

### New England BESS compound demobilised

**The construction team for our New England Battery Energy Storage System is demobilising its site compound, as the project transitions from construction to commissioning and testing.**

Demountable buildings that have housed the construction team since May last year will be removed during the next few

weeks, while the project's principal contractor, Energy Vault, continues with testing to bring the finalised 200 megawatt, two-hour facility online. Energy Vault has also been contracted to operate New England BESS and is shifting into a new Operations and Management building at the site.



**A crane lifts a demountable building into position in April 2025, as the site compound is established. Now the reverse is underway, as the construction compound is demobilised.**



### New manager of operations for Stage 1

**Introducing Quinton Ludick, our new Site Manager of Operations at New England Solar.**

Quinton began in the role last month, heading our NES Stage 1 team and bringing more than a decade's experience in the electrical and mechanical sector.

That includes working as the site manager of our Stubbo Solar project, as part of a contracted team managing the NSW Central West project during its initial two years of operation.

We are thrilled to have Quinton officially join ACEN Australia and our NES team, as we embed our transition to inhouse management of Operations for NES1.

Quinton is looking forward to making Uralla his home and getting to know the community.

### Sponsorship helps Uralla host seed conference

**ACEN Australia is a proud major sponsor of a new national conference, being held right here in Uralla, to address a crisis in native seed supplies for biodiversity protection.**

The Native Seed Supply 2026 Forum will be held late next month to bring together scientific experts, leading government agencies and native seed suppliers from throughout Australia to find solutions to a shortfall in available seed supplies, compared to demand for native revegetation projects.

The event has been initiated by Uralla-based supplier BioBank Seeds, with backing from Southern New England Landcare, ACEN Australia and Uralla Shire Council, to help ensure the size and genetic strength of seed supplies can meet nation-wide demand for environmental repair and biodiversity projects, as well as carbon markets. Support for the conference and its objectives are further opportunity for ACEN Australia to contribute towards sustainability.

**Learn more about New England Solar by visiting the project website**

