

# Leongatha information centre opening soon



Locals having a mug with Marinius Link in Sandy Point.



## Our Leongatha Community Information Centre is opening soon!

It offers a convenient space where locals can stay informed, ask questions, and learn about the project, throughout construction.

## Keep an eye out for the opening event!

1/9 Peart Street, Leongatha  
Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm  
Saturday, 10am to 1pm

## Meeting the community

### Have a Mug with Marinius Link

We thank community members who took up our open invitation to “Have a Mug with Marinius Link”.

During the series, our team met with many locals over coffee in Sandy Point, Mirboo North, Meenian, Fish Creek and Morwell.

We heard questions about construction methodology and mitigation measures, with queries addressed directly by the project team. Local business owners also shared insights about evolving opportunities, including an increase in mid-week trade and bookings, even heading into the colder months.

We also met people interested in employment opportunities as the project progresses into construction.

Those keen to explore working on Marinius Link are encouraged to visit our website:  
[Marinuslink.com.au/careers](https://marinuslink.com.au/careers)  
[Marinuslink.com.au/workforce](https://marinuslink.com.au/workforce)

## Heybridge community information session

In March, we welcomed Heybridge community members to a BBQ at Cuprona Football Club to meet the Marinius Link team and our lead contractors. Around 30 people came along to chat about the upcoming works at the Heybridge construction site on Minna Road.

The most frequent questions were about noise, fishing access and when construction will start - and here's a few answers:

- ◇ Major construction activities are scheduled to begin in the second half of this year.
- ◇ Noise monitoring activities will soon begin surrounding the Heybridge site, establishing the current background noise levels. Noise will be managed in line with conditions set by the Environment Protection Authority.
- ◇ Any boating restrictions near Tioxide Beach during cable installation will be temporary only.

As designs and specific dates for activities are refined, communities will be notified with further details in advance.

## Landholder update

We're continuing to engage closely with Victorian landholders along the cable route as major construction activities ramp up and the schedule increasingly requires access to easements.

What's an easement? Marinius Link is seeking an easement over the area of land where the project route will be built. An easement is not full ownership of the land – it is a legal property right to access and use that area for the construction, operation and maintenance of infrastructure.

This includes negotiating agreements that enable Marinius Link to meet statutory, contractual, and schedule obligations, while minimising property impacts and ensuring landholders receive fair compensation for hosting national energy infrastructure.

Through these open and flexible negotiations, we've been able to work with individual landholders and refine our designs to limit impacts, address their concerns, and reach an optimal outcome. We encourage landholders to continue these positive conversations, and we will work with you to minimise impacts on your property.

As the project now has firm construction timelines, we must ensure a clear legal pathway to obtain all required easements.

To that end, the team is working directly with landholders to provide the update that, later this year, we will be looking to start the statutory process under the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986* that would apply only if a voluntary agreement can't be reached.

Running these processes in parallel ensures we can progress the project into construction with certainty and on schedule, while keeping the door open to ongoing, positive negotiations. Importantly, directly negotiated agreements can be reached at any time.

We acknowledge that discussions about land access can cause concern and disruption. By clearly outlining the process and timelines, we aim to provide greater certainty and clear options to landholders while prioritising negotiated, voluntary outcomes wherever possible.

We will continue to engage directly with landholders on this process. If you have any questions, we encourage you to reach out to our team.

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## Community Update

May 2026

## Message from our CEO, Stephanie



Stephanie McGregor

Over the past few months, Marinius Link has moved rapidly towards full delivery. As we shift gears, I want to thank everyone across Victoria and Tasmania for continuing to engage openly and respectfully with me, the Marinius Link team and now

our lead contractors. We plan to deliver Marinius Link with excellence at the forefront, both in construction and in how we engage. We welcome feedback from all our stakeholders in supporting this goal.

In marking another significant step forward, the Australian Energy Regulator recently made its final decision on the project's Stage 1 construction costs. This concludes a near-decade of analysis and consultation, confirming that Tasmanians and Victorians will be better off with investment in Marinius Link.

With preparatory works now underway across both states, we want to share what this looks like on the ground. We've recently captured new drone footage from the Sandy Point site, where Marinius Link will connect to Victoria from offshore. This is also where the fibre-optic terminal station will be located. I encourage you to take a look at how preparatory works are progressing.

As our teams grow, I want to acknowledge the many people involved. We are working closely with our lead contractors, TasVic Greenlink (TVGL), Prysmian and Hitachi Energy, who have begun subcontracting to a number of local businesses. This includes skilled workers from Gippsland, North West Tasmania, and surrounding communities. Their local knowledge and care for the place are already evident, and we look forward to welcoming many more!

Along with this local business engagement, we are working hard to ensure the project's benefits are shared directly with our communities. Soon, we will place our Draft Community Benefits Sharing Framework on public exhibition, inviting feedback from stakeholders and community members.

The draft framework was developed following extensive engagement across Victoria and Tasmania last year. It sets the guidelines for how Marinius Link will deliver community benefits over the short, medium and long term.

I encourage you to have your say by visiting:  
[marinuslink.com.au/CBSF](https://marinuslink.com.au/CBSF)

See the Sandy Point preparatory works from the sky!



[youtu.be/6\\_QUNXFn6F8](https://youtu.be/6_QUNXFn6F8)

# Preparatory works underway



Shore crossing location at Sandy Point in South Gippsland.

Preparatory works for Marinus Link are now underway across key project sites, including the Heybridge converter station in North West Tasmania, the Hazelwood converter station in the Latrobe Valley, and the shore crossing location at Sandy Point in South Gippsland, with surveys also being conducted along the cable route.

These early activities are an important step toward construction, focusing on establishing safe access tracks, setting up contractor facilities, and continuing site investigations.

Communities may notice increased contractor presence, including additional light and heavy vehicles, as well as temporary traffic changes such as reduced speed limits, intermittent lane closures and traffic management.

All works are being carefully managed in line with environmental permits and conditions, ensuring minimal disruption to surrounding areas.

If you would like to receive more detailed notifications about construction works and potential disruptions, please subscribe on our website:

[marinuslink.com.au/subscribe](https://marinuslink.com.au/subscribe)

You can also view our works notifications by visiting:

[marinuslink.com.au/works-notifications](https://marinuslink.com.au/works-notifications)



TAFE Gippsland - biosecurity training.

## Working with Marinus Link

### New works packages released

Over the next few months, our lead contractors will be releasing a range of new subcontracting opportunities.

Marinus Link's Industry Capability Network (ICN) Gateway is the key access point into these opportunities, across all our lead contractors. We continue to encourage interested businesses to register through the ICN to be notified of new works packages as they open.

Opportunities are being prioritised for suppliers across North West Tasmania and Gippsland, strengthening industry capability and maximising long-term economic benefits for regional communities.

For more information, go to: [gateway.icn.org.au/projects/4676](https://gateway.icn.org.au/projects/4676)

### Biosecurity training strengthens our commitment to Gippsland

In April, TAFE Gippsland delivered best-practice biosecurity training for our lead contractor, TasVic Greenlink. The session focused on both theory and practical skills to help prevent pests, weeds, and diseases from moving between worksites.

**"These capabilities are critical to protecting local ecosystems and biodiversity, reducing the risk of invasive species spread and supporting safe and responsible project delivery."**

**Kylie Dann**  
Senior Teacher, Agriculture, Food and Fibre, TAFE Gippsland

This training is part of a broader partnership with TAFE Gippsland, with further sessions including Advanced First Aid and Construction Induction Card training. Together, these programs help ensure our teams work safely and responsibly in the community.



Left to right: Liam, Stephanie McGregor – CEO Marinus Link and Steven at Latrobe Valley Enterprises.

## Local partnerships driving inclusive employment

Engaging local contractors is creating meaningful impact, with Latrobe Valley Enterprises (LVE) playing a key role. The Morwell-based social enterprise has delivered initial site signage for Sandy Point, supporting early works on the ground.

The organisation supports people living with a disability through inclusive employment, ensuring projects like Marinus Link deliver lasting social and economic benefits across the region.

**"At Latrobe Valley Enterprises, every order is more than a contract. It's a commitment to creating genuine, meaningful opportunities for people living with disability. By partnering with major projects like Marinus Link, we're proving that inclusion and excellent service go hand in hand."**

**Mark MacManus**  
General Manager Operations  
Latrobe Valley Enterprises



Marinus Link's Mark Lindsay with the crew at Buckley Park Community Farm's new green house!

## Community grants and sponsorships

Applications for Round 2 of the 2025/26 Community Grants Program and Sponsorship Program are now closed, with assessments currently underway.

**Applications for round 1 of next financial year's programs will open in July 2026.**

For more information, go to: [marinuslink.com.au/grants-partnerships-and-sponsorships](https://marinuslink.com.au/grants-partnerships-and-sponsorships)

### A new green house for the Fish Creek Community Garden

**The Buckley Park Community Farm in Fish Creek is set to bloom year-round, after receiving a community grant for a new green house.**

With winter temperatures soon upon us, the green house will provide greater stability and warmer growing conditions to protect sensitive plants and seedlings from the elements.

The project demonstrated a clear community need and resonated with our Sustainability Framework - supporting a healthy planet and community prosperity.

### A new gathering place for Cuprona Football Club

The Cuprona Football Club is getting a welcome off-field boost with a community grant to build a safe outdoor fire pit area. Providing a new shared space for players, families and supporters, the area will be a place to warm up after training and spend time together after a big Saturday home game.

By investing in practical community infrastructure, Marinus Link is helping strengthen local community organisations that play a vital role in bringing people together. The new fire pit area will support social connection, reinforcing the club's role as a hub for the Cuprona community long after the final siren.



Left to right: Aaron Gardam – Vice President Cuprona Football Club; Justin McPherson – President Cuprona Football Club.