Gippsland's energy future taking shape

Optimism was strong at this year's Gippsland New Energy Conference in August.

We were pleased to be part of the conversation, with Clare Gleghorn and Mark Lindsay speaking at the event across panels and keynotes and our wider team connecting with attendees across the two days.



Discussions focused on workforce skills, local business opportunities and how communities share in the benefits of investment flowing into Gippsland.

The conference highlighted the growing network of organisations working together to support Gippsland's energy future. For the Marinus Link team and our lead construction and civils contractor TasVic Greenlink, it was an opportunity to strengthen relationships and continue conversations with regional stakeholders.

That spirit of collaboration was also on display at Sandy Point, where representatives from offshore wind proponent, Star of the South, visited Marinus Link's shore crossing site to learn more about our upcoming works and share insights between projects delivering major energy infrastructure in Gippsland.

As one of Australia's key energy regions, Gippsland continues to demonstrate the optimism, resilience and community spirit that will help drive its next chapter.



Meet our local legends

Ashley Cumming

From North West Tasmania to Gippsland, local people are helping shape Marinus Link's future while building careers in the communities they call home.

Ashley Cumming | Burnie

As People and Culture Coordinator with TasVic Greenlink, Ashley is helping build the construction workforce that will deliver Marinus Link while establishing her own career in North West Tasmania.

"There's not an abundance of professional opportunities after uni here on the coast. To be able to work on a project as big as Marinus Link right here at home is awesome."

Mark MacManus | Traralgon

As Social Impact Lead at Marinus Link, Mark is focused on ensuring the project's benefits extend beyond construction through local jobs, skills development and community partnerships.

"Success is not just delivering the project, but leaving a lasting legacy through employment, skills, local and social procurement, First Nations participation and stronger, more resilient communities."



Engagement calendar

Have a question about the project? Join our team for a coffee and a conversation at one of our upcoming Mug with Marinus sessions in Gippsland.

Location	Date & Time	Venue
Fish Creek, VIC	Monday 16 November, 9am–10am	Long John Pickles
Foster, VIC	Monday 16 November, 11am–12pm	Bohnny's Café
Meeniyan, VIC	Wednesday 18 November, 9am–10am	Pandesal Bakery
Dumbalk, VIC	Wednesday 18 November, 11am–12:30pm	Dumbalk Hall
Churchill, VIC	Thursday 19 November, 9am–10am	Ziziz Café
Mirboo North, VIC	Thursday 19 November, 11am–1pm	Lamezleighs Coffee House & Eatery
Sandy Point, VIC	Friday 20 November, 9am–11am	Tayas Coffee

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Anne Urquhart MP with Marinus Link's Ken Drake at the Burnie Show.



Community Update

November 2026

CEO message



Stephanie McGregor

The last few months have been monumental for Marinus Link. After almost a decade of planning, analysis, assessment, and engagement, the Marinus Link vision is now a project ready for delivery. In October, we recognised this transition alongside a 100-strong crowd, including many of those who've made it possible.

The celebration began with a community-focused breakfast bringing together leaders from Gippsland and North West Tasmania to discuss local opportunities, attended by our shareholders, project partners and industry. We continued the day's celebration at our Heybridge Converter Station site, where we symbolically turned the first sod!

It was a proud day to reflect on the leadership, collaboration, and commitment that brought us here.

Importantly, it coincided closely with two major milestones: the granting of our Transmission and Infrastructure Licence and the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal's decision to affirm the Heybridge Converter Station planning permit.

As construction activity and local procurement ramp up across the project footprint, we're focused on keeping communities informed and connected. Our new Burnie Community Information Centre is now open, the sister to our centre in Leongatha. These provide dedicated community hubs on both sides of Bass Strait where people can access information and speak to our project team throughout construction.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in our recent Sustainability Information Sessions. Your feedback will help inform how we and our contractors deliver positive environmental and social outcomes throughout construction.



Stephanie speaking at our recent construction celebration breakfast in Burnie.

In this edition, you'll find updates on construction activity across the project, our new Burnie Community Information Centre, workforce initiatives, and upcoming opportunities to connect with the project team. Thank you for your continued interest in Marinus Link.

Turning the sod and turning the page



Tasmanian Energy Minister Nick Duigan and Premier Jeremy Rockliff join the ceremonial sod turn.



Sandra Gamble, Marinus Link Chair reflects on the project's journey to this point.



Graeme Gardner, Aboriginal Advocate delivers a Welcome to Country.



Watch the highlights from our construction celebration here.

youtube.com/watch?v=fpFnxK4kWQ

Marinus Link, project partners and government representatives mark a major milestone in turning the first sod.

Construction momentum continues to build

Marinus Link is continuing to move into delivery, with early on-ground activities increasing across South Gippsland, the Latrobe Valley and North West Tasmania.

South Gippsland

One of the next more visible changes will be in Mardan, where a temporary site compound is being established, near the intersection of Mardan Road and Loves Lane. The compound will support construction crews working along the underground cable route and provide site offices, parking and amenities. Establishment works are expected to take place during November and December 2026. The Mardan site is one of three compounds supporting construction activities along the underground cable route, alongside sites at Leongatha and Hazelwood North.

At Sandy Point, our cable contractor Prysmian is preparing to mobilise early in the new year for horizontal directional drilling works, which will create the underground pathway for Marinus Link's cables beneath the coastline.

Latrobe Valley

At the Hazelwood North Converter Station site on Tramway Road, site establishment activities are also underway, including fencing, site access works and temporary facilities needed to support major construction. As construction activity picks up across the summer, nearby residents and road users may notice construction crews, increased vehicle movements and temporary traffic management in some areas.

Along the cable route, survey and site investigation teams continue to build an understanding of local conditions before construction begins. Leongatha-based contractor Beveridge Williams is undertaking surveys to map terrain, existing access tracks and ground conditions, helping engineers understand how vehicles and equipment can safely access future work areas.

Ecologists continue environmental investigations across the project area to identify sensitive areas. The information gathered helps shape how we plan and deliver construction, including protecting habitat areas, managing works near waterways, and safeguarding wildlife.

North West Tasmania

At our Heybridge Converter Station site, our teams have been conducting site investigations and environmental surveys. We thank the community for their patience during temporary lane closures on Bass Highway, which allow our team to carry out this work safely.
Locals can expect to see more activity ramping up at Heybridge in early 2027.

Landholder update

Land access remains a focus for Marinus Link as we continue planning, surveys and early works along the cable route.

Access is required for a range of activities, including environmental surveys, cultural heritage assessments, geotechnical investigations and pre-construction works, as well as construction and ongoing maintenance.

Our preferred approach is to reach negotiated agreements with landholders through arrangements such as access licences and option deeds. We now have access to approximately 80 per cent of the land required to progress design, surveys and construction planning.

We have been encouraged by the level of engagement with many landholders. Working together helps us address issues early, including construction timelines and methods, cable route design, property access requirements and how disruption can be minimised.

For survey and pre-construction in Victoria, access can also be provided under section 93 of the Electricity Industry Act. This process requires prior notice to landholders and all interested parties, along with details of the proposed activities and access arrangements.

In July, we submitted an application to the Victorian Government seeking approval to compulsorily acquire easements where a negotiated outcome cannot be reached.

The Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 provides the legislation for this process, including protections and compensation for landholders. While that application process progresses, our preference remains to achieve negotiated agreements wherever possible, as these provide greater flexibility and certainty for both landholders and the project.

We encourage any landholders with questions or concerns to reach out to our team.



Marinus Link's Industry Workforce Development Working Group visits Holmesglen Institute.

Building the workforce behind the energy transition

Marinus Link's Industry Workforce Development Working Group brings together education providers, industry partners, contractors and regional organisations from Gippsland and North West Tasmania to strengthen workforce pathways and help prepare for the skills needed across the energy sector.

Recently, members visited Holmesglen Institute's specialist Electricity Supply Industry training facilities, where apprentices and workers develop practical skills in areas such as high-voltage safety, cable jointing and network operations.

The visit provided valuable insights into the training, technology and career pathways supporting Australia's electricity sector, while creating an opportunity to strengthen connections between industry and education providers.

The Working Group meets bi-monthly and helps strengthen connections between organisations across Bass Strait, with several members now collaborating outside the forum on shared workforce and skills initiatives.

A new place to connect in Burnie

Our Burnie Community Information Centre is now open, giving North West Tasmanians a place to learn more about Marinus Link and explore workforce opportunities throughout construction.

As the sister to our **Leongatha Centre**, the new Burnie hub ensures communities on both sides of Bass Strait have convenient access to project information and opportunities to connect directly with our project team.

