

Press release

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## Iberdrola Australia creates A Brighter Future for Gippsland students

Iberdrola Australia is creating A Brighter Future for Gippsland students, committing \$500,000 over 10 years to fund scholarships at Federation University in Gippsland.

The Iberdrola Australia Scholarships will be offered annually to eight students studying at the Gippsland campus.

The objectives of the scholarships are to:

- o encourage female participation in STEM studies
- o encourage local talent to remain local
- o support First Nations student opportunities through tertiary pathways to careers; and
- o create opportunities for students to pursue studies that otherwise might not be available to them.

The first eight recipients of the scholarships were recognised during a presentation at Federation University's Gippsland campus on Wednesday 21 May 2025.

This year's scholarships recipients are from a range of disciplines, all based in the Gippsland region where Iberdrola Australia has a feasibility licence for its proposed Aurora Green Offshore Wind Project, located 25+ kilometres off the Ninety Mile Beach coast between Seaspray and Woodside Beach.

Gippsland students awarded the scholarships were: Nicholas Johnson - Bachelor of Engineering (Honours); Brooke Campbell - Bachelor of Engineering (Honours); Antony Giglio - Bachelor of Information Technology; Charlie Trembath - Bachelor of Engineering (Honours); Jessica Scott-Smith - Bachelor of Science; Karen Drake - Bachelor of Arts; Simon Lea - Bachelor of Engineering (Honours); Harley Griffiths - Bachelor of Science

"The Gippsland region has a rich history of energy production and is now at the heart of Australia's shift to cleaner and more sustainable energy," said Iberdrola Australia's Chair and CEO, Ross Rolfe AO. "These scholarships will help us to support the next generation of professionals who will lead the transformation in the Gippsland region."

"We continue to invest in regional communities across Australia, ensuring the social and economic benefits of renewable energy projects are felt locally. We were delighted last year to provide a multi-year scholarship to a cadet graduate from Gippsland in her engineering

studies. I congratulate the eight Gippsland recipients at Federation University on receiving their 2025 scholarships and wish them all success in their studies."

Federation University Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley, said scholarships gave students the opportunity to succeed in their studies without the stress of financial pressure.

"With the generous support of partners like Iberdrola Australia, students have the peace of mind to participate fully in their studies and give life to their aspirations," Professor Bentley said.

Among its support in providing career pathways, Iberdrola Australia also has a national First Nations Scholarship Program; an active career acceleration graduate program, onboarding 12-15 graduates annually for a two-year program; and scholarships awarded by our operating assets hosted in regional Australia.

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To find out more about the Iberdrola Australia's proposed Aurora Green Offshore Wind Project visit <https://www.iberdrola.com.au/our-assets/aurora-green>

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