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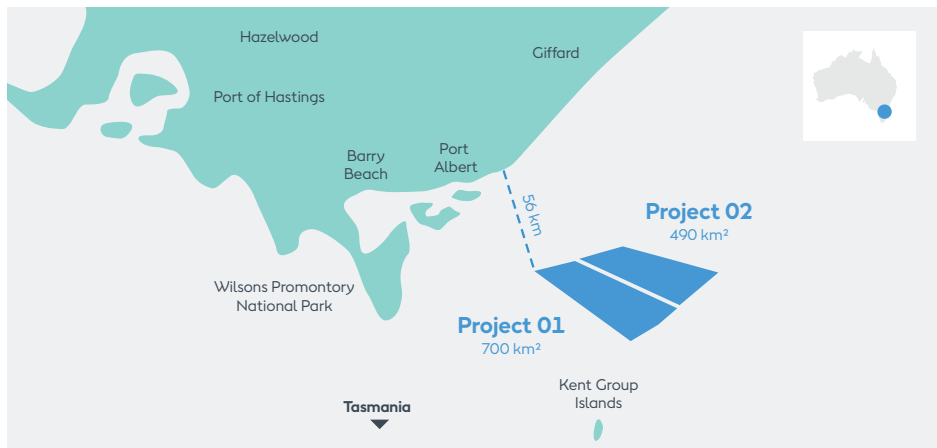
# Gippsland Offshore Wind Farms

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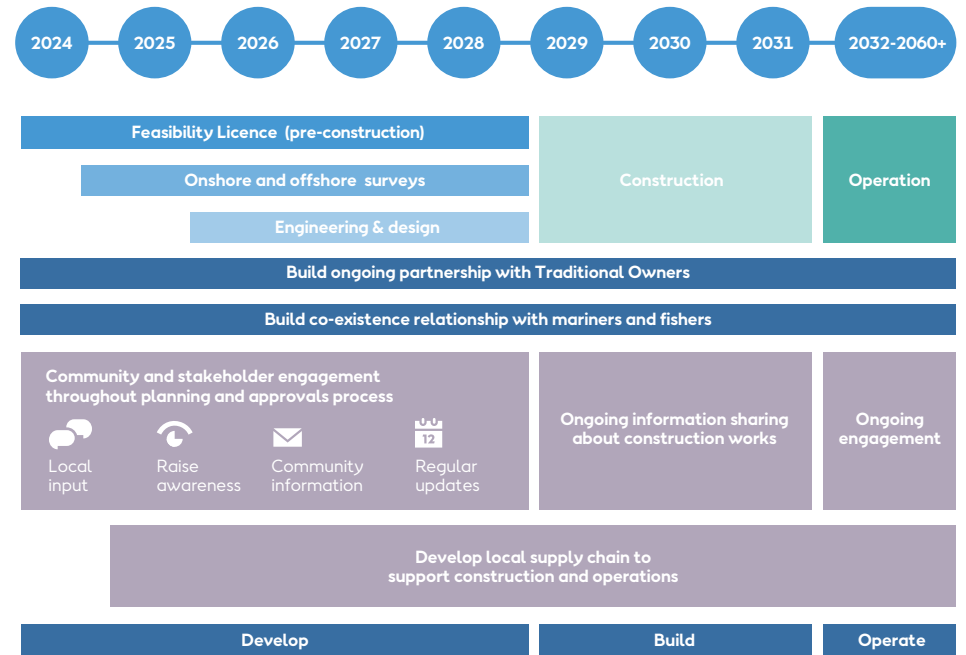
# Welcome to our first community newsletter for 2025

Since being awarded a feasibility licence by the Australian Government in May last year, the Ørsted team has been working behind the scenes to deliver our marine environmental survey program, explore the potential of local supply chains, and continue to strengthen our partnerships with local education organisations to prepare the local workforce for the offshore wind industry.

Ørsted has been awarded Feasibility Licences to develop two offshore wind projects off the coast of Gippsland. These projects will deliver new large scale sources of clean energy and support communities by building a new industry in Gippsland.



## Project timeline



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# Marine environmental surveys underway

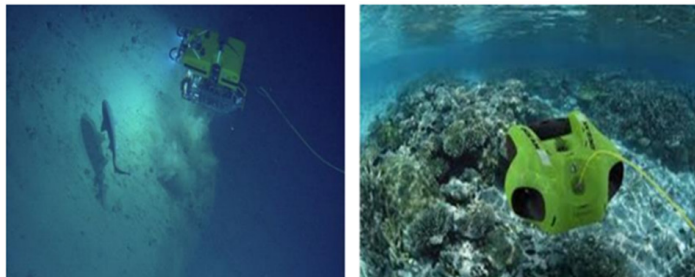
Marine environmental baseline surveys have kicked off and will continue during this year.

This scientific monitoring program helps us understand all aspects of the unique Bass Strait marine environment. Data collected will help shape our project design – including where we can place turbines. It will also greatly help us to minimise environmental impacts – including impacts to birds and sealife. We use vessel-based and aerial marine fauna surveys, underwater acoustic monitoring, wind monitoring and marine ecology studies.

Health and safety of all ocean users has been a key factor in planning for these studies. We continue to engage with peak bodies that represent fishers in the region to learn more about the local fishing industry.

The studies are being conducted in partnership with local specialists AECOM, BMT, Furgo, HiDef Aerial Surveying, JASCO Applied Sciences and Nature Advisory.

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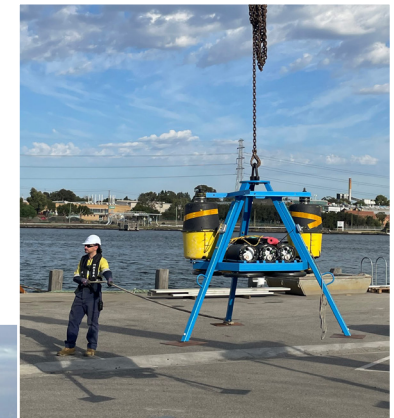
← Remote operated vehicle in action



Aerial and vessel-based surveys being conducted on marine mammals and seabird populations



Our prototype wind measurement Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV) underwent comprehensive sea trials in the North Sea. The Gippsland project will be first to deploy the next generation E-Class USV



Deployment of Passive Acoustic Monitoring to conduct baseline acoustic monitoring for anthropogenic noise and vocalising marine mammals



# Making sure Gippslanders and Victorians can take part in the green transition

The development of Australia's offshore wind industry holds huge potential for experienced professionals with in-demand skills as well as young people just entering the workforce.

As the largest operator of offshore wind turbines in the world, Ørsted wants local workers and students to have every opportunity to play an active role in the once-in-a-lifetime development of Victoria's offshore wind industry.

To make this happen we have partnered with tertiary education to fast-track Australia's offshore wind energy workforce and guarantee the country's renewable energy future. We're working with local institutions such as Federation University and TAFE Gippsland to develop innovative and targeted training and skills development programs close to home for Gippslanders.

We have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Melbourne focusing on academic and research cooperation to prepare students and support research in offshore wind and renewable energy. We look forward to providing updates as this work progresses.



Rob Howes, who runs Ørsted's UK apprenticeship program in Grimsby, visited TAFE Gippsland last year to talk about education programs that support apprentices and give them the skills they need to succeed in offshore wind energy

## Local supply chains = local benefits



We believe that reliable clean energy goes hand-in-hand with long-term benefits for communities, the economy and the environment.

Our team is working to identify local suppliers in Gippsland and across the country who could form part of the local supply chain so they can become part Australia's offshore wind energy sector. This program will grow and aims to support local suppliers to understand what is required and prepare future bids for work in the sector.

If you'd like to register your interest in finding out more, email [infoaustralia@orsted.com](mailto:infoaustralia@orsted.com)

## Ørsted – ranked No. 1 as the world's most sustainable energy company



Sustainability is at the heart of everything we do at Ørsted. We're proud to hold our ranking as the world's most sustainable energy company (**Corporate Knights** Global 100 Index 2025).

This was a year where Ørsted, now the world leader in offshore wind but once a carbon-intensive company, shut down its last coal-fired heat and power plant, marking the end of the company's green transformation. In doing so, Ørsted is on track to meet its target of a 99 % green share of energy generation by 2025.

Sustainability isn't just the right thing to do – it's a prerequisite for an accelerated build-out of high quality renewable energy generation assets in line with both the Victorian and Australian Government's emission reduction targets.



### **Acknowledgement of Country**

Ørsted acknowledges the Gunaikurnai people's spiritual connection to their lands, waters and sky. Since the first sunrise, the Gunaikurnai people have cared for and nurtured this sacred land on which our projects will be developed.

We will embrace the legacy of their ancestors by valuing the resilient culture they have maintained for thousands of years. Together, we will build an authentic relationship that enables their direct benefit.

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