



Cbus Super invests in Star of the South

Cbus Super has acquired a 10% interest in Star of the South. Cbus is one of Australia's first superannuation funds and is the largest industry fund for the building, construction and allied industries with more than 850,000 members.

Victoria sets offshore wind targets

Wind turbines could be spinning off Victoria's coast as early as 2028 with the Victorian Government recently announcing a plan to build at least 9GW of offshore wind by 2040. Victoria's offshore wind ambition is set out in the Victorian Offshore Wind Policy Directions Paper.

Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act now in effect

The Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act, which provides a pathway for offshore wind projects to be built and operated off the coast of Australia, came into effect in June 2022.

New CEO appointed

We welcomed Charles Rattray to our team as CEO in August. Charles is a dynamic and respected senior leader in the energy and finance sectors, with experience across generation development, new technology and transmission.



Gippsland first in line for offshore wind

Bass Strait off Gippsland is proposed to be the first area open to offshore renewable developments, including offshore wind. The Australian Government is seeking feedback on whether the proposed area is suitable for development. Consultation closes 7 October.

Gippsland student joins our team

We're pleased to welcome Jacob to the team as our Junior Analyst. Jacob is studying electrical engineering at Federation University and joins our team as part of the Fed Cadet Program launched this year, giving Gippsland students an opportunity to gain industry experience while completing their studying.

Offshore wind experiencing huge growth globally

The Global Wind Energy Council recently released its Global Offshore Wind Report 2022. It featured Australia as a 'market to watch' for the first time. 21.1 GW of offshore wind was connected around the world in 2021, the biggest year ever, led by China.

Industry events

Our team will be attending these upcoming events. We hope to see you there.

- Offshore Wind Australia Conference, Sydney – 19-20 October
- Australian Offshore Wind Conference, Melbourne – 15-16 November

Supplier profile – Kiernan Plant Hire

Gippsland business Kiernan Plant Hire was subcontracted by Douglas Partners, to support ground investigations for Star of the South this year.

Kiernan Plant Hire is owned and operated by Mark and Jess who employ a growing team of thirteen.

Two of their team members dug around 150 'test pits' over 10 weeks so that soil and rock samples could be collected and tested to inform the design of our transmission system.





Connecting local suppliers with future opportunities

If Star of the South is approved and proceeds to construction, we'd procure around 10 major contracts for goods like turbines, cables and substations, and for services like marine installation and civil construction.

We'll expect our contractors to work with Gippsland and Victorian suppliers, Traditional Owner and Aboriginal-owned businesses, and social enterprises.

We've identified more than 100 goods and services that could be supplied locally.

Spence Consulting Group are kicking off a supply chain study on our behalf, to identify local opportunities and businesses that could support offshore wind projects. Businesses identified will be featured in an offshore wind supplier directory, showcasing local capabilities to the global offshore wind supply chain.

Here's just a few of the work packages you can express interest in.



Civils

- Directional drilling
- Cable trenching and boring
- Drainage
- Road access
- Excavation
- Plant Hire
- Cranage
- Transport
- Signage
- Security systems and services
- Traffic management
- Construction water
- Temporary fencing
- Temporary site offices



Operations and maintenance

- Cable inspection and repair
- Foundation inspection and repair
- Substation maintenance services
- Tooling and consumables
- Wind Turbine blade inspection/repair
- Main component refurbishment/repair
- Health and safety equipment and PPE



Marine

- Crew transfer vessels
- Guard vessels
- Helicopter services
- Service operation vessels
- Dive services
- Remote operated vehicles



Steel and Fabrication

- Steel gantry
- Tower internals – platforms, ladders, rails
- Transition piece – platforms, ladders, rails
- Welding and engineering fabrication



Electrical

- Main transformer
- Control room
- Earth grid
- Generator sets

Nominate work packages your business could supply on our ICN Gateway by 30 September 2022 to be included in our supply chain study and directory.

Express your interest



Register your interest in supplying Star of the South and identify work packages relevant for your business through our ICN Gateway. Scan the QR code or visit gateway.icn.org.au and search for Star of the South to reach our project page.



Attend a webinar
Wednesday
7 September 4pm to
find out more about
our ICN Gateway
expression of interest
process.