measures.

NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Paul Scully MP, visits Tallawarra.



## Grants make a difference

In 2023, eight community organisations shared in \$45,000 worth of grants. Frame Runner Wollongong, Flinders Public School, and Ability Links were among the recipients of EnergyAustralia Tallawarra's most recent round of community grants.

Frame Runner Wollongong (FRW) utilised its grant to acquire a custom-designed three-wheel bicycle, boosting its efforts to provide free and accessible sporting programs for children with disabilities in the Illawarra community. FRW's Director, Renee Jurgielan said, "With EnergyAustralia's funding, we're now able to expand our program to reach more children with a disability by purchasing an additional Frame Runner. We are grateful to EnergyAustralia for enriching the lives of children with a disability living in Illawarra."

Ability Links put its grant towards improving its Skills Warehouse with an air conditioning and ventilation system, while Flinders Public School used its funding to install new swing and multi-sensory play equipment for its neurodivergent students.



Frame Runner Wollongong used its EnergyAustralia Tallawarra grant to purchase a three-wheeled bike.

## 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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