

Media release

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Kick Starting Energy Careers on the West Coast

The Cradle Coast Authority has partnered with Beacon Foundation and Granville Harbour Wind Farm to provide West Coast students with the opportunity to engage with the renewable energy industry.

The project will see a two-day intensive program, involving work-readiness education, mentoring and site tours delivered to students from Rosebery and Mountain Heights High Schools in 2020. It is anticipated that this pilot project will set the foundation for further student and renewable energy industry engagement activities across the region.

Beacon Foundation's Growth Industry Preparation Programs promote Tasmania's key industries to young Tasmanians and will help raise student, teacher and parent awareness of the growing career opportunities in the renewable energy sector. It is estimated the Granville Harbour Wind Farm alone will generate 200 new jobs during construction. The project is supported by a successful funding application which CCA made to the Granville Harbour Community Grants Program.

"Thanks to Granville Harbour Wind Farm, West Coast kids, parents and teachers, will get a good handle on what some of the jobs of the future look like. This will help them plan their studies accordingly and will ultimately see more jobs filled by locals. It's a credit to our Member Councils and all of those people across the region who are making our Futures Plan approach work" said CCA CEO, Daryl Connelly.

Granville Harbour Wind Farm Project Director, Lyndon Frearson said, "We're thrilled to partner with the Cradle Coast Authority to deliver this important initiative and give local high school students the opportunity to visit the wind farm site and learn more about the exciting career opportunities in the renewable energy industry."

"As part of a new industry based in the West Coast region of Tasmania, we are committed to building the capability and capacity of locals to work on projects such as ours, so we are really keen to encourage the next generation to consider a future in this growing industry."

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