



Community Newsletter | November 2025

# Gippsland Offshore Wind Farms

[orsted.com.au](https://orsted.com.au)

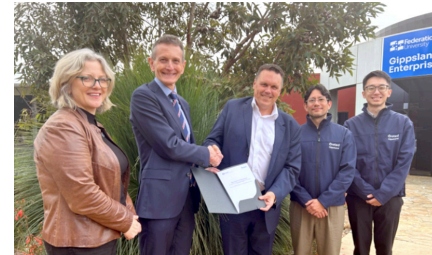
# Welcome to the November issue of the Ørsted community newsletter

In this edition, we share how our projects are taking shape across Gippsland. From forging a new partnership with Federation University to completing landfall studies at McGaurans Beach and attending the Gippsland New Energy Conference in Traralgon, the Ørsted team has been keeping busy across the region in recent months.



↑ The Ørsted team at the 2025 Gippsland New Energy Conference in Traralgon  
← Front cover: The Ørsted team exploring Lakes Entrance

## Shaping Gippsland's clean energy workforce



← Federation University's Associate Director Partnerships and Growth Mikaela Power and Vice Chancellor Professor Duncan Bentley, with Ørsted's Søren Westergaard Jensen, Alfonso Ma-Tay and Jason Chuang at the official signing of the MOU at Federation University's new APRETC Gippsland facility in Churchill

Ørsted has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Federation University, combining global offshore wind expertise with local knowledge to shape a skilled future workforce in Gippsland.

Together, we plan to broaden STEM and renewable energy learning opportunities across the region through student placements and cadetship programs, scholarships, graduate roles, research collaboration, community events, and more. Partnerships like these are essential in creating pathways for young people to gain the skills and experience needed to power the clean energy transition. One of those emerging leaders is Mia Danko, a recent electrotechnology graduate and student ambassador of Federation University TAFE.



↑ Mia Danko exploring Ørsted's offshore wind port in Taichung where turbine foundations, blades and towers are being prepared for loading at the dock before their installation at sea

Earlier this year, Mia was nominated to join an Australian delegation visiting Ørsted's operations and maintenance base in Taiwan. She later shared her experience at the Gippsland New Energy Conference in September.

“Being in Taiwan really gave me an appreciation of how many people are involved, and the different types of jobs they have. I'm focused from an electrician point of view, but there's so many more jobs involved.”



# Insights from landfall surveys at McGaurans Beach

We recently wrapped up our onshore landfall survey campaign at McGaurans Beach, gathering crucial data to guide the next phase of the project.



↑ Cultural heritage crews assessing test pits for cultural heritage artefacts

↓ CPT Australia's Unimog machine on site at McGaurans Beach. Here it is deploying Fugro's Heat Flow Module technology to conduct thermal conductivity studies



Over seven weeks, we studied the unique geology and soil conditions in the area where our proposed export cable could reach land. From there, the cable will travel onwards to connect into the electricity grid, powering Victorian homes and businesses with clean energy.

Using specialist equipment, the team measured the subsurface hardness and soil properties. This data is now being analysed to inform the safest and most effective way to bring cables ashore for our projects.

This survey work was undertaken in the preferred underground connection corridor identified in VicGrid's Gippsland Shoreline Renewable Energy Zone (Seaspray to Reeves Beach), which is expected to minimise environmental, social, and cultural heritage impacts.

# Delivering long-term benefits to Gippsland

Speaking at the APAC Wind Energy Summit in September, Ørsted's Head of Generation Development Alfonso Ma-Tay highlighted the long-term benefits offshore wind can bring to Gippsland.

He emphasised that the operations and maintenance workforce, which can span 30 to 40 years, will be key in driving local jobs and economic growth.

Alfonso pointed to the Asia Pacific region, where over 80 locals are employed in the day-to-day operation of Ørsted's operations and maintenance base in regional Taiwan, supporting a 920MW offshore wind project in the Taiwan Strait.

"These roles range from administration, marine traffic control, grid control and monitoring, engineering, QHSE, IT, facility and logistics," he said.

// We can't wait to see offshore wind take off in Australia, and for Gippsland to be driving the journey."



↑ Alfonso presenting at the Global Wind Energy Council's APAC Wind Energy Summit in September

↓ Ørsted's Head of Generation Development Alfonso Ma-Tay speaking to a recent Australian delegation at the Taichung operations and maintenance base



# Working with Gippsland's fishing communities

We recognise that commercial and recreational fishers are a vital part of Gippsland's coastal communities, and we're committed to early, practical conversations about how offshore wind and fishing can work side by side.

Drawing on our international experience of how wind farms can operate alongside active fisheries, we're now focused on understanding Gippsland's unique fishing zones and the priorities of recreational and commercial fishers that use them.

Insights from local fishers will guide how research is carried out and later, how we design and operate the wind farm.

We appreciate that this is a time of transition for Gippsland fishers and are grateful for the insights and concerns they have already shared, which will continue to inform our approach as we explore ways to support both sustainable fishing and clean energy.

If you are part of the Gippsland fishing community and would like to get in touch, please see our contact details on the back page of this newsletter.



# Progressing Victoria's offshore wind industry

Ørsted acknowledges the Victorian Government's recent decision to delay its inaugural offshore wind auction.

We continue to support the Victorian Government's work to progress port infrastructure and transmission connections to ensure the auction delivers the outcomes needed for both projects and the Gippsland community.

Ørsted remains committed to working closely with local stakeholders as the region transitions to clean energy, creating opportunities for local jobs, and delivering benefits alongside a long term, reliable supply of renewable power.

## Visit us at the next Offshore Wind Days

The Ørsted team will be out and about for the next round of Offshore Wind Days this November, and we'd love to see you there.

Events will be held in:

### Seaspray

Thursday 6 November 2025,  
5:30pm – 7:30pm, Seaspray Hall

### Port Welshpool

Friday 7 November 2025, 4:00pm  
6:00pm, Old Ferry Terminal,  
Port Welshpool.

Whether you're interested in the local environment, community benefits, or how the project is progressing, come along and join the conversation.



↑ Students using wind energy in an air cannon to knock over a paper cup at the Ørsted stand



### **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.

### **Contact**

Contact us by visiting our website  
or email us.

[www.orsted.com.au/contact-us](http://www.orsted.com.au/contact-us)  
[infoaustralia@orsted.com](mailto:infoaustralia@orsted.com)

**Let's get to work**

### **Follow us**



[orsted.com.au](http://orsted.com.au)