

Grahamvale Battery Energy Storage System

Stakeholder and Community Engagement Summary Report



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Abbreviations

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Abbreviation	Description
BESS	Battery Energy Storage System
DEECA	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)
GW	Gigawatt
IAP2	International Association for Public Participation
MW	Megawatt
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan

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Executive Summary

Project Overview

Avenis Energy Pty Ltd on behalf of AE BESS 3 Pty Ltd as Trustee for AE BESS 3 Unit Trust (the Applicant) is proposing to construct and operate the Grahamvale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located five kilometres northeast of Shepparton, and adjacent to the Shepparton Terminal Station.

The BESS will have a capacity of 480 MW with 4-hours (1,920 MWh) of battery storage.

The 10-hectare (25 acre) site which will eventually house approximately 560 battery units, will have the capacity to power the equivalent of 765,000 homes for four hours.

Local Demand & Purpose

The BESS development will allow energy generated by solar farms, wind turbines and traditional sources, which feed into the terminal, to be stored during periods of oversupply and then allow feedback into the grid when required.

Connecting directly into the 220kV substation will assist availability of power distribution, system strength and grid stability services throughout the local network and the wider region.

The Shepparton community, particularly businesses within the industrial zone, strongly support the Project due to its potential to deliver a reliable and uninterrupted supply.

Ongoing outages have caused significant frustration, with local industry representatives expressing concern about the impact on their operations and the broader implications for attracting new investment and business growth to the area.

Assisting supply continuity is critical to safeguard current operations and enhance the industrial zone's appeal to future enterprises.

The purpose of the development is also to support the National Electricity Market during peak demand and during adverse network operation, ensuring stability of supply across the local and wider grid network.

An initiative of this size and complexity needs input, acceptance and support from the local community of Grahamvale and stakeholders across the broader Shepparton region.

Methodology

The Applicant initiated an extensive consultation program which included the local community, members of parliament, the Greater Shepparton City Council, emergency services, various interested parties and the indigenous Yorta Yorta people.

The Applicants representatives conducted interviews on local radio and television, introduced an advertising campaign about the Project in the local media and conducted extensive "drop in" briefing sessions for the local community and stakeholders – all with the valued assistance of the Greater Shepparton City Council. Other engagement methods included in-person meetings, direct mail, emails, phone calls, widely distributed project materials (Fact Sheet & FAQ) and an online survey.

Community and Stakeholder Feedback

Each of the 19 attendees at the information sessions was engaged by the Applicants representatives and any concerns discussed. The shortest visit was seven minutes and the longest 25 minutes.

Seven attendees at the community information sessions later responded to the survey.

In summary, three lived within five kilometres of the site of the Project and three lived further than five kilometres away. All rated “lifestyle” and “community” as the main reason they lived in the area.

Five said that energy security and the benefits from the energy benefits fund were the main reasons they supported the BESS initiative and felt the community benefit fund should be used on “environmental” issues as well as “education scholarships and apprenticeships”.

All listed traffic during construction and operation as their major concern and four said they “strongly opposed” the development and only one was strongly supportive.

Five respondents said that proximity to their residence and impact on the local area and effect on property values was the reason they were opposed.

Concerns raised by the wider community centred on noise, fire risk, traffic, and visual impact. The Applicant has responded to address these issues in the Acoustics Report, Fire Management Plan and Fire Risk Assessment, Traffic Impact Assessment and Visual Impact Assessment reports included as part of the development application.

The local community is supportive of the Project due to stability of supply to local households, business and in particular the city’s industrial zone, and the proposed use of local suppliers.

Further feedback was provided by the stakeholders engaged during the engagement campaign, including the Greater Shepparton City Council, Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC) and Traditional Owners, Emergency Services, and Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW). The feedback is detailed in Section 4 of the report.

Conclusion

Community sentiment toward the Project is largely positive, with residents expressing appreciation for the early engagement efforts and showing strong interest in potential local partnerships.

Going forward, it will be essential for the Applicant to establish a clear Community Benefit Scheme, address identified concerns and rectify where possible, keep communication channels open, and maintain consistent, high-quality engagement to ensure stakeholders remain well-informed throughout the planning application process, the notice period, and beyond.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Project Context

Avenis Energy Pty Ltd, on behalf of AE BESS 3 Pty Ltd as Trustee for the AE BESS 3 Unit Trust (the Applicant), is proposing the Grahamvale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), located approximately five kilometres northeast of Shepparton, adjacent to the Shepparton Terminal Station.

The proposed facility would have a capacity of 480 megawatts (MW) with four hours of storage (1,920 megawatt-hours (MWh)) and would connect directly to the existing 220 kilovolt (kV) substation. The Project is intended to store electricity during periods of oversupply and dispatch it back into the electricity grid during periods of peak demand or network constraint, supporting local energy reliability and the broader National Electricity Market (NEM).

1.2 Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this Community Engagement Report is to describe the approach undertaken to engage with the local community and key stakeholders in relation to the proposed Grahamvale BESS, and to document how community and stakeholder feedback has informed project planning and decision-making.

Meaningful community and stakeholder engagement is fundamental to the successful delivery of large-scale energy infrastructure. For BESS projects in particular, early and ongoing engagement supports transparent planning processes, enabled participation, and assists in understanding community expectations, stakeholder interests, and the local social and environmental context.

Large-scale BESS projects make a unique contribution to addressing climate change and improving energy security by supporting the transition to clean, renewable energy and strengthening the stability of the National Electricity Market. In addition to these broader system benefits, such projects can deliver concentrated local benefits to their host regions, including community benefit schemes (CBS), economic stimulus, and employment opportunities.

A strong community engagement approach creates mutual benefits and, when undertaken effectively, can:

- Improve project outcomes and help ensure potential impacts are acceptable to the community;
- Support the equitable distribution of project benefits across the community; and
- Build long-term relationships and trust between the Project and the community.

The engagement program for the Grahamvale BESS has been designed to provide accessible and timely information, create opportunities for feedback from affected landholders, non-associated receivers, local businesses, and the wider Shepparton community, and support the early identification and management of potential social, environmental, and land-use impacts.

The following chapter outlines the methodology used to design and deliver the community and stakeholder engagement program, including the engagement approach adopted and the process used to identify and prioritise key stakeholders.

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2. Methodology and Stakeholder Identification

2.1 Engagement Approach

Stakeholder and community engagement for the Grahamvale BESS is a structured and ongoing process designed to ensure that individuals and groups with an interest in, or potentially affected by, the Project are informed, consulted, and provided with opportunities to participate, where appropriate.

The engagement approach recognises the importance of early, continuous, and inclusive involvement, tailored to the needs, interests, and perspectives of different stakeholder groups. This approach supports transparent decision-making throughout the Project lifecycle and seeks to build trust through clear communication, active listening, and responsiveness to feedback.

By providing clear and accessible information and integrating community input into planning, design, and operational considerations, the engagement program aims to foster meaningful dialogue, minimise potential social risks, and create shared social and economic benefits for the local community and the wider region.

2.2 Objectives of the Engagement Program:

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- **Increase Awareness:** Provide clear, accessible, and timely information to help stakeholders understand the Project's purpose, scope, and anticipated outcomes, using materials tailored to audience needs and delivered through multiple channels.
 - **Proactive Communication:** Engage with residents and stakeholders to explain potential impacts and benefits, listen to feedback, and foster two-way dialogue that builds trust and identifies community priorities.
 - **Maximise Community Benefits:** Support social and economic outcomes by integrating community priorities into planning, enhancing local benefits, resilience, and long-term regional development.
 - **Inclusive Engagement:** Understand and consider diverse stakeholder perspectives, including landholders, residents, businesses, Traditional Owners, community groups, and government, to inform planning, construction, and operations.
 - **Community Involvement:** Enable early input, ongoing consultation, and post-construction feedback so local perspectives contribute meaningfully to project design, delivery, and evolution.
 - **Support Local Economy:** Promote where practicable employment and contracting opportunities for local individuals and businesses to help strengthen regional supply chains and enhance economic retention during construction and operations.
 - **Monitor Community Sentiment:** Collect feedback, track sentiment, and identify issues to refine engagement, address emerging concerns, and reduce social risks.

- **Transparent Reporting:** Provide regular, clear updates on project progress, key findings, and how stakeholder input has influenced decisions, reinforcing trust and accountability throughout the Project lifecycle.

2.3 Key Community Stakeholders

Key community and stakeholder groups for the Grahamvale BESS were identified through a structured stakeholder identification process designed to determine which individuals, organisations, and groups have an interest in, or may be affected by, the Project.

This process considered the level of influence each stakeholder group may have in relation to project decision-making, as well as the potential degree of impact the Project may have on their interests. Engagement levels and corresponding commitments were determined using the Engagement Institute's (formerly the International Association for Public Participation – IAP2) Spectrum of Public Participation methodology (refer to Figure 1).

This framework provided a consistent and transparent basis for defining the purpose of engagement and identifying the most appropriate level of participation for each stakeholder group, based on their influence, interest, and relationship to the Project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC				
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives, and decision.	To work with the public throughout the decision-making process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

Figure 1 Public Participation Spectrum

The purpose and methods of engagement vary according to each stakeholder group's interests, potential impacts, and influence. Engagement objectives and activities were therefore tailored accordingly. Key stakeholder groups, along with their likely areas of interest and concern, are identified at a high level in Table 1 below, which informed subsequent engagement planning and consultation activities.

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Table 1: Stakeholder Identification

Group	Name	Influence	Interest	Expected interests	Preferred Outcome/Opportunity	Level of engagement	Method of engagement
Relevant ministers Elected officials State and municipal agencies with approval authority	Victorian Government Ministers	H	H	Minister for Climate Change Action Minister for Energy and Resources Minister for State Electricity Commission How the Project will benefit the local community. How the BESS will support the National Electricity Market during peak demand ensuring stability of supply.	Elected representatives understand the impacts and timing of the Project. Elected representatives understand what the confirmed approach is and know where to direct enquiries should community members request information. Support for the Project.	Consult	
	Legislative Assembly (Shepparton)	M	H	How the project will benefit the local community. How the BESS will support the National Electricity Market during peak demand ensuring stability of supply.	Understanding of the impacts and timing of the Project. Understand what the confirmed approach is and know where to direct enquiries should community members request information. Support for the Project.	Consult	Email Invitation to attend drop-in session Briefing Information kit
	Legislative Council (Northern Victoria Region)	M	H	How the Project will benefit the local community. How the BESS will support the National Electricity Market during peak demand ensuring stability of supply.	Understanding of the impacts and timing of the Project. Understand what the confirmed approach is and know where to direct enquiries should community members request information. Support for the Project.	Consult	Email Invitation to attend drop-in session Briefing Information kit

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Group	Name	Influence	Interest	Expected interests	Preferred Outcome/Opportunity	Level of engagement	Method of engagement
	Greater Shepparton City Council	M	M	How the Project will benefit the local community, and opportunities for local businesses. The projects economic benefits.	Greater Shepparton City Council is fully informed of the approach, understands the scope of the Project and is provided with information to pass onto its constituents. Permits for all works and any reinstatement are achieved.	Involve	Invitation to attend drop-in session Briefing Face to face meeting Information kit
	Department of Transport and Planning	H	H	How the Project will benefit the local community, and the wider state of Victoria. How the BESS will support the National Electricity Market during peak demand ensuring stability of supply.	A vital part of the campaign to ensure that the Victorian government is kept fully informed and supportive.	Consult	Email, meetings, discussions.
	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action	H	H	How the BESS will support the National Electricity Market during peak demand ensuring stability of supply.	As above.	Involve	Email, meetings, discussions.
	AusNet and VicGrid	H	H	Connection of the Project to the transmission network. How the BESS will support the National Electricity Market during peak demand ensuring stability of supply	Engagement during the connection application process.	Involve	Email, meetings, discussions.
	Energy Safe Victoria	H	H	Ensure BESS project safety and compliance with regulations, investigate incidents, and provide technical advice to the government.	As above.	Consult	Email

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Group	Name	Influence	Interest	Expected interests	Preferred Outcome/Opportunity	Level of engagement	Method of engagement
Regional organisations	Goulburn Valley Community Energy	L	M	The Projects economic benefits. Opportunities for local businesses.	Understanding and informed of the Project.	Inform	Face to face meeting. Email, Phone calls
	Committee for Greater Shepparton	M	M	The Projects economic benefits. Opportunities for local businesses.	Understanding and informed of the Project.	Consult	Face to face meetings. Email Information Kit
	Regional Development Australia (Hume Region)	L	M	Community and stakeholder engagement will be transparent and genuine. The Project will deliver local economic benefits.	RDA realise benefits of the Project and work with local council	Consult	Email
Traditional Owners	Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation	H	H	Represent Traditional Owners (TO)	Registered Aboriginal Party Land management, cultural heritage, environment management, support for Indigenous businesses	Involve	Face to face meeting Phone calls, briefings, Information kit
	First Peoples – State Relations	M	M	Heritage management.	Support for project, cultural heritage, indigenous contracting and engagement Consultation support for engaging with non-RAP TO groups, if any emerge in consultation program	Consult	Email
Farming groups	Victorian Farmers Federation	M	M	Land use and impact to agricultural land.	Land management, bushfire risks, use of agricultural land, coexistence with farmers and processors in area	Inform	Email and information kit

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Group	Name	Influence	Interest	Expected interests	Preferred Outcome/Opportunity	Level of engagement	Method of engagement
Water authorities	Goulburn Murray Water	H	H	Impact on irrigation infrastructure. Technical design for crossing assets.	Negligible impact on assets, water or irrigation in the area.	Involve	Face to face meetings Email Phone calls
	Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	M	M	Impact to Goulburn Broken catchment area.	Impact to water and water use by agricultural operators and farmers in area	Inform	Email
Traders and businesses	Greater Shepparton Business Network	L	M	Opportunities for local businesses and local employment	Local businesses understand any impacts to them and support for the Project	Inform	Face to face meetings Email Phone calls
Emergency services	Victoria Police Shepparton Police Station	L	M	Access for emergencies. Security of site Antisocial behaviour (prevention and management) Access to area outside of hours in event of trespass	Understanding and informed of the Project	Inform	Email Information kit
	Fire Services Victoria Shepparton CFA – 84 Archer Street	L	M	Access for emergencies. Potential fire risk	Understanding as to Fire Services Victoria's requirements (if any) and informed of the Project	Consult	Face to face meetings Email Phone calls
	CFA District 22 and North East Region Headquarters - 195 Numurkah Road						
	Ambulance Victoria – 102 Wyndham Street	L	M	Access for emergencies.	Understanding and informed of the Project.	Inform	Email Information kit
	State Emergency Services (SES)	L	M	Access for emergencies.	Understanding and informed of the Project.	Inform	Email
Local community	Shepparton community	L	H	Being kept up to date of any impacts to them.	Understanding and support of the Project.	Consult	Information sessions Letters

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Group	Name	Influence	Interest	Expected interests	Preferred Outcome/Opportunity	Level of engagement	Method of engagement
							Local papers Phone calls
	Shepparton community Notice Board Shepparton Community Notice Board NEW au Facebook	L	H	Visibility of BESS Noise Fire risk	Understanding and support of the Project.	Consult	Posts (where applicable)
	Goulburn Valley Environment Group	L	M	Impact on environment.	Understanding and support of the Project.	Inform	Email
	Goulburn Murray Landcare Network (GMLN)	L	M	Impact on environment.	Understanding and support of the Project.	Inform	Email Information kit
	Rev. Chaplain, Area Coordinator, Greater Shepparton - Victorian Council of Churches	L	L	Shepparton Interfaith Alliance.	Understanding and support of the Project May be able to assist in distributing information to the community.	Inform	Email Information kit
Local schools	All Saints Anglican School	M	M	Meetings to discuss any concerns Being kept up to date if any impacts to them	Informed and supportive of the Project. Any concerns have been considered.	Involve	Face to face meetings Email Phone calls Information kit
	Shepparton Christian College	L	L	Being kept up to date if any impacts to them	Informed and supportive of the Project.	Inform	Email Information kit
	Goulburn Valley Grammar School	L	L	Being kept up to date if any impacts to them	Informed and supportive of the Project.	Inform	Email Information kit
Sporting groups	Bunbartha Tennis Club, Grahamvale	L	L	Being kept up to date if any impacts to them	Informed and supportive of the Project.	Inform	Email Information kit
	Rumbalara Football Netball Club	L	L	Being kept up to date if any impacts to them	Informed and supportive of the Project.	Inform	Email Information kit

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Group	Name	Influence	Interest	Expected interests	Preferred Outcome/Opportunity	Level of engagement	Method of engagement
Media	• Shepparton News • WIN TV News • ABC Shepparton • One FM	M	M	Informed about the Project.	Understanding of the impacts and timing of the Project. Understanding of the project benefits.	Inform	Briefings Face to face meetings Email Phone calls Information kit
Social media	Local Facebook groups • Shepparton Community Notice Board • Shepparton and Surrounds Noticeboard • Shepparton HAVE YOUR SAY • Shepparton North Central Residents Group • Greater Shepparton City Council social media	L	M	Being kept up to date of any impacts to them	Monitor for community sentiment.	Inform	Email Posts

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3. Stakeholder and Community Engagement Activities

Engagement with key stakeholders has been an integral component of the project's development, ensuring that those with an interest in, or influence over, the proposed BESS are well informed and have meaningful opportunities to provide input.

3.1 Engagement Tools

A diverse range of communication tools and engagement approaches were utilised to ensure effective engagement with the community and stakeholders. The purpose of this engagement has been to provide clear and accessible information about the Project, outline how community members and stakeholders can contact the Applicant, and raise awareness of upcoming events or community information sessions held within the local area.

These activities have been designed to ensure that the community and stakeholders have multiple opportunities to learn about the Project, ask questions, and provide feedback in a transparent and inclusive manner.

The tools outlined below were used to share project updates, promote upcoming information sessions, and provide clear channels for feedback and enquiries. These included, but were not limited to:

3.1.1 Information Materials

Comprehensive yet easy-to-understand factsheets and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) were developed and widely distributed throughout the Greater Shepparton community and to key stakeholders across the region. Examples of these documents are provided in Appendix A and Appendix B.

The materials were shared at community meetings, engagement sessions, and stakeholder briefings. Hard copies were also made available at Council offices, local Members of Parliament offices, and other prominent local venues during visits to the area, ensuring the information was readily accessible to interested community members.

3.1.2 Project Website

A dedicated project webpage was established on the Avenis Energy website in 2024, providing up-to-date information on the BESS project and its development process. The site includes an overview of the Project, key milestones, and updates as the Project progresses. It also provides downloadable copies of the factsheets and FAQs, ensuring consistent and easily accessible information for the broader public.

3.1.3 Feedback Channels

Multiple feedback mechanisms were established to support ongoing communication with the community. A dedicated project email address (grahamvale@avenisenergy.com.au) was provided on all correspondence and information materials, including letters, factsheets, and

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FAQs, enabling community members to contact the project team directly with questions or feedback.

In addition, the project website features an online contact form, allowing stakeholders and residents to submit enquiries or comments at any time. These channels ensured that feedback could be received and responded to promptly throughout the engagement process.

3.1.4 Maps and Diagrams

Visual aids such as maps, diagrams, and site layouts were made available through the project website, printed factsheets and FAQ's, and at community drop-in sessions. These materials helped to clearly illustrate the project's location, design, and key features, supporting transparency and improving community understanding of the proposal

3.2 Stakeholder Engagement Activities

Since May 2023, the Applicant has undertaken a comprehensive stakeholder engagement program involving a broad range of community, government, and industry stakeholders. Engagement has been designed to inform stakeholders about the proposed Grahamvale BESS, provide opportunities for feedback, and ensure that relevant issues are identified and considered early in the project's development.

Table 2 – Summary of Key Engagement Activities

Engagement Method	Number of Activities
Emails	280
Phone Calls	54
Face to Face Meetings and Briefings	22
Media coverage	Two radio interviews (ABC and MMG) One television interview (WIN TV)
Newspaper Advertising	Two advertisements in separate local newspapers (The Advisor, and Shepparton News)
Promotion of project and community drop-in sessions	Advertising in both local newspapers, highlighted in radio interviews, and in letters to residents
Letters to residents	583 letters distributed surrounding properties within 1km of the Project
Community Drop- in Sessions	Three sessions held in May 2025

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Community Survey	Seven completed responses.
Project Website	Website launched on 12 November 2024.

3.2.1 Emails

A total of 280 emails were distributed to a wide range of stakeholders to provide information about the proposed BESS project and encourage participation in the engagement process. Each email included a personalised letter outlining the project's purpose, rationale, and intended function, along with information on anticipated community and regional benefits.

The correspondence provided contact details, including a dedicated project phone number and email address, enabling stakeholders to seek further information or provide feedback. Recipients were also invited to attend community information sessions to learn more about the proposal and engage directly with the project team.

Stakeholders contacted included local Members of Parliament, Councillors, the Country Fire Authority (CFA), Goulburn Murray Water (GMW), Goulburn Valley Community Energy, and a range of other community, government, and regional organisations with an interest in the Project.

3.2.2 Meetings and Briefings

In addition to broader community engagement activities, the proponent conducted a series of targeted meetings and briefings with key stakeholders, including local landholders, Councillors, Council representatives, local schools, Members of Parliament, DTP, DEECA Water, GMW, and emergency services.

Where appropriate, one-on-one meetings or calls were arranged to allow focused discussions of specific interests, concerns, or potential impacts. A dedicated briefing session was held for Councillors and the Executive Management Team of Greater Shepparton City Council at a Council meeting held on 17 June 2025, providing an opportunity to discuss the Project in detail, respond to questions, and outline the next steps in the planning process.

Local Members of Parliament were invited to attend a drop-in session for key stakeholders and were also offered individual project briefings. The proponent met with the electorate adviser to Kim O'Keeffe MLA to provide a project overview and respond to preliminary queries.

These targeted meetings ensured that key stakeholders were well informed about the project's objectives, design considerations, and anticipated benefits, while enabling early feedback and consultation.

3.2.3 Media Coverage

To further promote the community drop-in sessions and raise broader awareness of the Project, media outlets were approached.

On Friday 2 May 2025, the Applicant was interviewed on ABC Radio's local breakfast program regarding the Grahamvale BESS. During the four-minute interview, the project's role in stabilising the local energy supply, particularly for manufacturing and industrial users, and its contribution to the broader Victorian and southern NSW electricity network were discussed. The interview also highlighted the project's ability to store renewable energy and its potential to create local construction and maintenance employment.

A televised interview aired on WIN TV News on Tuesday 6 May 2025, featuring a representative speaking on behalf of the Applicant. The interview emphasised support for the project from Shepparton's industrial sector and noted the benefits of improved energy reliability in attracting future investment. It was also confirmed that there is an intention to engage local contractors during construction.

WIN TV also included commentary from a representative of the Greater Shepparton Business Network, who expressed support for the Project and described it as "bullet proofing" Shepparton against power shortages and blackouts, underscoring its strategic importance for the region's energy resilience.

Following the media coverage in May, a representative on behalf of the Applicant conducted a straw poll of 20 Shepparton residents to gauge community awareness and sentiment regarding the proposed BESS. Twelve respondents indicated awareness of the Project, and all expressed support, particularly in relation to energy reliability and local employment opportunities.

3.2.4 Newspaper Promotion

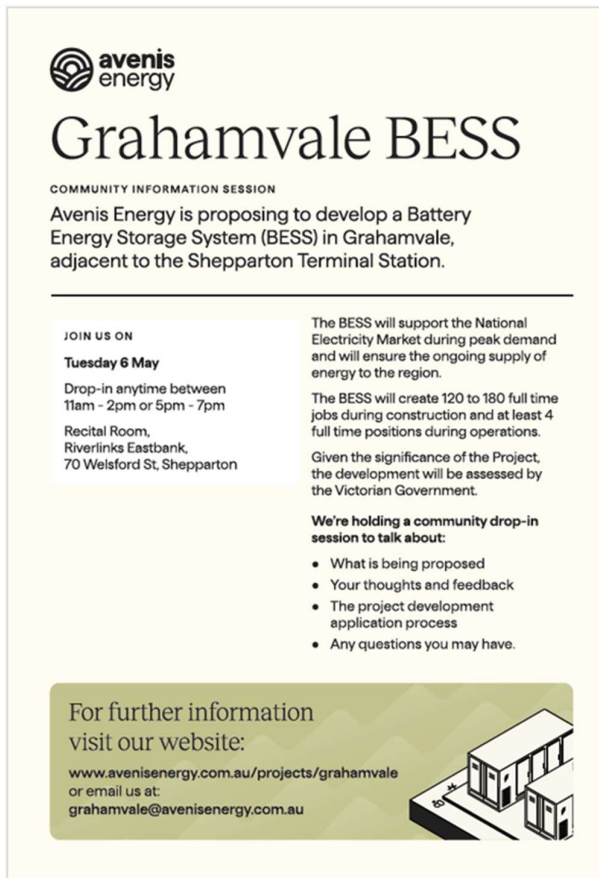
The community drop-in sessions were promoted through advertisements in two widely read local newspapers: the Shepparton News on Tuesday 29 April 2025 and The Advisor on Wednesday 30 April 2025. Copies of the advertisements are provided in Appendix D.

Prominent placement was secured in both publications to maximise visibility. These newspapers have extensive circulation across the Greater Shepparton region, with The Advisor distributed across adjacent councils and shires. The newspaper advertising complemented other communication channels, reinforcing project messaging and ensuring consistent awareness of engagement opportunities.

The advertisement is illustrated in Figure 2 below.

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Figure 2: Sample of Newspaper Advertisement

3.2.5 Letterbox Drop

With the assistance of Greater Shepparton City Council and its nominated mail distributor, project information was delivered to 583 properties in the Grahamvale area in April 2025.

The information included a project overview, fact sheets, frequently asked questions (FAQs), links to the project website and online survey, and contact details for the proponent. Recipients were also invited to attend the upcoming community drop-in sessions.

The distribution area prioritised properties in the vicinity of the proposed BESS site and is shown on Figures 3 and 4. This targeted approach ensured that residents most likely to experience direct, indirect, or perceptible impacts were informed.

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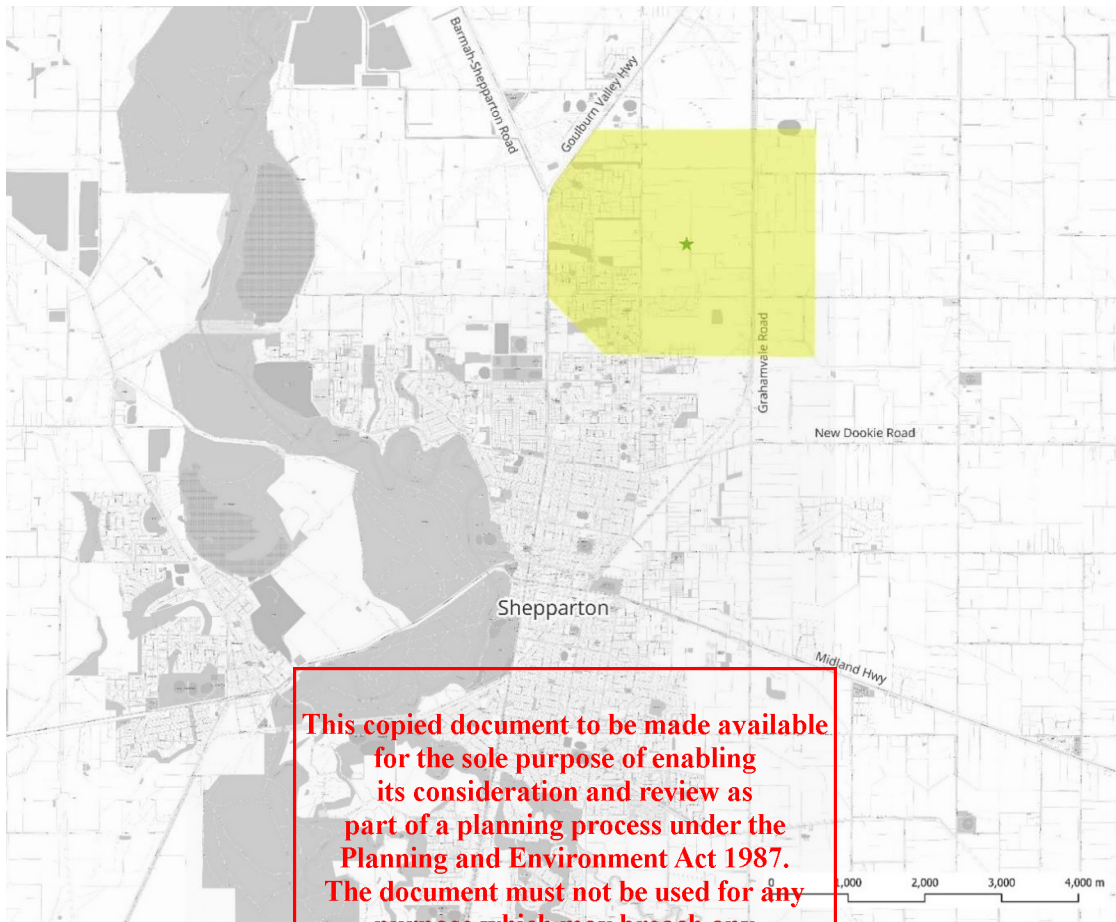


Figure 3: Priority Mail Distribution Area



Figure 4: Property Locations for Mail Distribution

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3.2.6 Community Drop-in Sessions

Community Drop-in sessions were held at the Recital Room, Riverlinks Eastbank. A preview session for key stakeholders took place on 5 May 2025, followed by two public drop-in sessions on 6 May 2025.

The sessions featured display stations presenting information on project location, site layout, development timeline, planning pathway, and overall project overview. Printed fact sheets, frequently asked questions (FAQ's) flyers, surveys (hard copy and digital), and artist impression images were available. Four members of the project team attended each session to answer questions and record feedback.

The sessions were attended by a broad range of community members and stakeholders, including representatives from government agencies and emergency services, facilitating informed discussion and feedback.



Figure 5: Photograph of a Member of the Project Team at One of the Community Drop-In Sessions

3.2.7 Survey

A community survey was developed to gather feedback and better understand local attitudes toward the proposed Grahamvale BESS. The survey sought input on environmental, social, economic, and amenity considerations, as well as opportunities for community benefit initiatives.

The survey was accessible via a QR code on all project materials, through hard copy surveys at the community drop-in sessions, and electronically via an iPad at the sessions.

While participation was limited to seven completed responses, the survey provided valuable qualitative insights into local perceptions and priorities. A copy of the survey is provided in Appendix C.

3.2.8 Targeted Stakeholder Engagement

In addition to broad community engagement, the Applicant undertook targeted engagement with key stakeholders who have specific regulatory, operational, cultural, or community interests in the Project. This included Greater Shepparton City Council, Traditional Owners (Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation), State and Federal Members of Parliament, government agencies, emergency services, infrastructure providers, local landholders, educational institutions, and regional business and energy groups.

Engagement with these stakeholders occurred through meetings, briefings, correspondence, and participation in community drop-in sessions. Feedback informed project design, technical assessments, planning documentation, and ongoing engagement commitments.

3.2.9 Benefits Sharing

To help inform the development of community benefit sharing initiatives and programs, the Applicant undertook targeted consultation to better understand local priorities and preferences for how benefits could be allocated. This included incorporating a specific question within the community survey, as well as seeking feedback during community drop-in sessions and face-to-face engagements with the community and other stakeholders. This approach aimed to capture community views on potential benefit-sharing opportunities and to ensure that any initiatives are informed by local needs, values and areas of greatest relevance to the surrounding community.

The Applicant will consider alignment of any Benefits Sharing with the guidelines published by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, as referenced in the link below: https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0025/621970/community-engagement-and-benefit-sharing-in-renewable-energy-development.pdf

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4. Stakeholder and Community Feedback

Through sustained and transparent engagement, the Applicant has collaborated closely with stakeholders and the community to better understand their perspectives and address emerging concerns. This process has involved refining engagement methods, providing clearer and more detailed project information, and working with the community and stakeholders to identify solutions that align with expectations and priorities.

The engagement approach has remained adaptive and transparent, enabling informed participation and aimed at establishing trusted, long-term relationships that will continue throughout the life of the Grahamvale BESS.

The following section summarises the key themes, issues, and opportunities that have emerged from consultation activities with community members and stakeholders.

4.1 General Feedback

Since the Project's inception in 2023, the proponent has undertaken extensive engagement with a range of community and stakeholder groups, as outlined in Section 5.1. In general, stakeholders have been supportive of the proposal and its contribution to local energy resilience and economic development.

In addition to the community "drop-in" sessions and meetings with key stakeholders and members of the community in May 2025, a representative of the Applicant informally engaged with a wide cross-section of the community at centres including the library, RSL, and Shepparton marketplace.

Feedback from these broader community interactions reflected similar views to those gathered during the formal engagement process, i.e., the vast majority of participants expressed support for the project.

While some community members sought further technical information, many expressed pride in the project's potential to strengthen local industry and help improve the reliability of electricity supply within the Shepparton region and the National Electricity Market during periods of peak demand.

Although a few attendees raised questions about the project's location and effect on local property prices, most agreed that situating the BESS adjacent to the existing Grahamvale Terminal Station represented an appropriate and practical choice.

The key themes and questions raised through the engagement campaign are discussed further in the following section. Throughout the engagement process, grid stability and reliability emerged as a consistent theme, with many participants noting that ongoing network fluctuations have hindered local business operations, manufacturing, and agricultural processing activities (particularly fruit refrigeration and storage). As a result, there was strong recognition of the value a local BESS could provide in supporting grid reliability and enabling continued regional productivity.

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4.2 Community Drop-in Sessions

A total of 19 community members attended the 'Drop In' sessions. Feedback from participants was constructive and positive, with attendees expressing appreciation for the opportunity to engage directly with the project team. Representatives spoke to each attendee, no objections or hostile responses were received; rather, most attendees demonstrated interest and general support for the project's aims and potential local benefits.

Key discussion points included:

- **Safety:** Several attendees raised questions about fire safety, referencing recent national incidents involving battery systems. A representative from the project team explained the comprehensive safety and risk mitigation measures incorporated into the project design, including fire detection, suppression, and emergency response protocols. These explanations appeared to address attendees' concerns and provided reassurance regarding the project's safety management approach. A Risk Management Plan (RMP) and Fire Management Plan (FMP) has been undertaken, and advice from the consultant, the CFA and FRV has been incorporated into the design.
- **Visual impacts:** Questions were raised regarding the visibility of the facility. The project team explained that visual impacts will be minimal due to the site's strategic location and existing vegetation screening, which limits visibility from public vantage points. Attendees were informed that a Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) has been undertaken to formally assess and document these impacts.
- **Economic benefits:** Some attendees inquired about local job creation and procurement opportunities. It was clarified that while the Project would not employ individuals directly on a casual basis, it intends to engage local suppliers and contractors wherever possible. The Project also received positive feedback from the Greater Shepparton Business Network, which welcomed the focus on local industry participation.
- **Environment:** Questions were also raised about end-of-life management and decommissioning. Stakeholders were advised that the battery units are expected to have a design life of approximately 20 years, and that all major components should be recycled or repurposed for future battery production. It was noted that continuing advancements in battery technology are expected to make future systems smaller, more efficient, and more sustainable.
- **Community Benefits:** The proposal for a community benefit fund was well received, with recommendations that it be spent on environmental issues and education – specifically to attract young people to take up an apprenticeship and encourage young people to stay in the area.
- **Grid:** The lack of stability of the local electricity network was a recurring theme in discussions. Attendees acknowledged the potential for the proposed BESS to support the local business district during periods of peak demand or adverse network events, contributing to improved supply reliability. One attendee urged the project team to "get on with it" and deliver the Project as soon as possible, emphasising that faster

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implementation would help improve supply reliability and support local businesses and industry.

4.3 Survey Results

Despite being widely promoted through direct mailouts to 583 households, inclusion in information sheets, QR codes on all materials, iPad access at community sessions, and hard copies available at events, the project survey received a total of seven responses. While limited in number, the responses provided useful insights into community perspectives on the proposed BESS.

Key findings from the survey are summarised below:

- **Location of respondents:** Three respondents lived more than five kilometres from the project site, while one lived within one kilometre.
- **Connection to the area:** All participants identified as members of the local community, expressing strong appreciation for the area's lifestyle, community spirit, landscape, and views. Three said they worked locally and three commented that they were members of a local club or community group.
- **Perceived benefits:** Three highlighted energy security, the proposed Community Benefit Fund, and four highlighted local employment opportunities as the main positive aspects of the Project.
- **Primary concerns:** Five of the respondents expressed concern about traffic congestion during the construction phase and potential ongoing impacts.
- **Opposition:** Four respondents indicated that they strongly opposed the development of a BESS. The main reasons cited included:
 - The proximity of the Project to their homes and potential impacts on local amenity; and
 - Concerns about noise, fire risk, and potential effects on property values.

These four respondents did not provide contact details or seek further engagement; consequently, the proponent was unable to follow up directly to discuss their concerns in more detail.

While participation was limited, the survey results provided a snapshot of local sentiment and have been considered alongside other community feedback received during the engagement process.

In response to survey feedback, the proponent has undertaken the following specialist assessments as part of the development approval process for an application under the Development Facilitation pathway with the DTP:

- **Acoustic Report:** assesses operational noise impacts and demonstrates compliance with the International Standard ISO 9613.2.
- **Fire Management Plan and Fire Risk Assessment:** assesses potential fire risk and identifies mitigation and management measures in accordance with CFA and FRV requirements.

- **Traffic Impact Assessment:** assesses the capacity of the existing road network, potential construction traffic impacts, and appropriate traffic management measures.
- **Visual Impact Assessment:** assesses the potential visual impacts of the Project on the surrounding area.
- **Economic Assessment:** assesses the likely economic impacts and benefits of the Project relative to the existing baseline conditions.

4.4 Website Analytics

Since the project website went live on 12 November 2024, website traffic has been tracked weekly, with data collected for the period from November 2024 to March 2026. The figure below summarises website hits recorded over this timeframe and provides an indication of the level and consistency of community interest in the Project throughout the engagement period.

The figure illustrates a spike in website hits in early May 2025, which is consistent with the timing of the community drop-in sessions.

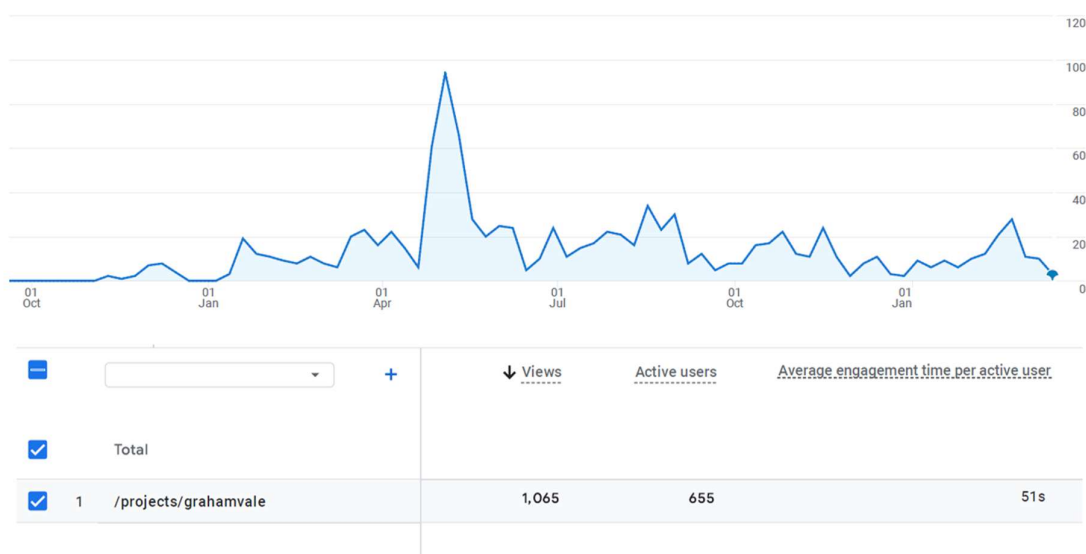


Figure 6: Grahamvale Project Website Analytics

4.5 Targeted Stakeholder Feedback

Table 3 below summarises the targeted stakeholders, the consultation undertaken, the feedback received, and the corresponding actions to be taken.

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Table 3: Targeted Stakeholder Feedback and Actions

Stakeholder	Consultation	Feedback / Comment	Actions
Greater Shepparton City Council	Engagement commenced on 15 September 2023. Multiple meetings, briefings and correspondence between December 2024 and September 2025, including a briefing to Councillors and the Executive Team at a Council meeting on 17 June 2025 and an in-person meeting with Council Representatives on 22 September 2025.	Concerns raised regarding the location within the irrigation district; rationale for site selection provided. Ongoing engagement supported transparency and early identification of planning considerations.	Site selection rationale and planning context documented and included in the EES. Flooding, fire risk, and local employment considerations addressed in project design and technical assessments. Ongoing liaison to continue throughout the assessment phase.
Traditional Owners / Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC)	Engagement initiated in November 2024. A meeting was held on 4 December 2024. Ongoing involvement in development of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan (commenced August 2024).	Provided cultural insights and suggested apprenticeship and training opportunities for Yorta Yorta community members. Provided suggestions on benefit sharing opportunities.	CHMP prepared in consultation with YYNAC, which accompanies this planning permit application. Opportunities for training and employment to be considered during construction, subject to procurement processes. Opportunities for community benefit initiatives to be explored as the project progresses.
Local Members of Parliament	State and Federal MPs invited to preview information session on 6 May 2025 and provided with information kits. Meeting held with Electorate Manager for Shepparton / MLA.	No issues or objections raised.	Project information materials provided and kept up to date. Ongoing availability for briefings as required.

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Stakeholder	Consultation	Feedback / Comment	Actions
Department of Transport and Planning (DTP)	Initial contact on 23 October 2023. Online meetings held on 27 October 2023 and 5 November 2025. Ongoing correspondence throughout 2025 regarding submission requirements and pre-application process under the DFP.	Guidance provided on assessment considerations, including acoustic impacts and irrigation district context. Recommended engagement with DEECA Water and FRV.	DTP guidance incorporated into assessment approach. Additional agency engagement undertaken as recommended.
DEECA Water	Initial contact on 13 November 2023 and follow-up on 10 November 2025 to confirm jurisdiction.	Confirmed the project falls outside DEECA Water's scope.	Advice noted. No further action required unless project scope changes.
Emergency Services (CFA, FRV, Victoria Police)	Emergency services invited to preview information session on 6 May 2025. CFA attended the information session. Formal referral made in September 2025, with CFA referring the Project to FRV. FRV provided written advice on 7 November 2025.	This copied document to be made available for the sole purpose of enabling its consideration and review as part of a planning process under the Planning and Environment Act 1987. The document must not be used for any purpose which may breach any copyright CFA satisfied with information provided. FRV advice issued on fire safety and risk mitigation.	FRV advice reviewed and incorporated into project design and emergency management planning. See Fire Management Plan and Fire Risk Assessment accompanying this planning permit application.
Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW)	Ongoing engagement since November 2024. Initial in-person meeting on 4 December 2024, followed by regular calls, emails and meetings in 2025. Attendance at May 2025 community information day.	Provided technical design parameters for the Applicant to incorporate into the project design, including matters such as buffer distances, cable depths and other relevant infrastructure requirements.	GMW technical requirements incorporated into design. Approvals and asset-crossing processes to be progressed following planning approval.

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Stakeholder	Consultation	Feedback / Comment	Actions
		Acknowledged requirement for formal development approval prior to progressing asset-crossing agreements due to irrigation district location.	
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA)	Engagement in December 2024 and October 2025 regarding floodplain and environmental considerations.	No issues or objections raised.	Advice noted. Flood and drainage considerations addressed in supporting technical assessments.
Anglican Schools Commission / All Saints Anglican School	Ongoing engagement since November 2023 via online meetings, phone calls and emails. In-person meeting held on 3 December 2024. Invitation extended to May 2025 community information day.	Supportive of the Project, recognising educational value and Community Benefit Fund opportunities.	School kept informed of project progress. Opportunities for education and community benefit initiatives to be explored as the project progresses.
Landholders	Regular engagement since May 2023, including in-person meetings every 3–4 months and ongoing phone and email communication.	Highly supportive. Collaborative relationship established.	Ongoing consultation maintained. Landholder inputs considered in project design, access and construction planning.
Local Consultants	Local contractors and consultants engaged for surveys and engineering works from July 2024 onwards.	Local engagement supports the regional economy and project delivery.	Continued preference for local consultants and contractors during construction where practicable.

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Stakeholder	Consultation	Feedback / Comment	Actions
AusNet	Ongoing engagement since August 2023, including multiple in-person meetings and regular correspondence.	Ongoing engagement regarding connection requirements, property and contractual arrangements.	Connection design and technical requirements being progressed in parallel with planning approvals.
VicGrid	Ongoing engagement has been undertaken since March 2025 in relation to the grid connection application, with fortnightly meetings currently continuing.	Ongoing technical engagement regarding connection requirements.	Connection application being progressed in parallel with planning approvals.
Committee for Greater Shepparton (C4GS)	Engagement during community information session and follow-up meeting on 24 November 2025 and in 2026.	Strongly supportive, citing benefits to energy reliability, manufacturing and regional economic resilience.	Project benefits articulated in planning documentation. Ongoing engagement to continue as the Project progresses.
Greater Shepparton Business Network	Engagement during community information session, including follow up email correspondence	Supportive of the Project and local business opportunities.	Engagement strategy to be confirmed as the Project progresses.
Goulburn Murray Community Energy	Attendance at a community information session. Meeting held in Shepparton on 6 May 2025, following the information session. Ongoing discussions via phone and email.	Supportive and interested in collaboration through the Community Benefit Scheme.	Engagement strategy and Community Benefits Scheme to be confirmed as the Project progresses.

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4.6 Benefits Sharing Consultation

Following consultation, limited specific feedback was received in relation to long-term programs and initiatives that could be supported by the Project. Notwithstanding this, through further meetings and ongoing stakeholder discussions, a number of potential community benefit initiatives have been identified and are currently being explored by the Applicant in consultation with relevant stakeholders. These opportunities will continue to be progressed and further developed as the Project advances.

4.7 Summary of Stakeholder and Community Feedback

Since 2023, the Applicant has engaged closely with stakeholders and community members to provide information, gather feedback, and address concerns, fostering long-term trust.

Key Points:

- **Community Support:** Broad support for the Project's contribution to energy reliability which will support regional industry, and economic development. Some requested additional technical information; a few raised amenity or property concerns.
- **Information Sessions:** 19 attendees provided feedback on safety, visual impacts, economic benefits, environmental considerations, community benefit fund, and grid reliability. Questions were addressed, and participants expressed general support.
- **Survey Results:** Seven responses highlighted appreciation for local benefits, energy security, and the Community Benefit Fund. Concerns focused on traffic, noise, and safety; 4 of the seven respondents opposed the Project.
- **Key Stakeholder Engagement:** Ongoing liaison with Council, Traditional Owners, MPs, agencies, emergency services, schools, landholders, consultants, and business groups. Key outcomes included site rationale, technical assessments, and identification of opportunities for local employment, training, and supplier engagement.
- **Community Benefits Sharing:** Opportunities for community benefit initiatives are currently being explored and will continue to be developed as the Project advances.

Engagement generally demonstrated support for the Grahamvale BESS and informed technical and planning considerations while highlighting opportunities for local benefits.

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5. Ongoing Engagement

Ongoing engagement during the development application process has centred on building community awareness, addressing feedback and concerns, and ensuring that all stakeholders remain well informed throughout the project's planning phase.

The proponent will continue to engage regularly with the stakeholders identified in this report and will update the engagement strategy as required to include any newly identified stakeholders as the project progresses.

Following the community engagement sessions, the proponent received follow-up contact from multiple stakeholders and community members seeking additional information and clarification about the Project. These enquiries have provided valuable opportunities to continue dialogue, address specific questions, and reinforce transparency and accessibility throughout the engagement process.

5.1 Media

As part of the ongoing community information program on 28 July 2025, a journalist from McPherson Media Group (MMG) contacted the Applicant via the project's dedicated email address to request further information about the proposed BESS project.

A subsequent interview with the Applicant outlined key aspects of the Project, its purpose, and potential community benefits.

Following this engagement, an article was published in the Shepparton News in August 2025, providing an overview of the Project and raising community awareness:

<https://www.sheppnews.com.au/news/2025/08/28/battery-storage-system-proposed-for-shepparton/>

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Media communication will continue to play an important role as the project progresses through pre-construction and construction phases of the proposed BESS.

5.2 Local Suppliers

Following the community engagement sessions, the proponent has received direct enquiries from local suppliers and contractors through the project's dedicated email address, expressing interest in potential opportunities associated with the construction of the proposed BESS.

- On 10 July 2025, a discussion was held with a local supplier to discuss storage options for BESS equipment and potential contracting opportunities during the construction phase.
- On 21 September 2025 an in-person meeting took place with a local contractor based in Shepparton who expressed interest in undertaking earthworks for the Project.

These early discussions reflect the strong local interest and capacity within the Shepparton region to support the delivery of the Project through local industry participation.

The Greater Shepparton region has a well-established and diverse construction sector capable of supporting large-scale infrastructure projects. The area hosts a broad network of

experienced contractors and service providers across multiple disciplines, including crane and lifting services, plant and equipment hire, civil and earthworks, electrical installation, fencing, concreting, and logistics support.

This depth of local capability ensures that much of the construction activity for the Grahamvale BESS can be delivered using local skills, equipment, and suppliers, thereby generating direct economic benefits and fostering long-term regional expertise in renewable-energy infrastructure delivery.

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6. Next Steps for Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Following the approval of the development application, the focus of community and stakeholder engagement shifts to the pre-construction and construction phases of development. These stages are critical for maintaining transparency, building trust, and ensuring local support remains strong throughout project delivery.

A plan for community and stakeholder engagement will be considered during the pre-construction, construction, and phases, based on outcomes from the development approval. This may consider:

6.1 Pre-Construction Phase

- **Communications:** Provide timely updates to neighbours, stakeholders, and the broader community regarding project timelines, milestones, expected activities, and potential impacts. This may include website updates, newsletters, emails and mail.
- **Community briefings and information sessions:** Host information sessions to explain the construction process, address concerns, and importantly outline benefits such as job creation and energy reliability. Ongoing briefings will be conducted with key stakeholders.
- **Local procurement engagement:** Engage with local suppliers and contractors to promote regional economic participation, particularly in the electrical and civil works.
- **Establishment of feedback channels:** Maintain and set up (where not already established) dedicated communication channels (email, hotline, online portal) to receive and respond to community enquiries and feedback.
- **Community Benefit Fund:** Finalise the Community Benefits Fund arrangements for implementation during the operational phase of the Project. Where appropriate, support broad awareness and understanding of these benefits through targeted promotion.
- **Speakers Panel:** Establish a panel of project representatives to be offered to local service groups, schools, clubs, etc., as speakers to update attendees about the Grahamvale BESS and latest milestones and initiatives.

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6.2 Construction Phase

- **Ongoing communication:** Maintain regular updates on construction progress, milestones, and any changes to scheduling or site activity.
- **Construction impact management:** Monitor and mitigate impacts such as noise, dust, and traffic disruptions, with clear communication on mitigation strategies.
- **Maintain feedback channels:** Maintain dedicated communication channels to receive and respond to community enquiries and feedback.

- **Local workforce visibility:** Highlight the involvement of local workers and businesses to reinforce community benefit.
- **Stakeholder updates:** Conduct periodic engagement for key stakeholders, including local council, business networks, schools and community groups.

6.3 Operational Phase

- **Community Benefit Fund delivery:** Communicate outcomes of funded initiatives and showcase success stories. Provide reports on fund allocation and impact.
- **Ongoing engagement channels:** Keep feedback channels active (email, hotline, online portal) for community queries and concerns and promote these periodically.
- **Educational and awareness programs:** Provide presentations and educational sessions to schools and community groups to build awareness and understanding of the industry.
- **Local economic impact:** Continued local employment and procurement, where possible and relevant.

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7. Conclusion

The community engagement methodology outlined above provides a structured and transparent framework to guide interactions with stakeholders throughout the lifecycle of the proposed Grahamvale BESS. Effective engagement not only supports regulatory compliance but also fosters community trust and confidence by ensuring that local perspectives are genuinely considered in project decision-making.

Community sentiment toward the Project is largely positive, with residents expressing appreciation for the early engagement efforts and showing strong interest in potential local partnerships.

Going forward, it will be essential for the Applicant to establish a clear Community Benefit Scheme, address identified concerns and rectify where possible, keep communication channels open, and maintain consistent, high-quality engagement to ensure stakeholders remain well-informed throughout the planning application process, the notice period, and beyond.

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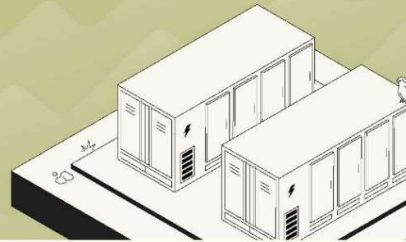
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Appendix A - Factsheet



FACT SHEET

Grahamvale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)



Avenis Energy is proposing to develop a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) approximately five kilometres northeast of the Shepparton city centre, in Grahamvale and adjacent to the Shepparton Terminal Station.

The purpose of the development is to support the National Electricity Market during peak demand and during adverse network operation. It will ensure stability of supply throughout the region. The project will involve the development, construction, operation and its eventual decommissioning.

The Project

The Grahamvale BESS is expected to have a capacity of 480MW with a 4-hour storage duration – this is equivalent to powering around 765,000* households for four hours.

The project will incorporate the latest industry technology and adhere to all safety and hazard regulations set by the Victorian and Australian governments.

The project's design and layout will comply with local planning laws, CFA guidelines, and be carefully structured to minimise potential environmental impacts. It will also protect local cultural heritage, and address any concerns of neighbouring communities.

The Grahamvale BESS will include the following key components:

- Battery units
- Inverter stations
- Transformers
- Switch rooms
- Switch yard
- On-site water storage
- Fire suppressions systems
- Security fencing
- Parking site
- Site office and amenities for operational use.

During construction, temporary infrastructure including construction facilities, site offices and amenities, tool and material storage sheds, construction staff car parking, laydown areas and truck unloading zones will also be required and commercial opportunities across the Shepparton region.

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*Australian Energy Regulator: State of the energy market 2023 (based on an average annual electricity consumption of 5.6MWh per household).

The Benefits



INCREASE CLEAN ENERGY STORAGE

The Project will ensure the on-going supply of energy for residents, business owners and hospitals throughout the region. It will make a substantial contribution to the National Electricity Market and towards the government's target of zero emissions by 2050.



CREATE LOCAL JOBS

Approximately 120-180 full time equivalent (FTE) construction jobs and at least 4 FTE operational jobs will be generated.



INCREASE AND DIVERSIFY INCOMES

The Project will increase revenue among ancillary services throughout the local area. It will generate huge incentives for investment in industrial and commercial opportunities across the Shepparton region.

480MW

Capacity with a 4-hour storage duration

765,000

Households powered for approx. 4 hours

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GRAHAMVALE BESS SITE MAP MARKED IN BLUE

Planning & Approval Process

Given the significance of the Project, the development will be assessed by the Victorian Government rather than at the local council level. A development application of this technical complexity requires a rigorous impact assessment process to be undertaken, including numerous independent reviews, surveys, and environmental assessments.

This information will form an invaluable part of the planning permit application, which presents the results of the specialist assessments and the detailed planning information regarding the development.

It will provide key decision-makers in the Victorian Government with the necessary information to assess the Project and determine any special conditions.

About Avenis Energy

Avenis Energy is dedicated to developing utility BESS projects and large-scale renewable energy projects that deliver clean, green energy into the transmission network, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and help minimise the impacts of climate change.

Avenis prides itself on working closely with landowners, near neighbours, key stakeholders and the wider communities where our projects are proposed.

The Avenis team has significant experience in the industry across all elements of the development cycle, from site selection, planning and permitting to engineering, construction and operation. The team has been working together since 2018 and is entirely dedicated to the Australian market, with a proven track record of developing high quality community sensitive projects.

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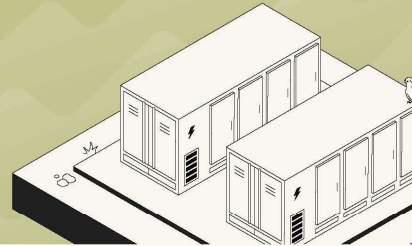
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Appendix B - Frequently Asked Questions



FAQS

Grahamvale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)



General FAQs

What is proposed?

Avenis Energy is proposing to construct and operate a 480MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located five km northeast of Shepparton City Centre, in Grahamvale, Victoria. The Project will connect into the adjacent AusNet Shepparton Terminal Station to import and export electricity to the transmission network. The purpose of the development is to assist the national electrical grid at times of peak demand, ensuring adverse network operation, ensuring stability of supply.

Who is Avenis?

Avenis Energy is dedicated to developing utility-scale battery energy storage projects, and large-scale renewable energy projects that deliver clean green energy into the transmission network, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and helping to reduce the impacts of climate change. Avenis prides itself on working closely with landowners, neighbouring residents and the wider communities where our projects are proposed.

The Avenis team has significant experience in the industry across all elements of the development cycle, from site selection, planning and permitting to engineering, construction and operation. The team has been working together since 2018 and is solely dedicated to the Australian market, with a proven track record of developing high quality community sensitive projects.

What is a BESS?

A BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) is a system that stores electrical energy using a collection of batteries. It captures power from various generation sources on the transmission network including solar and wind. The system helps mitigate the intermittency of these sources by offering backup power to overcome network constraints, including adverse weather conditions and limited grid capacity. BESS plays a vital role in supporting the broader use of decentralised energy sources and infrastructure, helping to minimise the risk of widespread power outages. The technology of the battery units is relatively similar to the kind of battery you have in your phone.

Why is this Project needed?

The project would support the national electricity network during peak times and during adverse network operation, ensuring stability of supply.

Furthermore, the Victorian Government is committed to increasing the state's renewable energy share to over 65% by 2030 and 95% by 2035. This initiative is expected to generate approximately \$9.5 billion in economic activity and create 59,000 jobs by 2035 (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change, 2024a). Additionally, it will help lower energy costs, saving households an average of \$110 and businesses \$3,700 each year, while reducing Victoria's carbon emissions by around 55 million tons (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change, 2024b). Currently, VIC's renewable energy penetration stands at 37.8%.

This project will support these targets by creating jobs, lowering electricity prices, and reducing carbon emissions.

The Process

How does the Development Application process work?

Given the significance of the Project, the development will be assessed by the Victorian Government rather than at the local council level.

A development application requires a rigorous impact assessment process to be undertaken for the Project, including many independent reviews, surveys, and environmental assessments.

These assessments will be included in the planning permit application, which will be an in-depth document presenting the results of the specialist assessments and the detailed planning information regarding the development. The planning permit application will also provide key decision-makers in the government with the necessary information to assess whether approvals should be granted and to determine any applicable conditions.

You can learn more about the process on the Victorian Government's Department of Transport and Planning website.

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Who approves the Project?

The Minister for Planning will determine whether to grant development approval, under Victoria's new Development Facilitation Program (DFP). A decision will likely be made within four to 12 months following submission of the planning permit application.

When will construction commence and how long will it take?

The construction timeline depends on several factors, including securing a planning permit, selecting a construction company, obtaining grid connection approval, negotiating a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), and completing the Financial Close process. Once contractors are appointed, construction is expected to take approximately 18 months.

How long will this project operate for? What happens after that?

The project is designed for an operational lifespan of up to 50 years. After this period, the site may either be decommissioned and restored to its original use as freehold land, or the utility will be upgraded and repurposed, subject to future energy requirements, landowner agreements, and lasting approvals.

Design Considerations

What does a BESS look like?

BESS utilities comprise of a series of units that resemble 20-foot shipping containers. This modular configuration is based on site parameters, system capacity and storage duration.

Why Shepparton?

Selecting an appropriate site for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) requires careful evaluation of several key factors, such as access to the electricity grid, existing land use, potential environmental impacts, and existing infrastructure.

In this case, the site was chosen due to its proximity to the Shepparton Terminal Station and surrounding environment, which make it well-suited for the development.

Shepparton is the hub of Victoria, a role reflected in its strategic position within the state's transmission network. This utility will serve as a critical storage hub along the backbone of Victoria's 220kV transmission network, reinforcing the region's importance in maintaining energy reliability and stability.

Will there be any visual impact?

The installation of a BESS will inevitably have some effect on the visual landscape; however, the BESS modules are unlikely to produce any glare or reflections. As part of the development application process, an independent technical assessment is undertaken to evaluate visual impact. If necessary, screening measures — such as vegetation or artificial barriers — can be implemented to minimise any potential impacts.

The proposed site is already well shielded by surrounding trees, but Avenis remains committed to working closely with the local community to address any concerns, questions or suggestions.

Will there be any noise impact?

Like all utility developments, BESS facilities may generate noise during operation. However, as part of the development application process, an independent technical assessment will be undertaken to evaluate noise levels, any potential impacts, and provide clear mitigation measures to be incorporated into the BESS design to prevent regulatory noise emission levels at close by receivers.

Technical

What type of battery units will be used?

The equipment manufacturer is yet to be finalised; however, the manufacturer will be a global recognised leader in battery research and development. The Project will incorporate the latest technology available at the time of construction, ensuring high performance and reliability. Furthermore, the manufacturer will be well-positioned to provide ongoing technological updates to the equipment as needed. Generally, the battery units will be of similar technology to the battery used in your phone.

How high will the battery units be?

The BESS units are typically the size of a 20-foot shipping container and will be installed on low-lying foundations; as such, the units are not expected to exceed 5.5m above the natural ground level. It is expected that the project area will be at the same height or lower than other existing features in the landscape.

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How will construction traffic be managed?

Construction traffic will primarily access the development site via Grahamvale Road, with Verry Road serving as a secondary access point when needed. During the estimated 18-month construction phase, vehicle types will range from light commercial vehicles to 26-metre B-Doubles. As part of the planning permit process, an independent traffic and transport assessment will be conducted. Before construction begins, a construction traffic management plan will be implemented to effectively manage and mitigate any potential impacts. Construction will only commence once the necessary planning approvals are in place.

Will there be electricity outages during construction?

No outages are expected during the construction phase. Once the BESS is operational, it will help to increase the grid stability and reduce outages.

Is there a health risks associated with EMF's from a BESS?

Electromagnetic fields (EMFs) naturally exist in the environment, with electric fields occurring in the Earth's atmosphere and static magnetic fields generated by the planet's core. EMFs are also produced whenever electricity is used, including in household appliances such as refrigerators and microwaves.

Daily exposure to low-frequency EMFs from common electrical devices is not considered a risk to human health (NSW Government, 2022). For reference, the EMF levels of a kitchen stove range from 2 to 30 milligauss (mG), while a hairdryer emits between 1 and 70 mG. Standing at the edge of a transmission powerline easement typically exposes a person to 10–50 mG, whereas directly underneath a transmission powerline, levels range from 20 to 200 mG.

The International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) has established a human exposure limit of 2,000 mG (NSW Government, 2022). The EMF levels produced by a BESS are generally lower than those of household appliances and remain undetectable beyond the site boundary.

Technical and engineering authorities, including the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA), have found no evidence of adverse electromagnetic radiation effects associated with large-scale battery storage systems.

Environmental

Do batteries increase fire risk?

The Project will not increase the risk of bushfires in the area. The BESS design will fully comply with the latest regulatory guidelines and requirements for BESS utilities, including provisions for clearance, accessibility, firefighting water supply, and firebreak buffer zones.

Avenis will collaborate with relevant fire service agencies to establish clear access requirements for the BESS in the event of a bushfire in the area, or a fire within the facility. Before construction commences, site-specific Emergency Management Plans will be developed to address fire prevention and response strategies during construction, operation, and decommissioning.

Avenis remains committed to working with the CFA to ensure the final design meets all required safety standards and best practices.

How will fire risk be managed onsite?

The likelihood of an onsite fire is very low. However, the proposed battery units are designed with multiple layers of protection to prevent onsite fires. Each unit will be equipped with advanced detectors, such as heat and carbon monoxide sensors, to identify abnormalities and automatically initiate a shutdown if needed. Additionally, these systems will send real-time alerts to our control room, where the battery units are continuously monitored, allowing for a swift response to any potential issues.

Additionally, built-in fire suppression systems, including dry pipe and inert gas systems, are in place to extinguish any internal fires.

A buffer zone around each battery unit will further help to prevent the spread of fire. We will also work closely with fire authorities to ensure that all safety protocols are established and clearly understood in the unlikely event of an emergency.

Is the site affected by flooding?

The BESS infrastructure is expected to remain stable in the unlikely event of flooding. An independent assessment will evaluate hydrology and address risk and mitigation measures, as required.

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Is there a contamination risk?

The BESS components will be equipped with spill containment measures, including plates, bunding, spill trays, and absorbents. In the unlikely event of a spill, these measures will ensure that any substance will be fully contained.

Social and Economic

How will Shepparton benefit from the Project?

We intend to work with local product suppliers and service providers, which will boost the local economy by creating job opportunities, both directly through construction and operational roles and indirectly through supply chain demands. Local businesses will also benefit from increased demand for building materials, equipment, plant hire, and other ongoing goods and services. Hotels and restaurants will also benefit from visiting workers and project staff. This economic activity could stimulate growth, support small businesses, and enhance community prosperity.

How many jobs will be created during construction of the Project?

The project will create a range of employment opportunities, from skilled positions to manual labour jobs, with the workforce potentially tallying 180 at the peak of construction. Prioritising qualified local contractors is a key focus for Avenis in the development of the Project.

How many jobs will be available during operations of the Project?

Avenis Energy envisage four permanent roles for the operation of the project. Maintenance contracts would also be required and would likely be met by local contractors, including plant hire, fence repair, road grading, etc.

What other benefits will the community receive?

Avenis is dedicated to making long-term investments in the regions and communities where we operate. Meaningful engagement with the local community is a key priority, ensuring that our project delivers both economic and social benefits.

The insights gathered from our community engagement work will help shape community benefit programs that create positive, lasting value for the local area.

Additional benefits may include potential upgrades to roads and intersections, and the provision of affordable, zero-emissions electricity to support the region's energy needs.

Will there be always a contact on-site in case of emergency?

A dedicated 24/7 contact will be provided during construction and operation. The Project will also be continuously monitored by remote CCTV.

Furthermore, the Operations Manager, and other staff members will be stationed near the Project.

How can local suppliers get in contact?

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Appendix C – Grahamvale BESS Community Survey

Grahamvale BESS Community Survey

Share your thoughts on the Grahamvale Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project.

Avenis Energy are proposing to develop a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Grahamvale, 5 kms northeast of Shepparton's city centre. The Grahamvale BESS is expected to have a capacity of 480MW with a 4-hour storage duration – this is equivalent to powering around 765,000 households for four hours.

We are committed to seeking community input throughout the development process. Your responses will help us gain a clear understanding of key community values, perceptions about the project, likely social impacts and opportunities and your thoughts on community benefits.

The information you provide in this survey will be stored securely and will be used only to inform the project's development application and the associated engagement activities. Your contact details will only be used to engage with you regarding this project. Your name will not be recorded anywhere within the development application process. The survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. If you have any queries on this survey or on the project in general, contact the team at grahamvale@avenisenergy.com.au

Survey closes at 5pm on Monday 19 May 2025.

About you

1. Which of the following best describes where you live (Choose one response only.)

- ☐ Less than 1km from the proposed project
- ☐ Between 1-2km from the proposed project
- ☐ Between 2-5km from the proposed project
- ☐ More than 5km from the proposed project
- ☐ I don't live here but I own land/property
- ☐ I don't live here but visit the area for recreation
- ☐ I don't live here but visit the area for work
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. In what way are you involved in the community? (Choose all that apply.)

- ☐ I live here
- ☐ I attend school here
- ☐ I am a member of a local club or community organisation
- ☐ I am involved in tourism
- ☐ I am a near neighbour to the proposed development
- ☐ I own a business
- ☐ I work for an agency/organisation that is focused on this area
- ☐ I am not involved in the community
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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3. What do you value most about the local area? (Choose all that apply.)

- ☐ Landscape and views
- ☐ Community
- ☐ Family ties
- ☐ Historic values
- ☐ Work opportunities
- ☐ Recreation opportunities, including sporting, nature based etc.
- ☐ Lifestyle
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Attitudes towards BESS developments

4. What do you like about BESS development, generally? (Choose all that apply.)

- ☐ Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions & help to combat climate change
- ☐ Energy security
- ☐ Local economic opportunities – jobs, tourism, economic stimulus
- ☐ Diversification of land use/income streams
- ☐ Community benefits, including funds for community projects
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other (please specify)

5. What concerns do you have about potential impacts of utility-scale BESS developments, generally? (Choose all that apply.)

- ☐ Community impacts
- ☐ Visual impacts
- ☐ Noise, during construction or operation
- ☐ Traffic, during construction or operation
- ☐ Effects on land use
- ☐ Effects on land values
- ☐ Effects on natural areas or habitats
- ☐ No concerns
- ☐ Other (please specify)

6. How would you rate your knowledge of utility-scale BESS?

- ☐ Expert knowledge
- ☐ Moderate knowledge
- ☐ Some knowledge
- ☐ A little knowledge
- ☐ No knowledge

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7. How would you rate your attitude towards the Grahamvale BESS?
- Strongly support
 - Somewhat support
 - Neutral
 - Somewhat oppose
 - Strongly oppose
 - Undecided
8. Please provide a reason for your attitude towards the Grahamvale BESS?
(open text)
9. What are the main reasons you're interested in the Grahamvale BESS? (Choose all that apply)
- I would like to seek potential work with the project
 - The proximity to my residence and the impacts this may cause
 - The potential community benefits on the local area
 - The potential negative impacts on the local area
 - I want to build my understanding of the project
 - Other (please specify)

Important factors

10. In terms of this project, what are the most important environmental factors to you?
(Choose all that apply)
- Native vegetation impacts
 - Potential impacts to waterways/flood mitigation
 - Fire management practices
 - Noise impacts
 - Helping to reduce carbon emissions/action on climate change
 - Other (please specify)
11. In terms of this project, what are the most important social and economic factors to you?
(Choose all that apply)
- Securing employment
 - Potential business from the project
 - Potential impacts to property values
 - Cultural heritage
 - Engagement with near neighbours
 - Disruption to community cohesion
 - Community benefit opportunities from the project
 - Proving proactive action against climate change
 - Supporting grid stability and energy supply
 - Other (please specify)

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12. In terms of this project, what are the most important amenity factors to you? (Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Potential for visual impacts for near neighbours
- ☐ Potential for noise impacts for near neighbours
- ☐ Transportation planning and the use of local roads
- ☐ Temporary construction impacts (i.e., noise, traffic, dust)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. There is the opportunity for Avenis Energy to invest in local community initiatives. Are there any areas you believe should be considered as part of this investment? (Choose all that apply.)

- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Cultural/Arts
- ☐ Sports/Recreation
- ☐ Education (such as scholarships, apprenticeships)
- ☐ Support for local procurement targets
- ☐ First Nations
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Support for regional businesses
- ☐ Other (please specify)

14. If this investment into local community initiatives were to become a fund available on an annual basis, who do you feel is best placed to manage and administer the fund? (open text)

15. Would you like to be kept up to date with project information?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

16. If yes, please provide contact details.

- ☐ Name
- ☐ Organisation name (if applicable)
- ☐ Address
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Phone number

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17. What are the best ways for the project to provide you with project information and updates?

- ☐ Newsletters/project updates
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Local newspaper
- ☐ In person drop in sessions
- ☐ In person meetings
- ☐ Phone calls
- ☐ Other (please specify)

18. Is there anything else that you would like to tell us, or feel is important to say? (open text)

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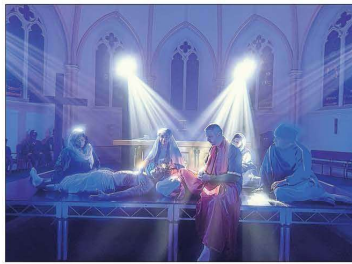
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SHEPPARTON NEWS

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025



"It's a very reflective, very spiritual place to be."



Those in attendance are encouraged to reflect on Jesus' sufferings.



The Stations of the Cross are brought to life at the church.

Powerful Good Friday tradition



Dale Wright, Fr Joe Taylor and Les Billings at St Brendan's.

By Bree Harding

The Catholic Church has many traditions, which Shepparton's St Brendan's upholds, but there's one that the local parish has done uniquely for more than three decades that sets it apart from the rest.

For 36 years, St Brendan's Parish has produced a live show depicting the Stations of the Cross, a 14-step Catholic journey through the final day of Jesus Christ's life.

The concept was brought to life by local photographer and church organist Dale Wright, who has been producing the show annually at the Knight St church on the corner of Knight St and the main road.

"Dale is phenomenal, just a passion, his faith, his prayer, his human character, he's an extraordinary man," parish priest Father Joe Taylor said.

This year's script, which varies slightly each year, was written by Notre Dame College teacher Les Billings, who has been the scriptwriter for the past 10 years, and has been involved in various roles for a further 10 years prior.

"While the action and the scenes are very similar each year, we try to put something in the actual presentation that challenges people to think about what's going on," Mr Billings said.

"It's the same story — it's the most important story to our Christian faith — so the story itself doesn't change. Christ goes through 14 stations, we do 13, and the last one we carry him out of the church."

"Each time we do it, we try to think of a different angle to come from."

Mr Billings said he started writing the script about six months before Good Friday each year, with practice sessions for the cast beginning five weeks before the final presentation.

This year's cast included 11, made up of newcomers and returning 'actors', some of whom had travelled significant distances to partake in their much-loved tradition again, before an audience of around 350 people, which was made up of parishioners and the general public.



A scene from the Stations of the Cross.

"We freeze each station anywhere from one minute to five minutes while a song is played, so just the whole congregation is just looking at the station," Mr Billings said.

"It's a very powerful experience for me every time we do it because I know what we're trying to set up and to see it under lights with all the congregation behind you and everybody singing, it's a very reflective, very spiritual place to be."

"It's always been a very uplifting experience to see it come to fruition."

Fr Taylor said the whole production was "very reverent".

"At the beginning, Dale says, 'Please don't clap at anyone or anything, even though it's great, this is a prayer for reflective time', and that just keeps it on track and on focus," he said.

"It just has a magnetism for lots of people ... it's just so lovely to see that connectedness with the Stations of the Cross, so we reflect on Jesus' sufferings, but we also connect our own to it at times and it gives us hope and strength."

Fr Taylor said he once made an "extraordinary" pilgrimage to Jerusalem to visit the actual Stations of the Cross, but a big percentage of the world can't make it there.

Every Catholic church has the 14 Stations depicted around its walls, where people come in and move from one to the other symbolically each Good Friday.

"To portray the stations like this live and so professionally is pretty rare in this country," Fr Taylor said.

"So long as Dale is there — and he'll be there for a long time yet, I think — it will certainly go well into the future."

At the end of the live production, all present lit a tealight candle for someone they loved or had lost, which Fr Taylor said was also a "very moving" moment at the Good Friday spectacle.

Mr Billings said thanks to suggestions from parishioners, he had three Stations written for next year's production already, but invited other interested and aspiring scriptwriters to put their hands up.

"I just love the story and I love seeing it in that form," Mr Billings said.

"If somebody wants to write a script and take over from me, then I'm more than happy for them to jump in and do it because it's very uplifting for me just to be involved."

"That's why I keep coming back."

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Grahamvale BESS

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

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Tuesday 6 May

Drop-in anytime between 11am - 2pm or 5pm - 7pm

Recital Room,
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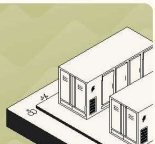
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FLYING TRIBUTE... Tatura Cemetery Trust and Tatura RSL Sub-Branch have embarked on a mission to honour graves of people who have served. Pictured is Trust Chair Steve O'Toole and RSL Committee Member spearheading the initiative, Mal Watts. They are pictured with Vietnam Veterans gravesite, Thomas Henry Deane. *Photo: Deanne Jeffers*

RSL INITIATIVE HONOURS THE FALLEN

TATURA RSL Sub-Branch has launched a heartfelt initiative to recognise the service of local veterans buried at Tatura Cemetery. The idea was sparked by Tatura Cemetery Trust Chair Steve O'Toole, who had seen similar tributes — small Australian flags marking the graves of servicemen and women — at cemeteries such as Rochester. He shared the concept with RSL committee member Mal Watts, who developed a formal proposal. With a few modifications, the Trust approved it unanimously.

Using an aerial photo and on-ground mapping, Mal has begun identifying the graves of ex-service personnel and marking them with flags. So far, five flags have been placed, including one for Thomas Henry Deane, a decorated Vietnam War Veteran and RSL Member, who passed in May 2024. Mal estimates there are at least 100 such graves at the cemetery, hoping to honour "anyone who has worn a uniform." He explained that this initiative is to recognise and bring focus to veterans graves on and around commemoration dates like Anzac Day.

Families with loved ones buried at Tatura Cemetery who would like them included in the program are encouraged to contact Mal

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Watts on 0438 678 025 to learn more or to request a permission form.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Tatura Rotary Community Art Show is calling for artists to exhibit their work. Whether you are just starting out or have years of experience the Tatura Rotary Community Art Show provides a fantastic opportunity to exhibit your work.

The annual art show usually has around 400 pieces on display and sell over 20 per cent. All work displayed must be an original done by the artist exhibiting. Applications close Friday, May 16.

This show is held over the long Kings Birthday weekend at the beginning of June. It begins with a Gala Opening event the evening of Friday, June 5. This year's entertainment includes stars of the Australian Opera and Heather Ewart of Backroads fame, who will open the show that will run over the rest of the long weekend.

Entry forms and information are available under the Art Show tab on the website: www.taturarotary.org.au. Alternatively, email info@taturarotary.org.au

DUTCH REMEMBRANCE DAY

This Sunday, May 4, 4pm, at Emerald Bank under the windmill, there will be a brief ceremony for Dutch Remembrance Day. Also known as Dodenherdenking (Remembrance of the Dead), is a National Day of Mourning and remembrance in the Netherlands. It commemorates the victims of World War II and all subsequent conflicts and peace-keeping missions involving the brave Dutch citizens.

After the conflict, many Dutch settled in Australia, and local Edwin Scholl is inviting anyone with or without Dutch heritage to join for two minutes of silence to remember those who tragically died.



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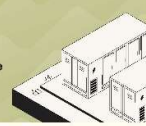
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