

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Reeves Plains Energy Hub

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BESS Stage 1 Project Update



Construction at the Reeves Plains Battery project site is progressing well. We've moved from early earthworks into the next phase of construction.

What's happening on site?

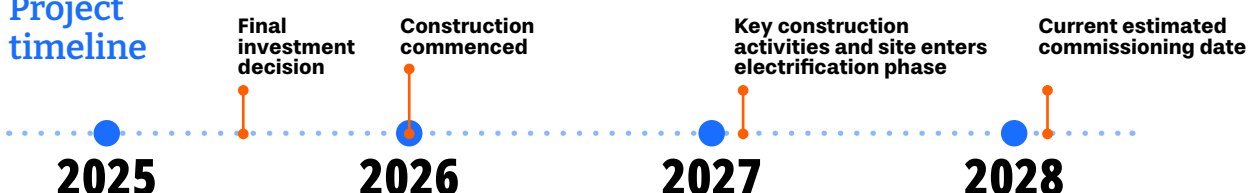
Work is continuing across several key areas:

- **Piling underway.** Crews are working on installing the foundations that will support the battery units and electrical equipment. This marked a major step forward as the project moves into structural works.
- **Stormwater and drainage works.** Teams are installing drainage systems, including trenches and pipes, as well as rock structures to slow water flow and reduce erosion during rain.
- **Electrical installation preparation.** Teams are continuing to deliver cables and conduits to site to prepare for the next stage of electrical installation.
- **Fire safety infrastructure.** Crews are installing a dedicated water system to supply fire hydrants around the site and support safe operations once the project is complete.



The start of piling is a significant milestone. As at mid-June the piling work was around halfway complete. It's one of the first stages where people can see the permanent structure taking shape, after much of the early work happened below ground. These foundations will support the battery system for decades to come and mark the transition into the main construction phase.

Project timeline





Marking the start of construction

In April we came together with project partners, local stakeholders and community representatives to mark the official start of construction.

The launch was a chance to recognise the strong collaboration behind the project, with teams from across Alinta Energy, our construction partner GenusPlus Group, and key suppliers all playing a role in bringing the project to life. It was also an opportunity to thank the local community for their ongoing support as we move into the construction phase.

As work progresses, the Reeves Plains Battery will help store renewable energy and support a more reliable power system for South Australia. The launch marked not just the start of activity on site, but the beginning of the next chapter for the project.



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Partner spotlight Wilson Transformer Company's role

Behind the scenes of the Reeves Plains Battery project, a range of skilled partners are helping bring the project to life including Australian manufacturer Wilson Transformer Company.

Wilson Transformer Company has been engaged to supply the transformers that will connect the battery system to the electricity grid. This is a critical part of the project, enabling electricity to move safely and efficiently between the battery and the wider network.

As Australia's leading transformer manufacturer, Wilson Transformer Company brings over 90 years of expertise in supporting major utility and energy infrastructure projects both locally and internationally. Their involvement ensures the Reeves Plains Battery can operate reliably and play its role in strengthening South Australia's power system.

It's an example of how local expertise is helping deliver this nationally significant project – supporting the transition to more renewable energy while keeping the grid stable and secure.



Neighbour Program update

Sharing benefits with nearby neighbours

We want to be a good neighbour as work continues on the Stage 1 battery project at Reeves Plains Energy Hub. Our voluntary Neighbour Program supports eligible households closest to the project.

The program is available to owners of eligible dwellings within 1.5 kilometres of the Stage 1 battery project during construction, and within 1 kilometre during operations. To be eligible, a dwelling must be habitable, have been occupied for at least six months in the year before the battery starts operating, and have existed as of January 2026.

If you think you may be eligible, please get in touch with the project team to find out more.



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Helping local businesses tap into opportunity

We're partnering with a local business support organisation called AJF Professional Services to help small and medium businesses take their next step into the energy sector.

Together, we're offering free tender support workshops to build confidence and capability. These sessions will give local businesses practical tools and advice to better understand tender processes and compete for work in the energy sector.

A workshop will be held in mid-August, followed by another in mid-September. If you're a business owner and interested in taking part, you can register by filling in the expression of interest form: reevesplainsenergyhub.com.au/news/tendering-workshop-eoi

It's all about opening the door to new opportunities and helping local businesses get involved as energy projects move forward.



Local benefits beyond the build

From bins to benefits! Supporting the Mallala Men's Shed

A simple recycling initiative is already making a difference at the site.

Recycling bins are now set up across the project, making it easy for the team to recycle cans and bottles as part of their day. It's helping reduce waste while creating a cleaner, more sustainable worksite.

What makes the initiative even more meaningful is its connection to the local community. Each month, the Mallala Men's Shed collects the recycled containers and turns them into funds. The more that's recycled, the more funding support it will generate.

These funds will go towards upgrades at the Shed, including improvements to the driveway and surrounding paths.

It's a simple idea the whole team is getting behind by turning everyday actions into real support for the Men's Shed and the people who rely on it, while strengthening connections with the local community.



Key benefits



Great for the environment

Reduces landfill waste



For a great cause

Recycling creates regular donations to support a local not-for-profit



Better for the site

Better waste handling means a cleaner site with less hazards



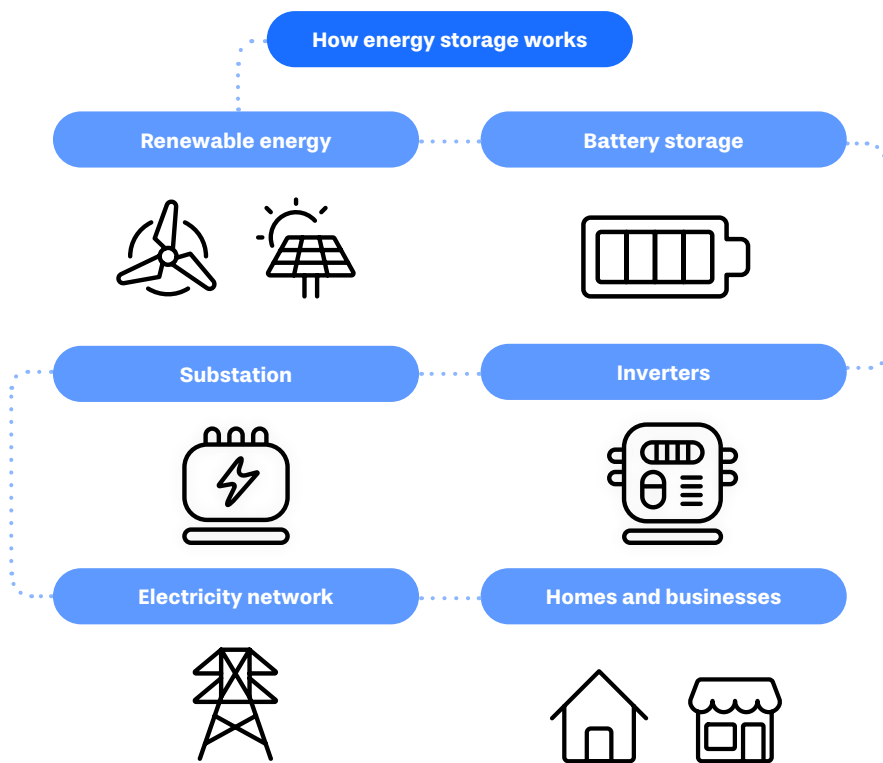
A whole of team effort

Everyday actions to create positive change

How will the battery work?

A battery stores electricity so it can be used later. When there's more energy being produced than people need – like on a sunny or windy day – the battery charges up by storing that extra power.

Then, when demand goes up or renewable sources aren't producing (like at night or during calm weather), the battery sends that stored energy back into the grid, which helps to keep the lights on and the grid running smoothly.



Looking ahead

As work continues, the community will start to see more structural elements taking shape across the site, marking an important new phase for the project.

Upcoming milestones ahead include:

- First battery modules and inverters scheduled for delivery in August 2026
- Transformer scheduled for delivery in October 2026
- ElectraNet's substation construction works

We'll keep sharing updates as the project progresses and remains committed to building strong relationships with the local community.

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