



RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK HORSHAM

Project update

June 2026



Ready, set, energisation!

Significant progress has been made across all components of the SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham including the solar farm, substation and battery energy storage system (BESS).

A key milestone has been the successful connection of the project to the Horsham Terminal Station via a 220kV connection. The project's roads, drainage and earthworks are complete, high-voltage infrastructure and substation in place, solar panel tracking systems operational and BESS piling activities complete.

The project's solar farm is now transitioning to commissioning and operations which will include energisation and ongoing testing activities. Testing is scheduled over the coming months and will prepare the solar farm to generate and export 100 per cent renewable electricity for the grid.

Work continues on the BESS, with further preparation underway ahead of the arrival of 41 battery units towards the end of the year.

Despite challenging weather events throughout the quarter, the project team has continued to demonstrate strong teamwork, with a focus on safety and ongoing vegetation maintenance on and around the site's boundaries.

Highlights



Powers
Equivalent to
51,000 homes



Development partner
OX2



Generation capacity
119MW



Storage capacity
100MW two-hour BESS



Solar panels
More than 212,000



Community Benefit Fund open for applications

The SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham Community Benefit Fund is now open for applications.

The Fund seeks to deliver long-term, positive outcomes for the Horsham community and will support community-led initiatives that benefit locals.

In 2026, during the project's construction phase, the Fund will combine three years' worth of funding and invest up to \$126,000 in the Horsham local government area.

Grants of up to \$25,000 per project are available for activities that build sustainable, resilient and cohesive communities.

Applications open on Monday 29 June 2026 and close at 11:50pm on Monday 24 August 2026.

For further information and to apply, head to www.secvictoria.com.au/horsham.

Local business helping power the SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham

For Chris Ellis, being involved in the SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham was an opportunity to support a major local project while doing what Middy's Horsham does best: supplying the electrical products that keep projects moving.

Chris is Branch Manager of Middy's Horsham, part of Middy's Electrical, a privately owned Australian family business supplying electrical products to trades and industry nationwide.

"We supply a range of products to the SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham, including cable, conduit, light fittings, circuit breakers and switchgear – all the general wiring products needed to help fit out the site," Chris said.

Chris became involved after attending local information sessions and meeting with PSD Energy, one of the project's delivery partners.

"We knew the project was coming to town, so we sat down with the team at PSD to discuss how we could support it," he said.

For Chris, it was important that local businesses had the opportunity to contribute to a significant regional infrastructure project.

"It's great that SEC and PSD support local businesses. We're a 100 per cent Australian family-owned company, so it's good to work with organisations that value supporting local and keeping investment in Australia," he said.

Chris said participation in the project has helped build the company's renewable energy experience and encouraged other local suppliers to explore opportunities on similar projects.

Through projects like the SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham, SEC is committed to working with local suppliers wherever possible to deliver benefits for regional communities.



Supporting Natimuk's gymnasts on the road to recovery

SEC is proud to support the Natimuk and District Gymnastic Club with a \$5,000 contribution after the January 2026 fire in Natimuk forced the club to shut.

The contribution will help the club to cover costs associated with accessing alternative gymnastics facilities across the state including Stawell, Ballarat, Mt Gambier and Warrnambool, allowing them to continue their training and remain active during this recovery period.

It follows extensive engagement with local organisations to understand the community's needs and identify where SEC support would have the greatest impact.

Lynette Morrow, who has managed the club for over 30 years, says SEC's support has been valuable in enabling her gymnasts to keep training while maintaining a sense of normality.

"We have so many talented students here who compete at state and national levels," Lynette said.

"I needed to secure alternative training venues to ensure training can continue, but this has come at a cost to the club and families."

Horsham Rural City Council's Fire Recovery Coordinator, Rhonda McNeil, highlighted the importance of maintaining routines for young people following a disaster.

"We often think of the large actions required for recovery: clean up, rebuilding and mental health support services," Rhonda said.

"Alongside these programs, it is the personal and direct actions that can make significant differences. Research shows that if children are unable to continue their physical activities after a disaster, they're more likely to disengage and may not return, which is why the support from SEC is so important.

"Supporting clubs like this is vital for both physical and community wellbeing."

Community drop-ins

Join us in July for one of our community drop-ins. Whether you have questions about our Community Benefit Fund, would like an update on construction or just have general questions, we're here to listen and provide you with answers.

Can't make it to a session? You can reach our team via phone at 1800 936 172 during business hours, or at any time at info@secvictoria.com.au.

Dates, times and venues

Tuesday 7 July, 8am – 10am
Farmhouse Café
37a Roberts Ave, Horsham

Wednesday 15 July, 1pm – 6pm
Centre for Participation
39 Urquhart Street, Horsham

Tuesday 21 July, 10am – 2pm
Centre for Participation
39 Urquhart Street, Horsham



Students get a taste for renewables on tour

SEC Renewable Energy Park – Horsham recently welcomed 10 local students to tour the site, hear how the solar farm and battery energy storage system work and learn about possible careers in the renewables industry.

Event organiser Sharon Warrick, Project Officer from the Wimmera Southern Mallee Local Learning & Employment Network, said these experiences are important for students in rural and regional areas.

“Experiences like this tour expose students to relevant, real careers and gives them knowledge and aspiration to make more informed subject and career pathway choices,” Sharon said.

“We support events that showcase industries with skills shortages and create aspirational programs.

“Most experiences are ‘behind the scenes’ so students can understand the variety of opportunities open to them for the future. It gives students a chance to meet people who work in renewables, engineering, electrotechnology and project management.”

SEC Student Engagement Lead, Sian Fitzpatrick, said SEC’s schools program aims to broaden students’ understanding of the many roles that support the expanding renewables industry, while inspiring them to become part of Victoria’s clean energy transition.

“By engaging students early and showcasing the wide range of opportunities available – from trades and engineering to community-focused roles – SEC is helping to build confidence in careers that will power our future,” Sian said.

Project timeline

- **Early 2025**
 Establish site access roads and construction buildings
 Construction begins
- **Mid 2026**
 First supply of electricity to the grid
- **Late 2027**
 Project fully operational

Stay connected

At SEC, open and ongoing communication is a top priority. Alongside our contractors, we regularly engage with project neighbours, the broader community, local councils, emergency services, businesses, and other key stakeholders.

We’re committed to working collaboratively — answering your questions, providing regular updates, and ensuring the project is delivered with care and respect for the community.

If you have any questions or feedback, please get in touch:

T: 1800 936 172 (Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm)

E: info@secvictoria.com.au

For urgent matters outside these hours, call our 24/7 line on 1800 809 740



Delivery partner



secvictoria.com.au



SECVictoria



SECVictoria_



secvictoria

