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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><b>Health and Safety</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Safety of all workers is a priority for us.</i></li> <li>• Approximately 15 workers onsite.</li> <li>• Weekly Prestart meetings provide personnel with reminders to observe safe work practices.</li> <li>• Wet weather – focus this month on vehicle use and importance of staying within approved access areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Major activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioning works 80% complete.</li> <li>• Verification of Operations Building equipment and technology– performance testing underway.</li> <li>• Trenching works to lay underground ethernet cabling from smart-loggers to inverters.</li> <li>• Site inspections to ensure culverts are operating effectively with no discharge or erosion of surrounding soils ( see right).</li> <li>• Installation of permanent safety signage for risk areas.</li> <li>• Further slashing of grass around dams to enable adequate water drainage.</li> <li>• Removal of pest weed <i>Bathurst Burr</i> to maintain pasture quality.</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Community</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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!</li> <li>• Another Grant winner, Winton Cemetery, has installed the first of its new seating areas, providing visitors with quiet, shady areas to reflect and remember.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Employment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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!</li> <li>• Hiring for permanent workers to operate and maintain the site is complete. Five workers have been recruited, with all candidates from the local region.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact us</b></p>	<p>We welcome your questions and feedback! To contact the Project team, please email <a href="mailto:infoaustralia@frv.com">infoaustralia@frv.com</a> or call 0418 142 173.</p> <p>Please also visit our website at <a href="http://www.wintonsolarfarm.com">www.wintonsolarfarm.com</a></p>