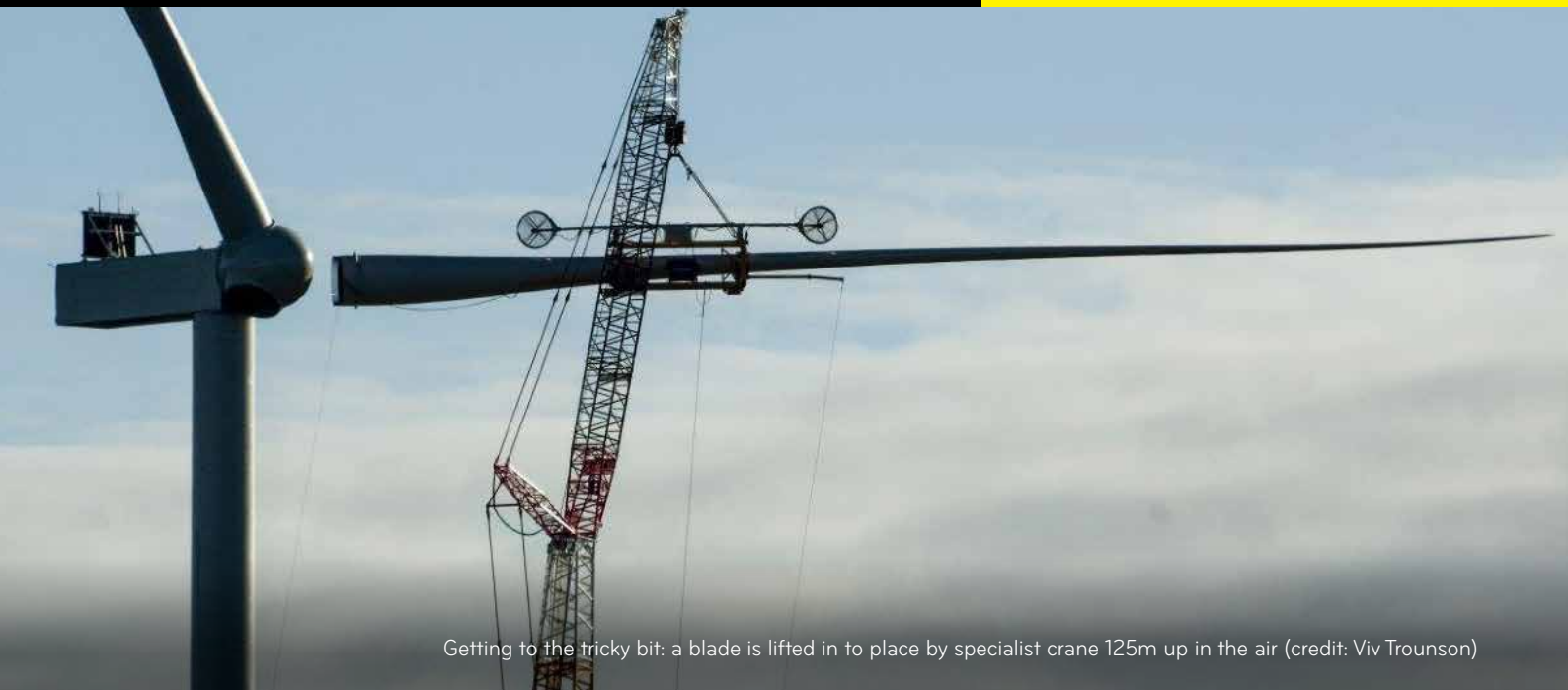


KAIWAIKAWE WIND FARM

June 2026 Newsletter



Getting to the tricky bit: a blade is lifted in to place by specialist crane 125m up in the air (credit: Viv Trounson)

WELCOME

Welcome to this newsletter for Mercury's Kaiwaikawe wind farm.

We put these out every few months to keep you up to date with what we're doing up through the wind farm build.

PROGRESS ON SITE...

We've got a lot more standing up on site since our last update.



Out of 12 turbines
as 2 June 2026

WIND TURBINE COMPLETE

4/12

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Towers installed

4/12

Blades installed

4/12

BELOW GROUND

Wind turbine sites excavated

12/12

Anchor cages to attach the towers installed

12/12

Foundation concrete pours complete

12/12

Foundations backfilled

12/12

COMPLETE

Operation & Maintenance building and workshop



Transmission line



Sub-station commissioning

In June



DELIVERIES

Thank you to everyone who has been patient with the over-sized loads we've been moving across from Northport to site: whether you've been held up by a passing load, or if you've been waiting up to take a photograph (more on this below).

Deliveries of the over-sized loads to build the five turbines in the southern end of site (via Babylon Coast Road) are complete. However, there is another couple of months of loads moving through to build the seven turbines in the northern end of site (via Maitahi Road off SH12).



Delivery 1 reaches town back in February 2026 (credit: Ken Cashin)

SNAPPY SNAPPERS

We've been amazed by photographs that many of you have shared with us and online. There's some seriously committed people out there (some of our most visual stuff happens all night long) and very steady hands on the long-distance lens. Special call-out and huge thanks to Viv Trounson and Ken Cashin, whose photos are used in this update with their permission.

We're sorry that to keep necessary flexibility for these deliveries, we are not able to let you know in advance the timings for these trucks and trailers going through.

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE

Livening of 66kv line from the wind farm to the substation in Dargaville, livening of the wind farm substation

AUGUST

Generation begins from the first turbines

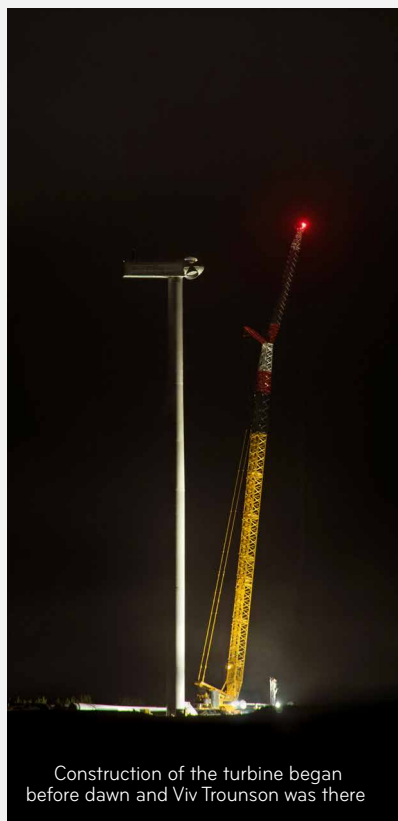
SUMMER

We're in business!

COMMUNITY FUND

The yearly \$30,000 community fund to support organisations and projects in the communities around the wind farm is open again from 1 July.

The application form (including guidelines) is available at mercury.co.nz/kaiwaikawe-community-fund



Construction of the turbine began before dawn and Viv Trounson was there



Much later that day, the final blade is lifted (credit: Viv Trounson)



The Community Consultative Group was able to see some of the southern end of site for the first time this month. Thank you all for keeping us in touch with the community



Turbine blade takes the turn from River Road on SH12 (credit: Viv Trounson)

GETTING IN TOUCH

If you have questions or concerns please let us know kaiwaikawewindfarm@mercury.co.nz

Please forward this to anyone who might be interested. Join our distribution list for future updates.