



WAMBO WIND FARM: SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

Wambo Wind Farm is a 506MW wind farm project being built over two stages in the Western Downs local government area of Queensland – a region proud to be known as the “Energy Capital of Queensland”.

It is jointly owned by Cubico Sustainable Investments, a leading global renewable energy developer, owner and operator, and Stanwell Corporation, a Queensland Government-owned company providing electricity and energy solutions to large energy users and the National Electricity Market.

Both Cubico and Stanwell are committed to creating a positive legacy for the region and believe that Wambo’s neighbours, as well as the broader community surrounding the wind farm, deserve to share in the financial benefits that come with hosting vital energy infrastructure. When operating, Wambo

Wind Farm will provide approximately \$5 million in direct financial contributions to the Western Downs region per year - through payments to host landholders, council rates, voluntary neighbour payments and community benefit investment.

The project’s Community Benefit Fund invests \$200,000 annually to support local community groups and organisations make a meaningful, long-term impact in the local communities hosting the wind farm. Active local community members help assess applications for funding, ensuring the initiatives supported by the Fund genuinely align with the needs and aspirations of local communities.

Since the commencement of Stage One construction in April 2023, Wambo Wind Farm has invested \$550,000 across 35 community projects and 43 community events.

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COMMUNITY
PROJECTS

43
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INVESTMENT

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Powering connected communities through sport

Local sporting clubs and organisations are vital contributors to social connection, wellbeing and liveability for regional communities.

At **Jandowae Golf Club**, the Fund supported installation of rooftop solar panels, with the electricity generated used to power the water pumps that make the course a delight for its players.

Jandowae Bowls Club secured funding in 2024 to attach shade awnings and to build an accessibility ramp and railings at the clubhouse entrance. This investment has improved the functionality and comfort of the club for members and patrons, as well as the large number of hirers of the facility.

Powering the next generation

The Wambo Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund aims to support projects that strengthen the sustainability, connectivity, health, and resilience of communities surrounding the wind farm.

The Fund partnered with **Jandowae State School**, led by Principal JB Mohr, to launch the “I’m a Hear-o” initiative. This program provided a hearing test and assessment for every child at the school, each student receiving an individual report to help give them every chance of success in their educational journey.

The Fund also supported the **Jandowae Early Learning Centre** with a new safety fence, supporting improved child safety and adequate supervision at the centre. It also funded new commercial kitchen equipment for the **Chinchilla State School P&C’s** tuckshop, and supported the purchase of energy efficient washing appliances for **Jandowae Kindergarten** to assist rural families during drought.



The members of **Bell Golf Club** can now escape the sun and still enjoy the best that Bell has to offer, with a grant from the Fund supporting construction of a pergola over the club house event space. This improvement also makes the space more suitable to host a wide range of events.

Jandowae Squash Club used funding to install air-conditioning, allowing the club’s facilities to be enjoyed in comfort all year round.

Other sporting clubs supported through the Fund include **Bell & District Memorial Bowls Club**, **Jandowae & District Tennis Association**, **Jandowae Community Sports and Recreation Association**, **Jandowae Fishhooks Rugby League Club**, **Jandowae Campdraft Association**, **Jimbour and District Sport and Recreation Club**, **Cooranga North Recreation Association** and **Jandowae Showgrounds Management Committee**.



Powering community resilience and wellbeing

Taralga Retirement Village is a not-for-profit aged care provider offering community housing for the over 55's along with high care nursing, including dementia and palliative care. With support from Wambo Wind Farm and Powerlink, Taralga was able to purchase a purpose-built accessible van to keep residents and carers safe and comfortable when travelling.

Bell Cares is also investing in its own community bus with support from the Fund, ensuring elderly members of the community can access essential services as required, while also providing a safe and comfortable way for them to socialise and enjoy the best of what the region has to offer.

The **South Burnett First Aid Volunteers** group has purchased a portable solar power station to support volunteers providing first aid at events across the Western Downs.

The Fund also supported the projects of **Jandowae Meals on Wheels Association**, **Wambo Cares' Connected Lives Program**, to strengthen social support for seniors and **Jandowae Pony Club** to purchase a commercial canteen fridge.



Powering community places and spaces

The Fund has supported initiatives that protect and enhance the unique places that showcase local heritage, and the spaces where people come together to enjoy music, arts, culture and connection.

The Fund helped the **Jandowae District Progress and Heritage Association** to weatherproof and increase display capacity of the Jandowae Heritage Precinct's former School building and Shearer's Quarters.

It has also supported **Bell Theatre Group**, in partnership with the **Bell Memorial Public Hall**, to purchase energy efficient, safe, and fit for purpose food preparation equipment to enhance the hall and improve the functionality and viability of the Theatre Group's activities.



Bell Bunya Community Centre has a new display cabinet that now showcases local stories and artefacts—adding colour, character and visitor appeal to this vibrant community hub. It will soon be refurbished with updated decor and fit out, thanks to funding awarded in 2025. The **Jandowae District Show Society** will purchase multi-purpose yard dog trials to improve the functionality and safety of the facility, and the **Queensland Country Women's Association (Jingi Valley Branch)** will install a water tank, providing access to clean rainwater.

Other groups supported through the Fund include the **Jandowae and District Show Society**, **Bell Bunya Community Association** and **Ironpot Hall Association**.

NEIGHBOUR BENEFIT SCHEME

Our Neighbour Benefit Scheme reflects our commitment to ensuring that those who live closest to our project are acknowledged, valued, and directly benefit from hosting vital energy infrastructure in their community.

The voluntary scheme provides for annual payments ranging from \$7,500 to \$37,500 to eligible neighbours during the operational phase of the wind farm, delivering approximately \$9 million in voluntary payments to neighbours over the life of the wind farm.

The amount paid to each eligible neighbour depends on the number of operating turbines within 3km of the neighbouring residence, as follows:

- \$7,500 per turbine for the first two turbines,
- \$3,000 for each turbine thereafter up to six turbines, and
- \$1,500 for each turbine after that (seven or more).



Where the eligible neighbour owns land only within 1.5km of an operating turbine (no residence), the applicable amount is a flat fixed sum of \$7,500 per year.

The Neighbour Benefit Scheme will commence when Stage One of the wind farm commences operations in the first quarter of 2026.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Wambo Wind Farm is also an active sponsor of local events and initiatives that make the Western Downs region a great place to live, work and play. During the Stage One construction phase of the project, we've been delighted to provide sponsorship support to the following organisations:

Bunya Mountains Community Association Inc • **Jandowae Early Learning Centre** • Jandowae Kindergarten • **Jandowae Show Society** • Jandowae Timbertown Festival Inc. • **Jandowae Race Club** • Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise • **Chinchilla Community Centre** • Bell Show Society • **Bell State School P&C** • Queensland Yard & Utility Trial Association • **Dalby Chamber of Commerce & Industry** • Kumbia Sports & Recreation Grounds • **Jandowae State School** • Jandowae Meals on Wheels • **Southern Cross Care** • Jandowae Junior Rugby League Club Inc • **Bell Race Club** • Jandowae Community Sports & Rec • **Bell Cares Inc** • Bell Bunya Community Centre • **Bell Progress & Heritage Association Inc** • Dalby Diehards • **Jandowae Campdraft Association Inc** • Jandowae Garden Club • **Cooranga North Recreation Reserve Inc** • Taralga Retirement Village • **Chinchilla Community Centre** • Western Downs Futures • **Bell Art Group Inc** • Jandowae Pony Club • **Dalby Welcoming Community**

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Stanwell and Cubico acknowledge the Western Wakka Wakka and Barunggam people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which Wambo Wind Farm is located. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.