September 2026 Project Update

We have been engaging with our communities over the past month providing project updates and hearing from you about your interests and issues.

In mid-August, Kidston welcomed **Etheridge Shire Council** Mayor Barry Hughes, Cr Ian Carroll and Director of Engineering Alan Clarke, to the project site. We appreciated the opportunity to host Council representatives and showcase the significant progress being made on the project firsthand. Engagements such as these are important in maintaining the strong and productive working relationship we continue to enjoy with Council, while ensuring they remain informed about project updates.

In late August and early September, the Kidston team held **Community Information Sessions** in Einasleigh and Georgetown. We held our Einasleigh meeting at the iconic Einasleigh Pub where the owners Braydon and Tayla provided supper and made everyone feel very welcome. The following evening, we held a session in Georgetown and a big thank-you to Venies Fruit and Veggies for providing us with their delicious catering!

The Information Sessions provided an opportunity to update the community on the progress of the Pumped Hydro Project and share plans for the installation of a 200 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) as Stage 3 of the Kidston Clean Energy Hub. The proposed BESS will be built within the footprint of the former Kidston Gold Mine, alongside the existing Kidston Solar Farm and Pumped Hydro Project.

With the co-location of renewable energy generation, pumped hydro and BESS energy storage facilities, the Kidston Clean Energy Hub represents a unique, multi-technology renewable energy precinct.



Community Information Sessions
(L) Tony Ford Project Director, Pumped Hydro and James Birkmanis, GM Development at Einasleigh Hotel getting ready to present
(R) Getting everything ready at the Georgetown Shire Hall for our second Information session

During the sessions, we provided an update on the Kidston Stage 3 BESS approvals process, highlighted local economic opportunities available during both construction and operations, and announced a $3.5 million contribution to Etheridge Shire Council though a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) over the 20-year life of the project. This CBA exceeds the minimum requirements under new Queensland Planning Laws and is additional to First Nations contributions. These benefits will be delivered throughout construction and operations. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2028 and last for approximately 22 months.

The sessions also provided community members with the opportunity to ask questions about both the Pumped Hydro Project and the proposed BESS, including matters relating to local procurement opportunities, project impacts and the anticipated use of local roads.

We wish to thank everyone who attended the Information Sessions. Your participation and feedback are invaluable as we continue to progress the project.

Details surrounding the project are also provided through the Genex website www.genexpower.com.au and further information can be sought by emailing info@genexpower.com.au.

Genex Power is the 100% owner of the Kidston Clean Energy Hub, in which the 250MW pumped hydro project and 200MW BESS will supplement the existing 50MW solar farm. Genex is a wholly owned subsidiary of Electric Power Development Co., Ltd (J-POWER).