

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.

September 2020 – What is happening on site?



James Civil Group – one of the local business onsite at Winton Solar Farm

<p>COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Safety is a priority for all workers onsite.</i> • COVID-19 Plan. FRV and Gransolar, the Principal Contractor, are monitoring the Victorian Government’s Coronavirus Restrictions and implementing relevant requirements onsite. Only essential staff are currently allowed onsite – <i>please no site visitors.</i>
<p>Major activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piling Completion – 42,000 piles installed • 42% of tracking system installations now complete

<p>Major activities cont..</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Majority of substation civil works now complete • Trenching of underground cables has commence • ‘Golden Row’ – the first row of solar panels is now complete • Operations and Maintenance building delivered to site, foundations work underway • Switchyard arriving onsite in early September
<p>Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winton Solar Farm Community Grants are now open for applications. Up to \$20,000 is available for eligible community groups. For further information and a copy of the Application Form – please visit http://wintonsolarfarm.com/community/ • First Community Newsletter posted to local households and available on the web – http://wintonsolarfarm.com/news-and-events/ • CFA visited Winton Solar Farm for a site familiarisation tour and to help with the Project’s preparation for bushfire season.
<p>Employment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 230 personnel currently onsite. • Upcoming roles will be advertised on www.northernjobshub.com.au and may also be advertised in the Benalla Courier and Wangaratta Chronicle. • <i>The project is actively looking to appoint local workers.</i> • Apprentices are starting onsite as part of the Winton Solar Farm’s commitment to provide education and training. • <i>Safety is a priority for all workers onsite.</i>
<p>Local business partnerships</p>	<p>Winton Solar Farm is currently working with the following local businesses to supply and support the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delatite Steel • North East Fasteners • Watters Electrical • James Civil Excavations • The Apprenticeship Factory • Worklocker Wangaratta • RW &KA Newnham • Katch Tree Care • Benalla Equipment Hire • Sandy Creek Trees
<p>Traffic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with development approval, access to and from the site for all commercial vehicles, including large deliveries and waste collection is via the Winton-Glenrowan Rd, rather than the Hume Highway directly. • Approved traffic changes have been implemented on the Winton-Glenrowan Road. This includes lower speeds for the safe entry and exit of vehicles, and potential short-term road closures. • <i>Local road users are reminded to drive to speed conditions and please take care around the Winton Solar Farm.</i>
<p>Contact us</p>	<p>We welcome your questions and feedback! To contact the Project team, please email info@frv.com or call 0418 142 173.</p> <p>Please also visit our website at www.wintonsolarfarm.com</p>