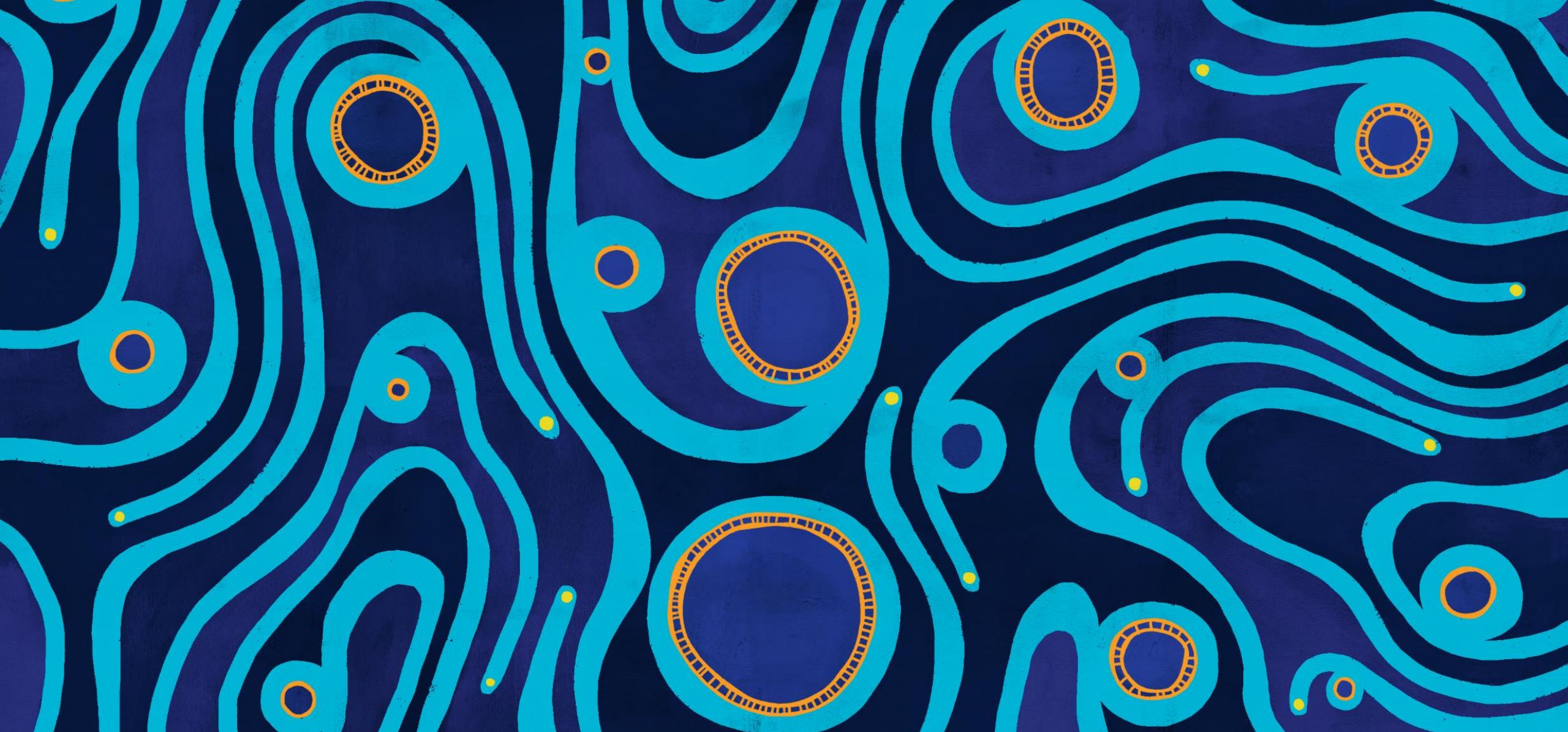


Newcastle Community Dialogue Group

Wednesday, 26 November 2025



We are meeting today in the Hunter Region of New South Wales on the lands of the Worimi People.

We acknowledge the Worimi People as the Traditional Custodians of this land
and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Agenda

1 Open and welcome, apologies, declarations, previous minutes, business arising and correspondence

2 Newcastle Gas Storage Facility latest news

3 AGL Update

4 Tomago Battery Project Update

5 General business, next meeting and close

NGSF Update – this period

- No major incident, MTIs or LTIs
- Major projects implemented including FW system, ethylene loading, etc.
- Liquefaction season started
- Liquefied 600 TJ gas since September
- NSW SafeWork audit carried out – minor scaffolding issues identified and rectified
- New Safety Case commenced – license to be renewed in 2027



Environment update - NGSF

- Annual environmental return was submitted
 - Statement of compliance with licence
 - Pollution fee calculation (emissions)
 - Test of pollution incident response plan
- Water monitoring completed (6 monthly) - awaiting report
- Bushfire preparedness completed – ember attack
- Mock drill
 - Bushfire evacuation to test operator knowledge of tertiary escape paths
- Zero environmental incidents in this quarter



Environment update cont...

- Medowie Offset Property
 - Annual report submitted to the Biodiversity Conservation Trust
- Currently in Year 10 of property management
- No issues experienced at the property in the last quarter
- Rehab area is progressing well
 - *Angophora costata* (Smooth barked apple)
 - *Eucalyptus piperita* (Sydney Peppermint)



Plate 4: Revegetation photo monitoring point 1

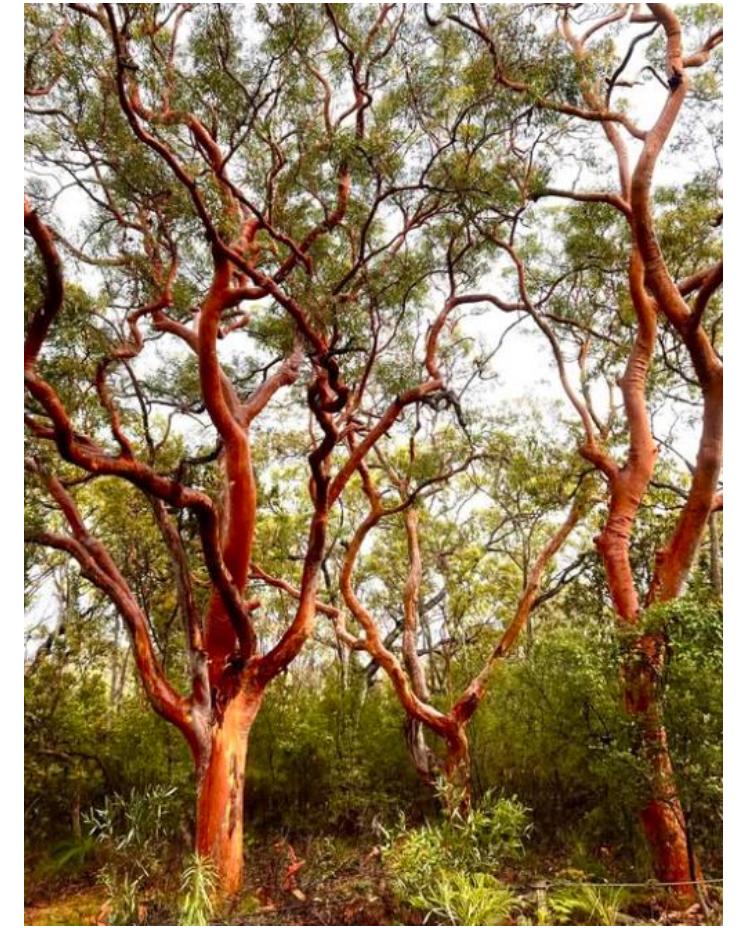
Angophora cristata (smooth barked apple)



Aridsage.com.au



Kuranga.com.au



Facebook.com

Eucalyptus piperita (Sydney Peppermint)



[Bie.ala.org.au](https://bie.ala.org.au)



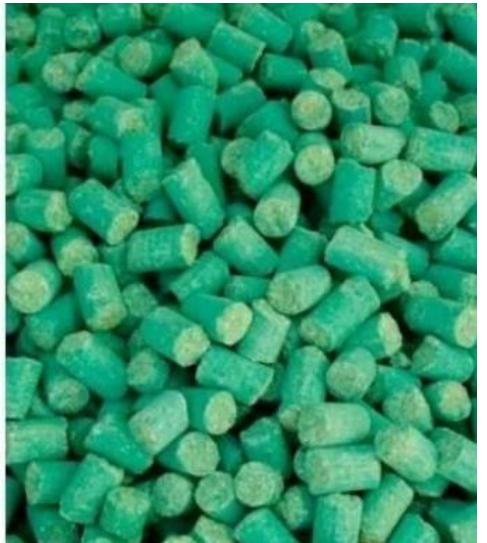
[Plantnative.com.au](https://plantnative.com.au)



[Plantthis.com.au](https://plantthis.com.au)

Sodium fluoroacetate (1080 poison)

- 1080 is used to bait wild dogs
- It is a restricted use pesticide, available to authorised and trained users under APVMA licensing
- Only pre-mixed baits can be used (e.g. meat)
- Safety protocols must be followed including how the bait is presented and managed, notifications to landholders etc
- Impacts on native animals are possible (e.g. secondary poisoning)
- While Cool Burn has been involved with the site, we have not used baiting because there is no evidence that wild dogs/dingoes need to be controlled



al.org.au

Introducing Zoe Bowen

- Zoe Bowen will be taking over the NGSF asset from 5 Dec 2025
- Zoe has 20 years' experience in gas, and is passionate about environmental management
- Zoe will be managing several gas assets across Australia and has been a highly valued member of the team since commencing several months ago
- Thank you for the years of support – I am grateful for my involvement to date and indebted to all of you.



al.org.au

AGL in the Community

Jo Ferguson - Community Relations Manager

Murrook Cultural Festival - Wakulda

Wakulda "As One", symbolises shared responsibility, unity, respect and coming together in celebration of culture on Worimi Country. It is a reminder that when we gather as one, we strengthen the ties between community, culture and Country, walking together.



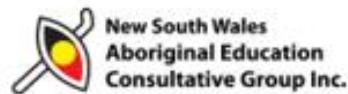
Tackling Bitou Bush – Volunteering with Friends of Tomaree National Park



Community Calendar

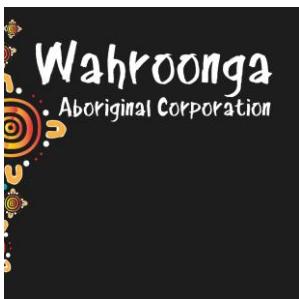
Youyoong Local AECG Junior Leadership Camp

- Thursday 20th and Friday 21st November
- AGL Mob invited to attend and meet students
- Proudly sponsored by the Tomago Battery Power development team



Wahroonga Bush Christmas

- Friday 5th December
- Proudly sponsored by NGSF & Tomago Battery Construction team



Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services

- Christmas wrapping fundraiser
- AGL volunteers from NGSF supporting

Call out for volunteers to help with Gift Wrapping

Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Service (PSFANS) is holding a gift wrapping stall in December at Salamander Bay Shopping Centre and we need some helpers.

If you or your staff can volunteer a couple of hours on one or more of the shifts below in the lead up to Christmas we'd love to hear from you.

Monday: 8 15 22 Dec

Friday 12 19 Dec

Saturday 13 20 Dec

Shifts are either: 10nm - 12, or 12 - 2nm

No skills necessary, just Christmas cheerfulness, and a willingness to wrap and wrangle sticky tape.

Donations we receive for Christmas wrapping will go to PSEqNS to support local families.



For more information please contact

Lisa Ronneberg

Community Development Officer, PSEgNS

Lisq.ronneberg@psfqns.org.au 0419 525 191



Powering Our Community

AGL is proudly supporting the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council through our Powering Our Community program. As part of this initiative, we will be providing a 14.96kW solar system along with battery storage. This project aims to enhance sustainability and energy independence for their future community hub space in Raymond Terrace.

We will be working with IndigeBuilt for the supply and install on this project. IndigeBuilt are a local First Nations owned and operated business and committed to paving the way for future generations through employment opportunities for young Indigenous people to start a career in the NSW building industry.



AGL Update



Tomago Battery Project



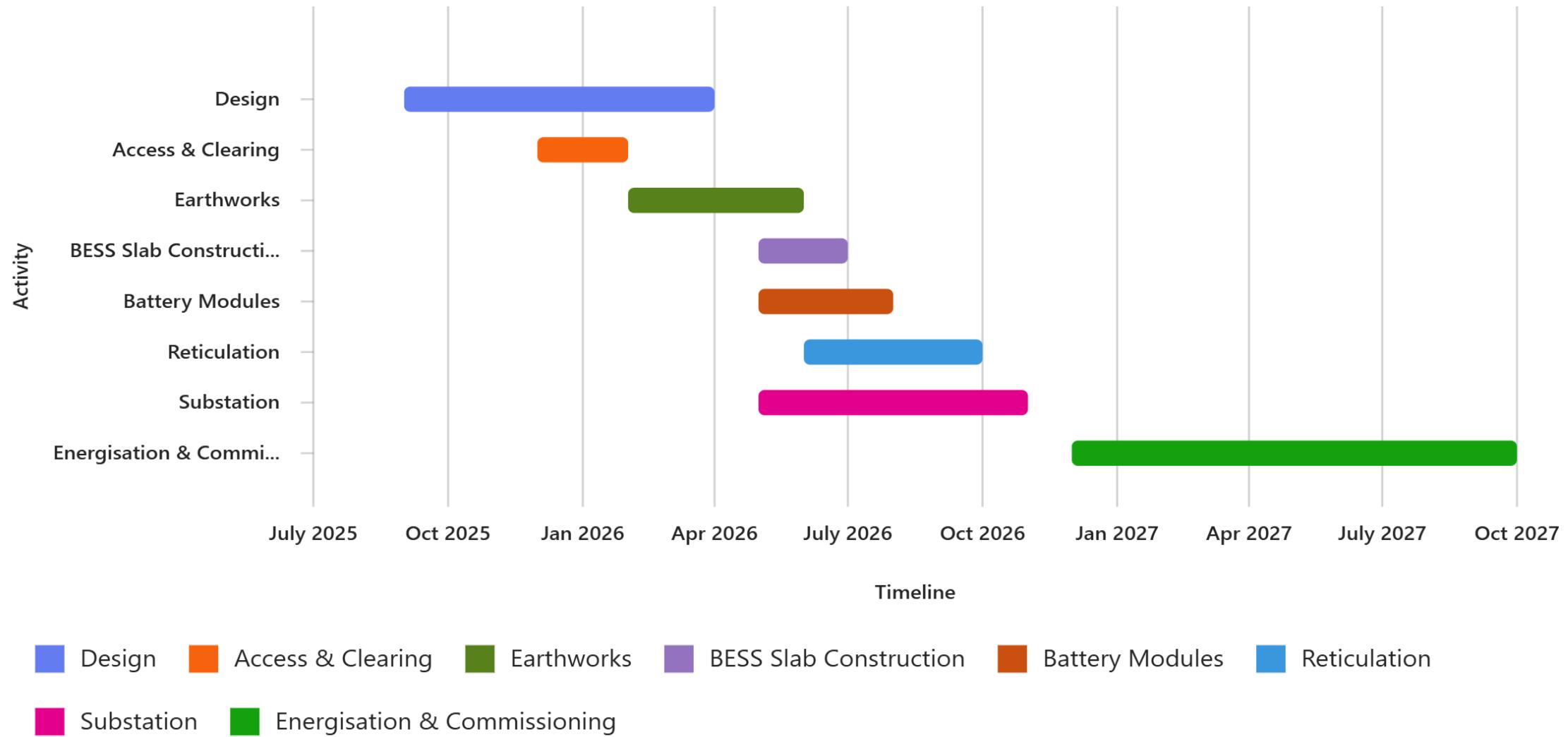
Development Approval Updates



Join the change

- AGL and Port Stephens Council Voluntary Planning Agreement – ready for execution following exhibition period.
- s138 Approval for Site Entry received
- Project Management Plans:
 - Approved (by DPHI):
 - Biodiversity Management Plan
 - Cultural Heritage Management Plan
 - Environmental Management Strategy
 - Soil and Water Management Plan
 - Under development:
 - Traffic Management Plan
 - Emergency Management Plan
 - Construction Environmental Management Plan
 - Fire Safety Study (required prior to energisation)

Construction Schedule Overview



- AGL Development team (Carina, Amelia, Arianna) handover to AGL Construction team:
 - Hamid Shilani, Portfolio Director
 - Charlie Perry, Senior Project Manager
 - **Michael Law, Site Manager**
 - Andrew Brajlih, Approvals Manager
 - Jo Ferguson, Community Relations Manager

Introduction of a *First Nations' and Regional Development Specialist*:

Amy Pocock-Polson

As the First Nations' and Regional Development Specialist, Amy is responsible for embedding First Nations engagement and regional development outcomes across the Construction portfolio in the Hunter Region. She is working closely with project teams, Traditional Owner groups, First Nations' and regional Stakeholders and businesses to ensure that construction activities support inclusive, sustainable, and culturally respectful development.



Targets for the Construction phase include:

- Engagement of Indigenous Businesses engaged to deliver part of the Work as % of contract value,
- % of FTE roles undertaken by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders
- % of Contract Value is contracted to local businesses based in the Hunter- Central Coast Renewable Energy Zone and adjacent local government areas.

Current strategies include:

- Weekly engagement meetings with EPC Contractor (Fluence) to align procurement and development strategies with AGL's First Nations and regional commitments.
- Local employment partnerships to design and implement:
 - Pre-employment training programs
 - Apprenticeship and traineeship programs
 - Targeted recruitment campaigns that address the workforce requirements of underrepresented group ie. Women in Construction, First Nations' employees and Long-Term Unemployed.
- Maintaining, reviewing and meeting with First Nations and regional businesses from AGL's Tomago BESS Expressions of Interest forms within the Renewable Energy Zone.
- Facilitating direct introductions between Fluence and the local businesses and employment services to secure works packages.
- Identifying businesses who could benefit from AGL's Capability Development Fund, First Nations Capability Fund, and Supply Chain Innovation Fund to prepare these businesses for participation in major projects.

First Nations' and Regional Development Update



Join the change

AGL Wins "Industry Partner of the Year" – NSWICC Awards

AGL was recognised at *the Summit 2025* for our outstanding partnerships with Indigenous businesses.

With strong commitment to First Nations employment and supplier engagement, leadership in economic inclusion and capacity building, AGL will continue to driving sustainable opportunities and collaboration across NSW, particularly with the Tomago BESS construction project.



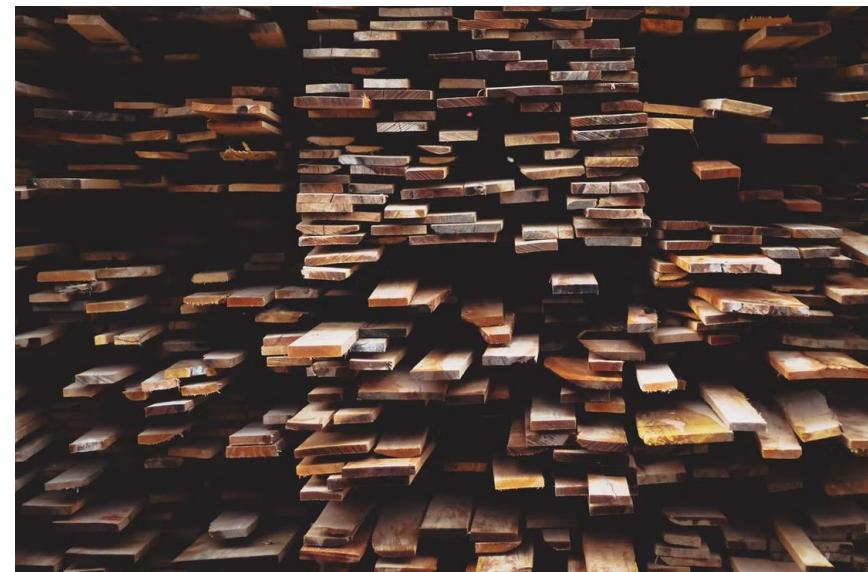
First Nations' and Regional Development cont.



Join the change

AGL partners with Guppur Men and Youth Shed

In October, Justin Ridgeway, Aboriginal Elder of the Worimi people and of the Murrook Cultural Centre along with Raymond McMillan of The Worimi Green Team visited the Tomago BESS site to identify and mark trees suitable for timber collection. The timber will be repurposed for the Guparr Men and Youth Shed, where Justin leads cultural education programs and teaching community members traditional skills such as crafting tools and weapons. We are hopeful that this initiative will strengthen cultural heritage, support on-country learning, and build a positive engagement between the project and the Worimi community.



Images supplied from https://www.guparr.com/?_sm_nck=1

First Nations' and Regional Development cont.

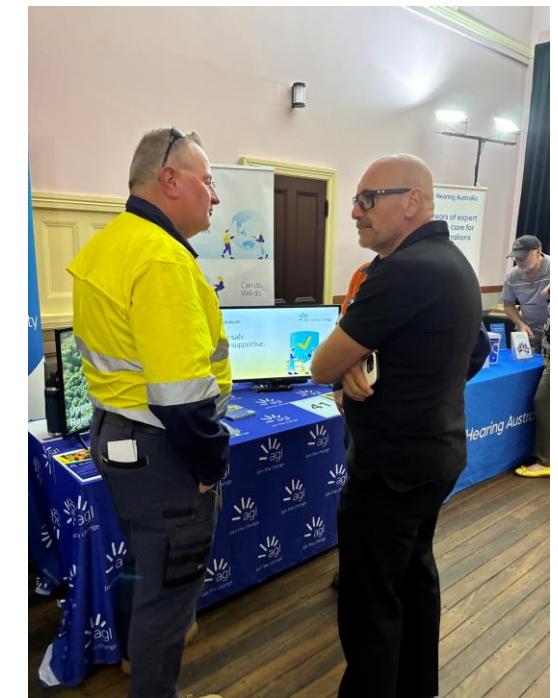


Join the change

AGL partners JobLink Plus.

Maitland Connection Day – 19 November

In November, AGL and Fluence attended JobLink Plus' "Maitland Connection Day" at Maitland Town Hall. This event coincided with International Men's Day which connected local businesses, service providers, and job seekers, hosted a panel discussion on men's mental health and celebrated graduates of the Mates and Mentors program. The First Nations' and Regional Development Specialist proudly represented AGL's Construction, alongside Fluence leaders Marie Cullen, Head of Procurement Australia and Bill Henderson, Site Manager for the Liddell BESS construction project, highlighting their commitment to local engagement.



Questions

Thank you!