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WINTON SOLAR FARM PROJECT UPDATE

FRV, a global renewable energy solutions provider and leading solar developer, is currently constructing the 85 MW AC Winton Solar Farm, near Benalla in Victoria.

June 2021 – What is happening on site?




Members of the Wangaratta Sustainability Group tour the solar farm.



Winton CFA members with new safety equipment (above) Winton Cemetery's new seating (below left) and a new water tank for Tatong Hall (below) just some of the community outcomes delivered via the 2020 Winton Solar Farm Community Grant.



Bathurst Burr is progressively being removed from site.

<p>Health and Safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Safety of all workers is a priority for us.</i> • Approximately 15 workers onsite. • Weekly Prestart meetings provide personnel with reminders to observe safe work practices. • Wet weather – focus this month on vehicle use and importance of staying within approved access areas.
<p>Major activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning works 80% complete. • Verification of Operations Building equipment and technology– performance testing underway. • Trenching works to lay underground ethernet cabling from smart-loggers to inverters. • Site inspections to ensure culverts are operating effectively with no discharge or erosion of surrounding soils (see right). • Installation of permanent safety signage for risk areas. • Further slashing of grass around dams to enable adequate water drainage. • Removal of pest weed <i>Bathurst Burr</i> to maintain pasture quality. 
<p>Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winton Solar Farm hosted a visit by the Wangaratta Sustainability Group. Lots of interesting questions from members on solar energy output, solar technologies, agrisolar and operating within the National Energy grid. • Tatong Memorial Hall, a winner of one of our 2020 Community Grants, has completed installation of their new water tank. As a result drinking water quality at the Hall has improved – a bonus for Hall visitors and the community. • Winton Fire Brigade has purchased new safety equipment – helmet torches, portable lighting and a new water tank - using funds it acquired through the 2020 Grant process. Funding also enabled two Brigade members to complete their truck licence training. Well done Winton CFA! • Another Grant winner, Winton Cemetery, has installed the first of its new seating areas, providing visitors with quiet, shady areas to reflect and remember.
<p>Employment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winton Solar Farm has maintained a strong focus on Apprenticeship training throughout the construction period. To date, one in every ten manhours worked onsite has been completed by a trainee! • Hiring for permanent workers to operate and maintain the site is complete. Five workers have been recruited, with all candidates from the local region.
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