

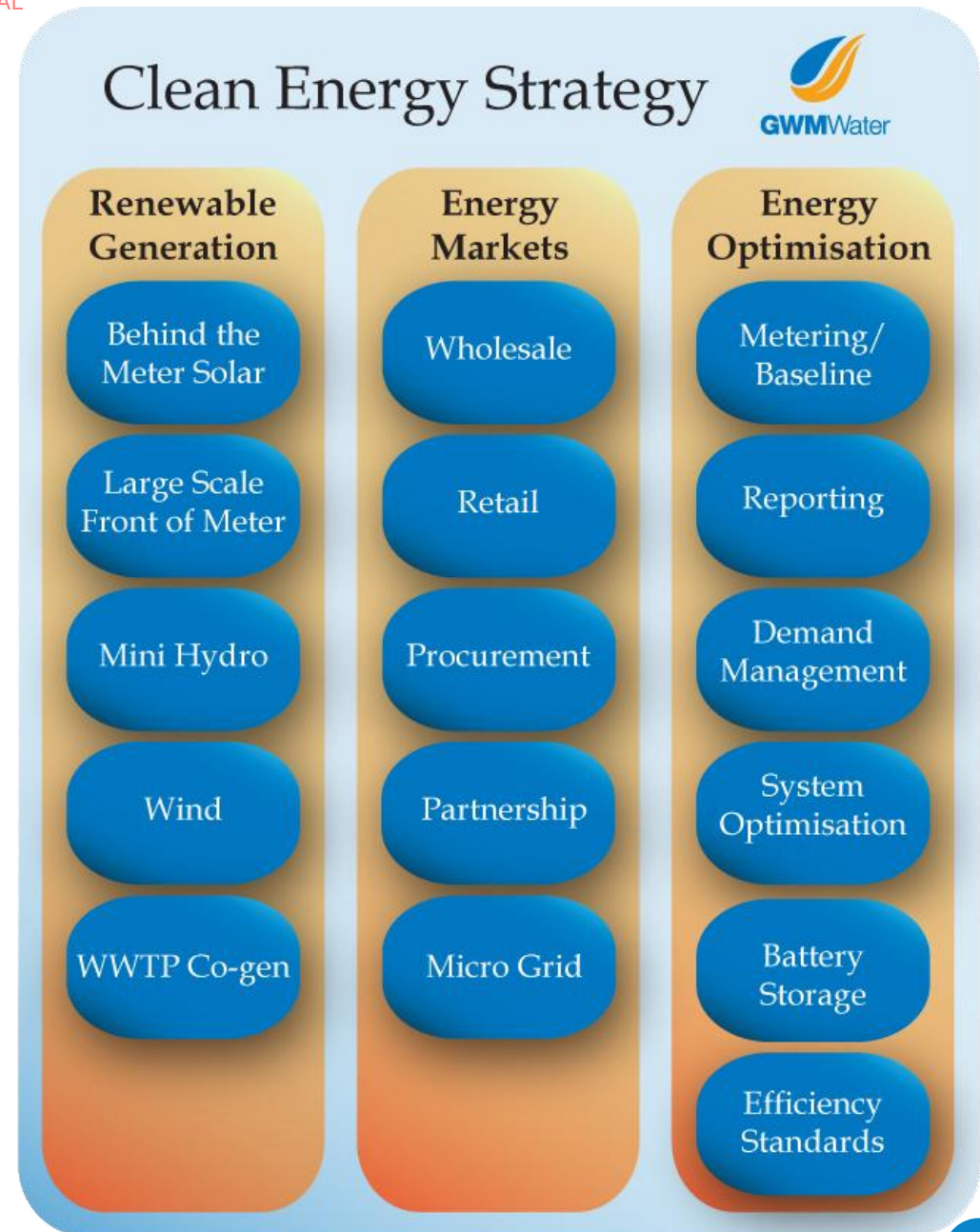
# Nhill and Donald Renewable Energy Projects Update

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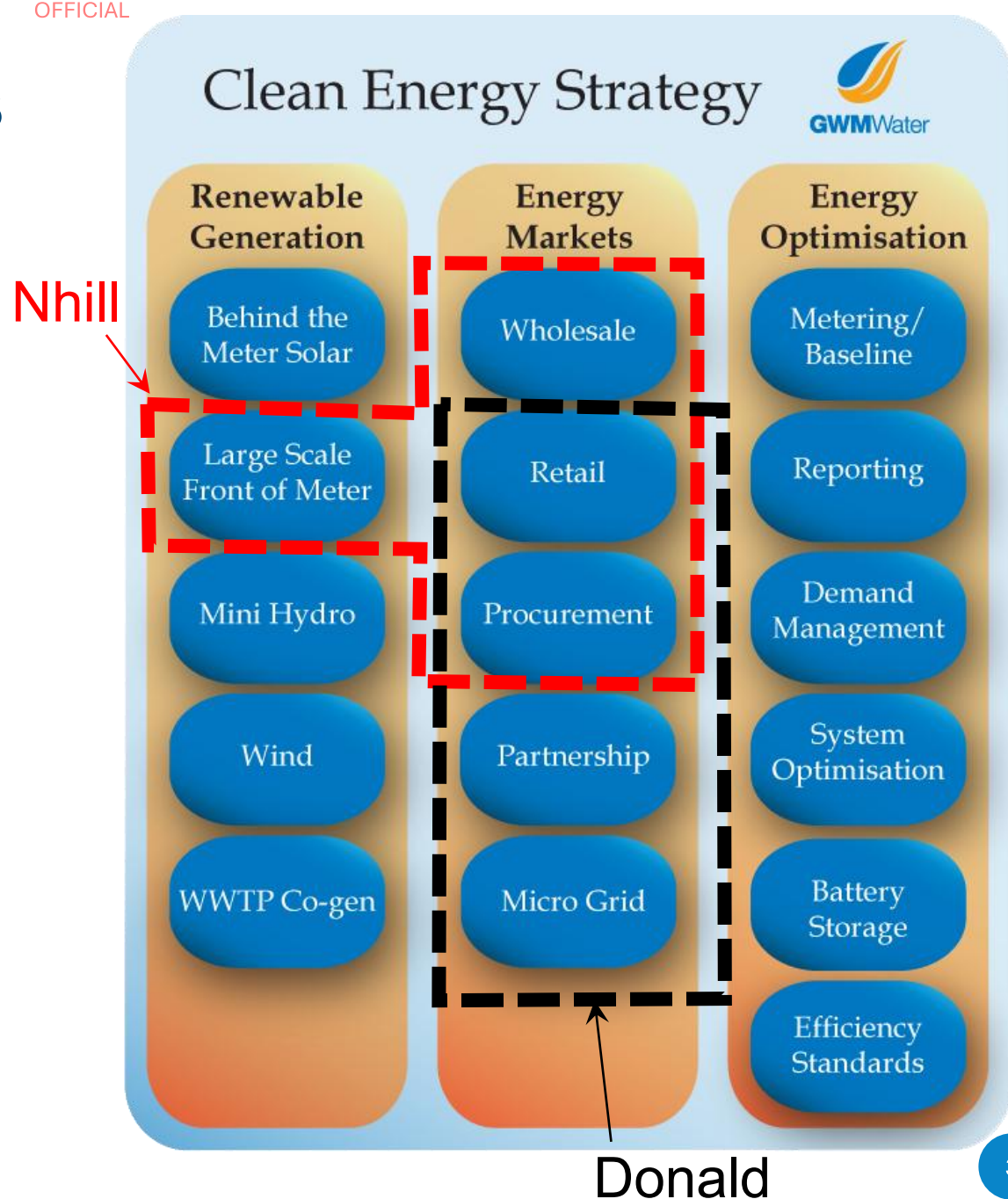
# Context

- GWMWater is required to source 100% of electricity from renewables from July 2025.
- GWMWater aims to reduce its cost of electricity by investing in renewable generation and storage infrastructure.
- GWMWater has a strategic goal to share benefits of its investment in renewables with communities.



# Nhill and Donald Projects

- The Nhill Renewable Energy Facility (NREF) is a large-scale front of meter solar and battery site.
- The NREF is intended to offset GWMWater's grid electricity usage and generate revenue.
- The Donald community energy project is a proposed solar and battery facility that would pilot benefits sharing.



# Nhill Renewable Energy Facility (NREF)

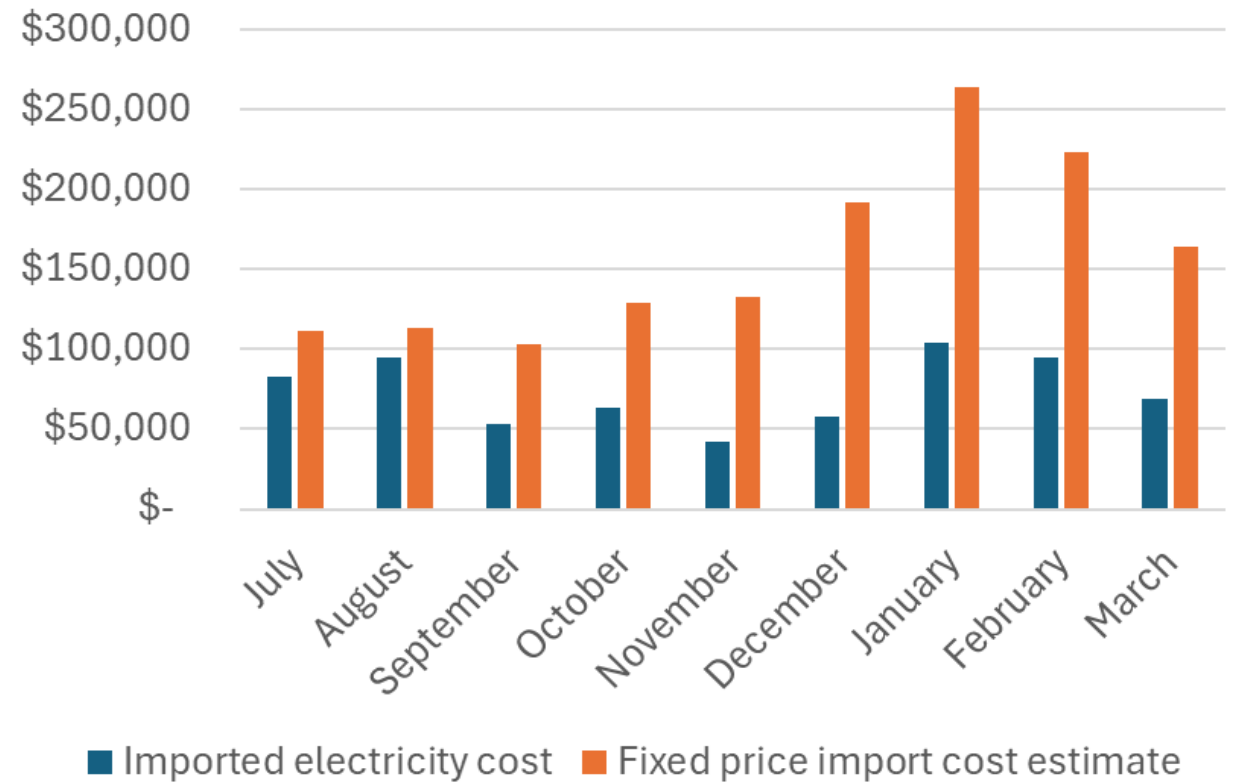
- GWMWater has built a 6.5 MW solar farm with 6.5 MWh battery.
- Generation will offset 70% of GWMWater's electricity use.
- Coupled with GWMWater's change to wholesale electricity contracts.
- Intent is to achieve 100% renewable electricity at reduced cost.
- The NREF provides a hedge against wholesale electricity price fluctuations.



# NREF performance

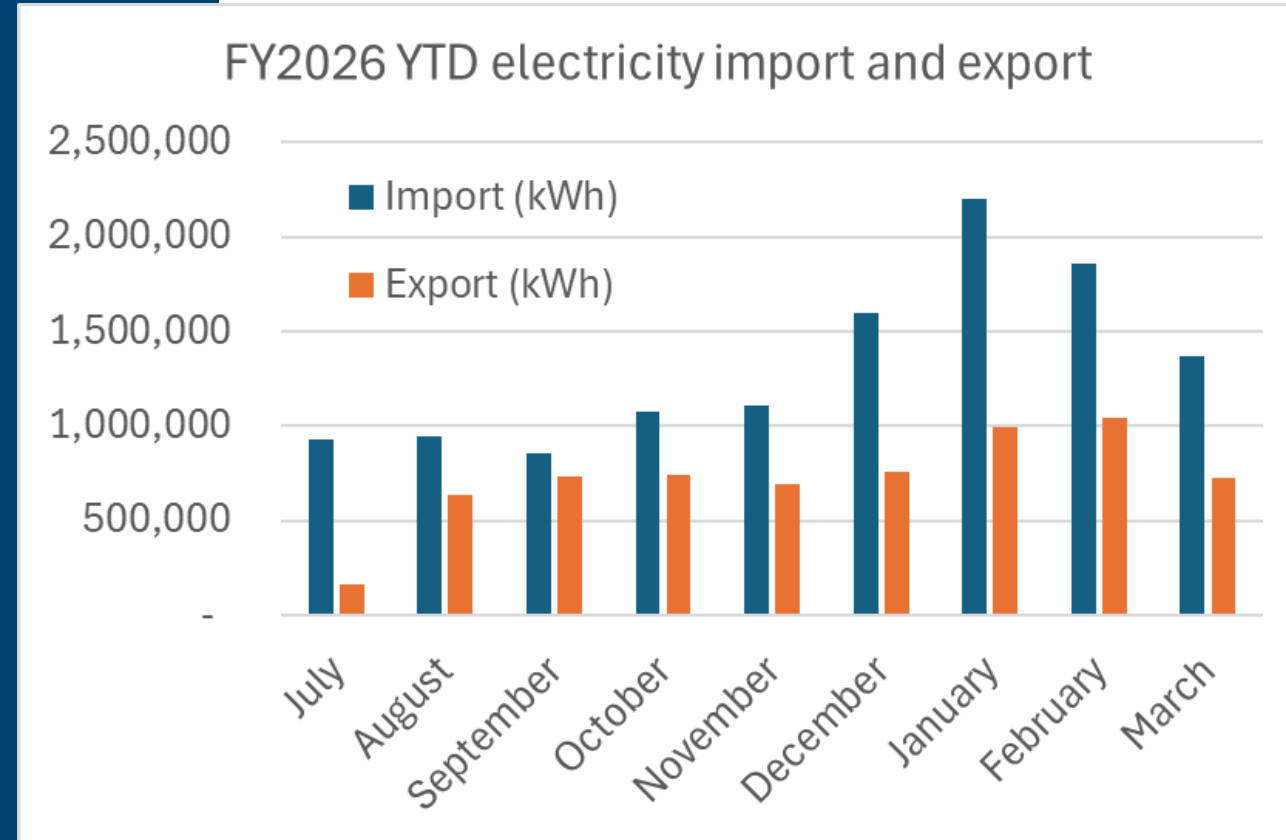
- Performance of the NREF and the hedging strategy is measured by:
  1. Electricity bill savings; plus
  2. NREF revenue generation.
- Since 1 July 2025, GWMWater's electricity bill has been **\$574,000 lower** than the default fixed price contract.
- NREF revenue since 1 July 2025 has been **\$195,000** from exported electricity.
- By 30 June 2026, the combined benefit is expected to be over \$1 million.
- Total capital investment was \$17 million

FY2026 YTD comparison of imported electricity cost against estimated fixed price cost



# NREF performance

- Revenue has been less than modelled
- Frequency Control Ancillary Services (FCAS) commencement delay
- Commissioning period, operational faults and teething issues.
- Lower than average market pricing in FY2026.
- Export for FY2026 will be 8 GWh (~20% less than modelled).



# Donald community energy

- Feasibility study funded by Water Minister and DEECA
- Project progressing in two parts:
  1. Community battery (1 MWh battery)
  2. Community power plant (2 MW + 7 MWh battery).
- Both projects are intended to store locally generated solar electricity
- Intent is to pilot a commercial model where revenue generated is shared with community through retail arrangement.



# Donald community battery

- \$1.3 million project (1 MWh battery)
- \$0.4 million funding to be provided through DEECA's 100 Neighbourhood Batteries program
- Indigo Power engaged to build and connect battery
- Working through network connection arrangements with Powercor
- To be operational in late 2026, pending suitable network connection agreement.



# Community power plant

- \$9.1 million project (2 MW solar + 7 MWh battery)
- Application for ARENA funding (50%) lodged in 2025
- Potential to 'island' Donald during grid outages
- Collaboration with Powercor on islanding and ARENA application
- Expect to know about ARENA funding by July.



# Questions



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