



Renewable Energy Zones Newsletter 2nd Edition July 2023

Welcome to the second edition of the Renewable Energy Zones newsletter, we have had a busy year to date and are excited to be able to share with you some of the highlights and opportunities to get involved in the REZ establishment process.

Mapping Important Places

We have launched a [participatory mapping](#) initiative for the north west region, this will run for the duration of July. We want to hear about places that are important to local people and places where you think renewables may be placed in your region. This will help us better understand regional values so we can ensure they are considered in the planning of renewable energy zones

We encourage everyone to get involved. If you are a community or member-based organisation from the north west and would like to promote participation in this activity either online or in hard copy, please contact the REZ team: rez@recfit.tas.gov.au or on 03 6165 5109 to receive an information pack.

Stakeholder Reference Groups



The North West Stakeholder Reference Group trialling the mapping tool.

We are excited to finally be able to introduce the two stakeholder reference groups (SRG) which have been established in the north west region. These groups represent a diverse range of voices from community, Council and a number of representative bodies, who will inform the REZ establishment process. SRG members' dedication and commitment to shaping and trialling the REZ engagement program has already proven to be tremendously valuable.

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Minister Barnett stops by the ReCFIT stall at AGFEST 2023

In May, we had a great couple of days at AGFEST, the state's largest rural event. We had the opportunity to meet lots of community members from across the State and raise awareness about *What is REZ?* and how to be involved.

This provided valuable insights into the perspectives and priorities of rural communities regarding future renewable energy development. We appreciate everyone who spoke with us and shared their thoughts, as well as those who participated in the survey and colouring-in competition. Special thanks to Rural Youth Tasmania for organising this remarkable event, enabling us to connect with a diverse range of community members.

Melythina Tiakana Warrana Aboriginal Corporation - A day on Country

Back in March, some of the REZ team members had the incredible opportunity to spend two days with Aunty Patsy and Jo from Melythina Tiakana Warrana Aboriginal Corporation (MTWA Corp). The group was immersed in learning about the history and culture of Tasmanian Aboriginal people while standing on Tebrakunna Country, a place of great significance.

This experience sparked meaningful conversations about our responsibilities in working alongside Aboriginal Tasmanians to create a reconciled future. In recognition of the rich diversity of Tasmania's Aboriginal cultures and communities, we intend to undergo further cultural training with other Tasmanian Aboriginal groups. We are grateful to MTWA Corp, particularly Jo and Aunty Patsy, for generously sharing their time and knowledge with us.

For more information about our engagement to date, please visit our [Engagement page](#).



FAQs - Your questions answered

Thank you for your inquiries about all things REZ. Your questions have been invaluable in developing the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page on the website. We aim to regularly update these to address the questions received and invite you to visit the [FAQ page](#).

Thank you from the REZ team

It has been a busy first half of the year engaging with the north west region community. It is great to see the keen embrace of this early-stage community engagement in the REZ establishment process. We are excited by the insights and views shared to date, from SRG workshops and in-community events. We will continue to seek the North West community's input, as we progress through a range of key policy development themes.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement and we are excited to continue this journey together as we move closer to defining Tasmania's first Renewable Energy Zone.

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