

Workforce and Accommodation Strategy released

Our Workforce and Accommodation Strategy outlines how Marinus Link and our contractors will plan for workforce accommodation during construction across Gippsland and North West Tasmania.

The Strategy recognises that Marinus Link will be delivered alongside a number of other major infrastructure and energy projects and sets out the roles and responsibilities of Marinus Link and its delivery partners in monitoring workforce and accommodation requirements.

A key focus is a local-first workforce approach, prioritising local recruitment, training and upskilling opportunities wherever possible. This helps maximise regional employment and reduce the need for temporary workforce accommodation.

The Strategy also includes workforce forecasts to support planning. These figures are estimates and primarily reflect construction workforce requirements, which will vary throughout the project.

To read the Workforce and Accommodation Strategy, visit marinuslink.com.au/workforce



A new community hub opens in Leongatha



There was a strong sense of community at the official opening of Marinus Link’s new Leongatha Community Information Centre, with nearly 40 people gathering to mark the occasion.

The event brought together organisations and representatives who have been part of the Marinus Link journey for several years, alongside Traditional Owners, local government and industry partners.

Located at 1/9 Peart Street, the centre provides a dedicated space for community members to learn about the project, ask questions and explore workforce and industry opportunities throughout construction.

Planning is underway for a Burnie Community Information Centre. Keep an eye out for the opening!

Community members take a closer look at Sandy Point

More than 25 community members recently joined guided bus tours of Marinus Link’s Sandy Point shore crossing site in South Gippsland.

Travelling aboard local community e-buses Sandy and Sunny, participants received a behind-the-scenes look at preparatory works underway on Waratah Road ahead of major construction activities.

Participants heard about upcoming works, project timelines and how Marinus Link’s cables will be installed beneath Waratah Bay beach and out to sea.



Spotted at local careers expos

If you’ve attended a careers or jobs expo recently, there’s a good chance you’ve seen the Marinus Link banner.

In recent months, the team has been out and about connecting with students, job seekers and community members. Careers expos provide a valuable opportunity to talk about the wide range of careers and disciplines involved in delivering major infrastructure projects.



At the Middle of Everywhere Jobs Expo in Gippsland, the team spoke with around 75 people, including school students exploring future pathways and experienced workers looking to transition into new industries.

At the Marist Regional College Careers Expo in Burnie, students explored a digital fly-through of the proposed converter station, sparking conversations about careers in the energy sector.

One memorable conversation at the South Gippsland Bass Coast Careers Expo was with a local Grade 6 student who was keen to learn more about Australia’s energy mix and the role government plays in delivering major projects.

With construction activity increasing across our sites, we’ll be attending more events across Gippsland and North West Tasmania. If you spot the Marinus Link banner, come and say hello!

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CEO message

Over the past few months, Marinus Link has continued to build momentum. We’re on the cusp of one of our most significant milestones in the project’s history: the commencement of major construction.

Further preparatory works, planning and mobilisation activities have been ongoing across the project footprint. To support growing community interest and ensure information remains accessible, we have opened our Leongatha Community Information Centre, with our Burnie centre set to open soon.

Beyond Marinus Link, there is also a great deal happening across the broader energy sector in both Tasmania and Victoria. From renewable energy generation and storage to major network infrastructure, continued investment is creating opportunities for local businesses, workers and communities, helping to build skills, attract investment and support long-term regional growth.

Creating lasting benefits for local communities remains a key priority. Earlier this year, we invited feedback on our Draft Community Benefits Sharing Framework and were pleased to receive strong participation and thoughtful contributions from stakeholders across both states.

Thank you to everyone who shared their views. Your feedback is helping us to deliver a meaningful legacy for the regions that host our infrastructure.



As construction activity increases, so too does the need for a skilled workforce and appropriate accommodation solutions. In this edition, you’ll find more information about our Workforce and Accommodation Strategy

and the steps being taken to minimise impacts on local housing availability while supporting the workforce needed to deliver the project.

We also recently welcomed Andrew Train as Project Director and Matthew Groom to our Board. Their experience delivering major infrastructure and energy projects will strengthen our capability as we move into this next phase.

Thank you for your continued interest in and engagement with Marinus Link. As we move towards major construction, we remain committed to keeping communities informed, listening to feedback and ensuring the project delivers long-term benefits for Tasmania, Victoria and the nation.

See behind the scenes with our monthly progress updates



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Construction preparations gathering pace across our sites

Preparatory activities are continuing across Marinus Link project sites as contractors progress investigations, monitoring and site establishment works ahead of major construction.

At Heybridge in North West Tasmania, where Marinus Link will connect into Tasmania’s electricity network, works underway and planned include noise and dust monitoring, vegetation removal, underground service locating and geotechnical investigations.

At Sandy Point in South Gippsland, site preparations have reached an important milestone with the handover of the shore crossing site from TasVic Greenlink to Prysmian, Marinus Link’s cable supplier and installation contractor. Access roads and a purpose-built hardstand have been completed ahead of future horizontal directional drilling, which will create the pathway for Marinus Link’s cables beneath the coastline and out to sea.

In Hazelwood North in the Latrobe Valley, activity is increasing as preparations continue for the future converter station that will connect Marinus Link to Victoria’s grid. Works include surveying, soil testing, noise and dust monitoring, fencing works and the establishment of a site compound and laydown areas. As works progress, the community may notice temporary traffic management measures and increased vehicle movements, particularly around Tramway Road.

For the latest information on upcoming works, visit marinuslink.com.au/works-notifications



Hazelwood converter station site

Landholder update

Since our last update in May we’ve continued to work closely with Victorian landholders along the cable route, signing negotiated agreements to access easements on their land and working with our contractors to begin preparatory works at various points along the route.

Through these negotiated agreements we have been able to work with individual landholders to reach an optimal outcome for each, providing certainty for them and the project.

While proactive discussions continue with landholders across the Victorian cable route, we have continued to advance our statutory process under the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1985*.

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

These powers are commonplace on major infrastructure projects, and may be relied upon in future to provide access to the easements needed to construct Marinus Link. However, our preferred outcome is to reach a negotiated agreement with all landholders and our discussions with landholders yet to sign an option deed remain ongoing.

As we had done throughout the process to date, we will continue to communicate directly with relevant landholders and their representatives as the application progresses. If the application is approved, we will advise affected landholders directly and discuss the available options and next steps.

We acknowledge that discussions about land access can cause concern and disruption and encourage any landholder with any questions to reach out to our team.



Smiling faces of community grants and sponsorship recipients at a recent presentation evening in Burnie

Community spirit celebrated across our regions

Our Community Grants and Sponsorships Program is supporting community organisations across Gippsland and North West Tasmania to make a real difference. Over the year, the program supported initiatives across volunteer transport services, environmental projects, grassroots sport, community facilities, local arts and more.

In July, we hosted celebration events in Mirboo North and Burnie, bringing together successful recipients from the 2025/26 program. Community representatives were celebrated and had the opportunity to share the difference Marinus Link grants have made to their organisations.

This round we supported almost 60 community organisations from across both Gippsland and North West Tasmania, demonstrating our commitment to both regions.

Tarwin Landcare Group’s Jillian Staton said the Gippsland event highlighted the passion of local volunteers.

“It’s exciting when you realise how many community groups there are doing something they’re passionate about.”

Got a great community idea?

Applications are now open for Round 1 of Marinus Link’s 2026/27 Community Grants and Sponsorships Program and will close on Friday, 9 October 2026.

The program supports initiatives that strengthen community wellbeing, create lasting local benefits and help communities thrive across Gippsland and North West Tasmania.

Funding is available through three streams:

- Community Grants (up to \$5,000)
- General Sponsorships (up to \$1,000)
- Event Sponsorships (up to \$2,000)

To learn more and apply, visit marinuslink.com.au/grants-partnerships-and-sponsorships

Community Benefits Sharing Framework

We would like to thank the community for providing feedback during the recent public exhibition of the draft Community Benefits Sharing Framework. Work is now underway to finalise the framework and develop programs that will guide the delivery of Marinus Link’s \$20 million legacy fund. A detailed update will be provided in the next edition of our Community Update.

A Gippsland career comes full circle

As recently featured in the *New Energy* supplement in the *Latrobe Valley Express* and *Gippsland Times*, TasVic Greenlink’s Senior People & Capability Manager, Aaron Young, is helping create local employment and training opportunities through Marinus Link.

A Gippsland local, Aaron grew up around Traralgon and Callignee after his family moved to the region for his father’s engineering role at Loy Yang Power Station.

His own career began as a graduate at Yallourn Power Station and, today, he is helping build the workforce behind one of Gippsland’s largest infrastructure projects.

Reflecting on his career journey, Aaron said it’s a full-circle moment.

“It’s great to be able to provide other Gippslanders the kind of opportunities that I was fortunate enough to have.”

To explore careers with Marinus Link and our contractors, visit marinuslink.com.au/careers.



Aaron Young, Senior People & Capability Manager, TasVic Greenlink



More opportunities for local businesses

Subcontracting and supply opportunities continue to grow on Marinus Link, with the lead construction contractor, TasVic Greenlink (TVGL) launching its Industry Capability Network Gateway Page. This Page provides local businesses with access to TVGL’s live construction work packages.

Additional opportunities from other delivery partners are expected as construction activities continue to ramp up.

We encourage local businesses, social enterprises and sole traders across Gippsland and North West Tasmania to register and subscribe for notifications about future packages as they become available.

Visit marinuslink.com.au/workforce to learn more.