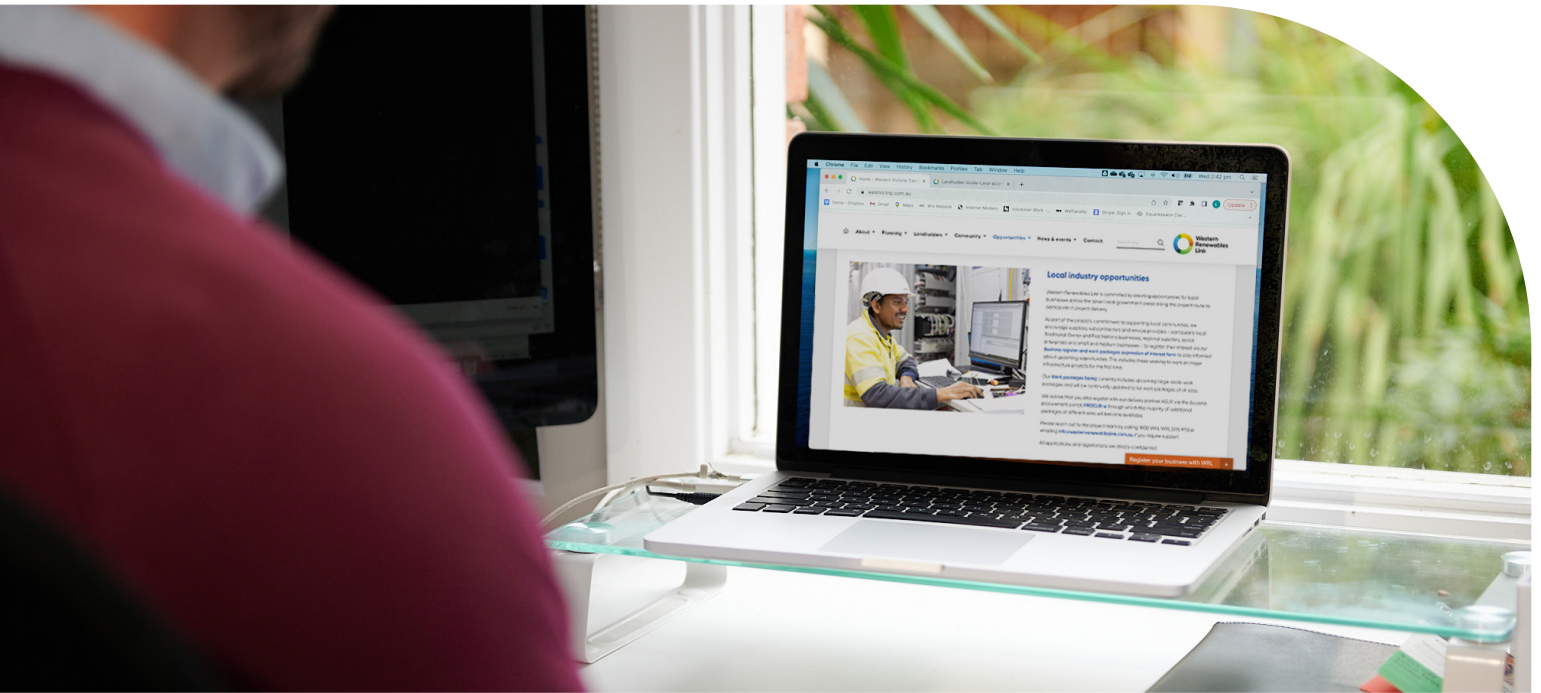




Welcome to the second edition of the Western Renewables Link Local Business Update, where you'll find information about the new WRL Local Business Support Program and how to apply. You can also view new procurement opportunities available on WRL.



WRL Local Business Support Program – now open for applications

Applications are now open for the new WRL Local Business Support Program.

Delivered in partnership with Commerce Ballarat, the program provides free one-on-one support to help local businesses along the entire WRL route build capability, strengthen business readiness and prepare for future opportunities on the project.

The program is open to businesses operating within the seven local government areas of Ballarat, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees Shire, Hepburn Shire, Moorabool Shire, Melton and Ararat.

Commerce Ballarat will work with participating businesses to identify their needs and connect them with a suitable local support provider.

Support is tailored to each business and can cover the following:



Business planning



Human resources advice



Tender writing and procurement readiness



Financial management and data analysis



Marketing and content creation



Customer service

Participating businesses will receive at least three hours of support, while businesses that are members of their local chamber of commerce can access up to four hours.

How to apply

Complete the short application form and tell us how this program could support your business. Commerce Ballarat will review your application and if eligible, match you with a local provider best suited to your needs.

APPLY NOW



First delivery phase local business contract awarded on WRL



Swanson Surveying has been awarded the first delivery phase local business contract on WRL, marking an important milestone for local participation in the project.

The contract is an early example of local businesses taking part in WRL and contributing their skills and expertise to the project.

The company will provide surveying services to support project delivery, drawing on its experience across major renewable energy and infrastructure developments in regional Victoria.

Director Luke Van Kruijsbergen said WRL is exactly the type of project Swanson Surveying established its Ballarat office to support.



"Being involved in a project of this scale allows our team to work close to home while helping build the skills, experience and capability that will benefit the region long after the project is complete," he said.

Swanson Surveying is currently establishing the survey control network for WRL, a critical but often unseen element that provides the foundation for project design and construction.



"It's one of the least visible parts of a major infrastructure project, but one of the most important. Getting that foundation right at the beginning gives everyone working on the project a reliable framework to build from," Luke said.

Swanson Surveying says major projects like WRL create lasting opportunities for local businesses to invest in people, technology and equipment, while helping develop a strong regional workforce to support future infrastructure projects across Victoria.



What's next for procurement opportunities on WRL

A range of new minor and major work packages are now available on the WRL website. Examples include a prefabricated building for the new Joel Joel Terminal Station control room located near Bulgana and temporary farm access fencing.

Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in a work package to date. If you expressed an interest in a package that is no longer listed on the website and you have not received an invitation to tender, you can consider this opportunity closed.

Supporting local businesses is a key priority for the Western Renewables Link project. Where possible, we will be working with our delivery partners to identify elements of work packages that can be delivered by local small and medium enterprises, helping create opportunities for businesses within the project area.

Businesses can view current opportunities, learn about upcoming packages and register their interest through the [Businesses and Suppliers page](#).

We encourage businesses to check the website regularly as new opportunities are added.



About the project

The Western Renewables Link is a proposed electricity transmission line that will carry renewable energy from western Victoria to homes and businesses across the state and into the National Electricity Market. The project is critical infrastructure required to unlock the renewable energy potential of western Victoria as a key Renewable Energy Zone and will help to deliver clean and affordable energy to all Victorians.



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