Delivering community benefits to Gulgong

Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone

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EnergyCo is delivering the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) to provide a clean, affordable and reliable power supply for energy consumers across NSW. We recognise that hosting renewable energy infrastructure represents real change for those living and working in REZs across NSW. That is why we are providing funding to communities in the REZs to deliver lasting, tangible benefits.

Red Hill Environmental Education Centre

The Community and Employment Benefit Program will contribute to the long-term prosperity of regional communities hosting renewable energy and transmission lines by funding community-led initiatives, public infrastructure and First Nations projects.

More than $70 million has been delivered in the first round of program grants to community initiatives across the Central-West Orana REZ. This includes more than $1.5 million to the following successful projects for the Gulgong community:

- **Billy Dunn Sporting Complex: $995,000** to refurbish and add lighting to Sports Field 2, construct storage, and upgrade the existing netball courts, changeroom facilities and adventure playground.
- **Gulgong Youth Centre: $342,150** to refurbish the old Gulgong Fire Station, turning it into a youth centre with flexible use spaces, half basketball court, wall art, new flooring and storage.
- **Turill Community Hall: $135,034** to upgrade the only public building in Turill, adding air conditioning and refurbishing the existing plumbing and electricals.
- **Watershed Landcare Group: $33,660** for community connections program, in partnership with Red Hill Environmental Education Centre, to support Gulgong High School students foster connections with their peers, community and culture.
- **Wenonah Lodge: $14,063** to create a therapeutic sensory garden for residents, providing a tranquil outdoor space designed to stimulate the senses through nature, enhance well-being, encourage engagement, and promote relaxation.

The Community and Employment Benefit Program ensures that the benefits of renewable energy investment are shared with the community and create lasting legacies for the region.

More funding will be made available to communities over the next three decades, generated from fees paid by projects with an access right to connect to the REZ network infrastructure.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit **energyco.nsw.gov.au/our-projects/central-west-orana-rez/community-benefits**

Wenonah Lodge sensory garden

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