

# Silverton Wind Farm and Broken Hill Solar Plant



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## Tilting towards the future.

**The Silverton Wind Farm and Broken Hill Solar Plant are two of Tilt Renewables eleven operating renewable assets.**

Combined they can produce up to 252 MW of energy and power over 100,000 homes. The community benefits shared with the Silverton, Broken Hill and Far West region in the last year totalled over \$300,000.

Tilt Renewables took over the operations of both the wind farm and solar plant from AGL in 2024.

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### **This newsletter includes updates on:**

- What's happening on-site
- The blackout and how we responded
- Supporting the community – sponsorships and benefits
- The Silverton First Nations Fund
- What is coming up

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## What's Happening On-site?

The Silverton Wind Farm has generated 500GWh since June 2024. Our team of six staff employed by GE, work every day to keep the wind turbines ready to spin when the wind blows. Their day-to-day work includes inspecting generators, gearboxes, transformers and blades, ensuring everything runs smoothly and efficiently. In March 2025, a new blade was delivered to site as a spare for any future damaged blades.

The Broken Hill Solar farm generated enough electricity to power 12,500 average homes over the past year. In addition to completing planned inspections and maintenance tasks, the site team has been busy rolling out the new health and safety system, implementing safety initiatives around site and the visitor platform.

An internal environmental audit was conducted by the Tilt environmental team at both Silverton Wind Farm and Broken Hill Solar Farm. This involved a site inspection of works areas, an inspection of the biodiversity offset site near BHSF, and an extensive internal review of the environmental management systems in place at both sites. Overall site performance was strong at both sites. Opportunities for improvement generally involved the site induction packages and enhancing on-the-spot environmental checks.

**633**GWh

generated in the last 12  
months

**86,660**

households powered  
for a year

**8**

staff employed locally



## The Black Out and How Tilt Responded

On the night of the 17 of October 2024, the Silvertown and Broken Hill communities found themselves without power following storms that knocked out the transmission network. Power black outs continued for weeks following the initial incident.

The transmission network outage meant that we could not operate the wind farm or solar plant and provide energy to the region or beyond. This is because the generator performance standards for both the wind farm and solar plant prevent generation when Broken Hill is islanded from the national electricity network. Throughout the time we were actively involved in discussion with TransGrid and other energy generators to support getting the power back on.

While we could not provide energy, we still wanted to be a good neighbour to a community in need, so we reached out to community representatives to identify ways we could support during this time. Immediate support we provided during the black out included:

- Donating \$5,000 to Meals on Wheels to replace food that spoiled during the rolling blackouts.
- Funded a \$50 voucher program for 50 vulnerable households to replace food lost in the blackouts which was distributed through Lifeline.

Discussions with the Silvertown Village Committee, Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council and Lifeline highlighted the importance of building resilience for future disasters.

As a result we rolled out a program to improve energy resilience, including:

- Installing backup generators for Silvertown residents to protect them from future outages.
- Working with the Broken Hill Aboriginal Land Council to install generators in at risk First Nations housing.
- Providing additional solar and batteries for the Lifeline Connect Centres to reduce their energy bills.

The 2024 Silvertown Local Community Fund was used to pay for some of the above initiatives, but additional money was provided by Tilt on top of the usual annual amount.

Tilt Renewables is very proud of the work done with community to deliver improved energy resilience in Silvertown and Broken Hill.



**“Thank you again to yourself and Tilt Renewables for the donation of generators to our Land Council properties for tenants use.”**

Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council

**“We were wondering where the emergency and government authorities were and the only call we received was from Tilt Renewables and the first thing they said was what can we do for you”**

Silverton Village Committee, ABC Broken Hill

**“We cannot thank you enough for giving us the opportunity. Being a local business, it is great that you gave us that chance. We might be small, but we mix it with the best of them. We just need companies like yours to give us a go.”**

Local Business, Broken Hill

## Continuing to Support the Community

Tilt Renewables provide additional small-scale support throughout the year through sponsorships. In the last year, the support provided included:

- Providing financial support to the AFL Broken Hill to replace the broken water pump system at Jubilee Oval. This oval is used by all three local AFL clubs in Broken Hill. AFL is one of the key sports played in the area and is played by women and men.
- Sponsorship of the Alma Soccer Club so they could buy new team strips for the first time in 10 years. The new strips include a First Nations artwork designed by Alma life member Lakisha Sloane to represent First Nations players, families and broader community.
- Sponsorship of the Plan B Bus that transports people safely to and from Silverton for the Recovery Day Event (one of the largest events in Silverton).
- Donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service fundraising ball. The money raised at the Ball goes towards the local RFDS base in Broken Hill and support their services in the City and surrounding outlying communities.
- Hiring Variable Messaging Boards to direct visitors to Silverton during the Mundi Mundi Bash.



## Silverton Wind Farm First Nations Fund

Tilt Renewables is committed to creating benefits for First Nations people through our projects, so they are involved in and can prosper from the renewable energy transition.

To do this Tilt Renewables has established a Silverton Wind Farm First Nations Fund of \$17,500 a year (+CPI) for the life of the wind farm. This amount matches the Silverton Community Fund for the general community. The Fund commenced in 2024 and was back dated to the 2020 when the wind farm started operations.

The funds are given to the Broken Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council to help achieve the vision and outcomes outlined in their Community Land and Business Plan.

## What is Coming Up?

Things to keep an eye out for in the second half of 2025:

- The Silverton Local Community Fund will be opening for applications soon. There is \$17,500 available for community initiatives within Silverton and the surrounding area. Anyone who subscribes for updates on the project will receive notification when the fund opens.

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### Questions?

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