



# Cultana Solar Farm

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## Our New Year starts with a new name

**SIMEC ZEN Energy has become SIMEC Energy Australia. This evolution of our brand is being made to even more closely align our retail electricity and project design and delivery activities to a recent re-branding of GFG Alliance and the SIMEC business internationally. SIMEC Energy Australia will continue to sit within the SIMEC business of GFG Alliance and we will continue to operate without any changes to our day-to-day business.**

### PROJECT UPDATE

The SIMEC Energy Australia team are back after a short break and have been busy bringing all of the necessary parts of our project together in preparation for construction of the Cultana Solar Farm.

Our Development Application is underway, designers are busy at the drawing board and engineers hard at work crunching numbers to make sure we are on track to start construction mid 2019.

We've introduced our prospective Construction Partner to Whyalla's Regional Development Australia team and Chamber of Commerce and Industry representatives to discuss how we can work with local businesses and employ local where possible. We've shown them our site and emphasised why dust control and responsible vegetation management is important to the Project, and in turn our community. They've had a glimpse of what Whyalla has to offer, and are keen to work with SIMEC Energy Australia to make the Cultana Solar Farm a successful project. A lot of work still needs to happen before we can start to ramp up and bring people on board – so keep an eye out for more to come.

Plans have also started to set up an annual Community Benefits Fund to share amongst the Whyalla community. Come join us at our next Information Night to find out more. We would also like to make sure we've covered off on the topics that you raised at our last session and answer any new questions you may have. Find all the details overleaf!

## \$1000 donated to the Whyalla Little Athletics Club

**SIMEC Energy Australia was pleased to partner with Whyalla Carve n Cut Meats and the Mount Laura Lions Club to support the Whyalla Little Athletics Club and help raise much needed funds after the 2018 Whyalla Christmas Pageant.**

Together, with the support of the local community, our team cooked up a car load of snags to raise money after the club was rocked by two separate robberies in 2018.

Our team managed to raise a total of \$667 by filling the empty stomachs of the Whyalla community. We were so happy to see the local community support such a great cause, SIMEC Energy Australia rounded up the BBQ proceeds to donate a total of \$1000.

"The Whyalla community spirit is infectious, we're so humbled to have the opportunity to give a little back to the community that has afforded such huge support to the work we're undertaking with the Cultana Solar Farm Project." Sturt Daley, SIMEC Energy Australia, Cultana Solar Farm Project Manager.

Whyalla Little Athletics Club still needs your help. To support their fundraising efforts to replace all the stolen equipment, please contact the club at [whyallalittleathletics@gmail.com](mailto:whyallalittleathletics@gmail.com).





## Community

We've heard from you at the Annual Whyalla Show, our Community Information Night, our Business Information Night and at one-on-one meetings with our key stakeholders. We hope we've addressed all your questions, but want to ensure you're informed and happy with our plan. Please come along to our next community session. The details can be found below.

## Community Benefit Fund

SIMEC Energy Australia will be establishing a Community Benefit Fund to contribute to local community projects, charities, schools and individuals. We want to hear from you regarding this benefit fund and specifically how you would like it to be administered. This will be a key topic of discussion at our next community meeting. For more information about the community session, see the details below.

## Upcoming event

### Information Session

We would like to invite any interested members of the community (including residents and business owners) to attend our second public information session. We will be discussing the construction timeline, the community benefit fund, local business involvement and addressing any questions you have of our project team.

**When:** 21 February 2019

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:00pm

**Where:** Mount Laura Homestead,  
7-9 Ekblom Street, Whyalla Norrie

For more information or if you are interested in providing local goods or services for the project, please contact the project team:

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## COMPANY PROFILES



SIMEC Energy Australia is one of Australia's leading renewable energy companies in the design and installation of solar energy and energy storage systems.

SIMEC Energy Australia assists individuals, communities and businesses to lower energy costs, improve regional and state energy security, and to promote regional development. SIMEC Energy Australia is a part of the GFG Alliance.



The GFG Alliance is committed to investment in the Whyalla region through its companies Liberty Steel, SIMEC Mining and SIMEC Energy Australia.

GFG Alliance is an international group of companies founded, owned, and operated by the Gupta family. The Gupta Family Group is a global Alliance of four different businesses working together as one towards the delivery of a common industrial strategy.