Delivering community benefits to Wellington

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.

Nanima Village Old School

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 almost $17 million for the following successful projects to benefit the residents of Wellington.

- **REACT Centre Training Facility (Stage 1A): $11.238 million** to Dubbo Regional Council for construction of a Renewable Energy Awareness and Career Training (REACT) Centre in Wellington. The centre will address critical skill gaps and increase employment opportunities for the renewable energy sector.
- **Nanima Village Old School restoration: $1million** to Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council to 'Bring the old school back to life' for the local Aboriginal community.
- **Maxwell Street Aboriginal housing: $999,532** to Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council to plan and build two 2-bedroom duplex dwellings in Maxwell Street, Wellington. The LALC will manage the homes as part of its social housing portfolio.
- **Burrendong Botanic Garden & Arboretum rejuvenation: $992,762** to upgrade key infrastructure that is critical to the rejuvenation and survival of the plant collections.
- **Town Common Aboriginal Historical Site restoration: $926,291** to the Wiradjuri Wellington Aboriginal Town Common Aboriginal Corporation to restore two State Heritage listed structures on the site of the Town Common, as well as rehabilitate the Town Common land.
- **PCYC Wellington extension: $873,325** to construct a purpose-built shed to fit out with gymnastics equipment, adjoining the current PCYC.
- **Cultural heritage and tourism officer: $394,200** to the Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council for a new role at the cultural centre to create a vibrant agenda of activities for the local community.
- **Wellington Showground upgrade: $271,527** to the Wellington Show Society to upgrade the kitchen and bar facilities at the Wellington Showground, making the venue more appealing to organisations and groups looking to host events.
- **WATS Place: $221,142** to refurbish the Wellington Amateur Theatrical Society building. The upgrade will breathe new life into the venue and make it more accessible and inclusive for all patrons.
- **Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum eco-tourism feasibility assessment: $49,665** The assessment will investigate the feasibility of on-site eco-tourism accommodation, with the aim of supporting ongoing operations and enhancing tourism potential.

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**

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