

MOORABOOL

Wind Farm



Welcome to the second edition of the Moorabool Wind Farm newsletter. This newsletter provides information and updates about the project. Further newsletters will be produced at regular intervals as the project progresses and milestones are achieved.

Moorabool Wind project is located approximately 4km south of Ballan, 67km west of Melbourne, 27km east of Ballarat and 47km northwest of Geelong.

Information Centre



Many people have visited the Information Centre to take advantage of the maps, photomontages, fact sheets and general information we have on display. All queries are welcome, so please feel free to drop in – Opening times are 9am – 1pm, Wednesday – Saturday at 152 Inglis St, Ballan.

A number of community groups have welcomed a short presentation and Q&A on Moorabool Wind Farm. If your local group would like a presentation please contact Rose De la Cruz on 0459 895 912 or call in to the information centre to arrange a time.

Info Centre Opening

The Moorabool Wind Farm Information Centre at 152 Inglis Street was officially opened on Saturday 3rd June by Mayor, Cr David Edwards. It was a fun morning and it was great to see so many members of the local community present. Many thanks to Crank Coffee and Ballan Bakery for the refreshments on the day and to 5 O'clock Charlie for the wonderful entertainment.



Congratulations to the Raffle Winners: Krank Coffee staff (dinner for two at The Plough Myniyong), Raimund Foeger and Carmel Hunter who won second and third prizes – hampers of local produce. Thanks to everyone's generosity, \$176 was raised for Ballan CFA.

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3rd QUARTER 2017

Start of construction

EARLY 2018

Start of turbine deliveries

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Start of turbine installations

MID 2018

First power generation & export

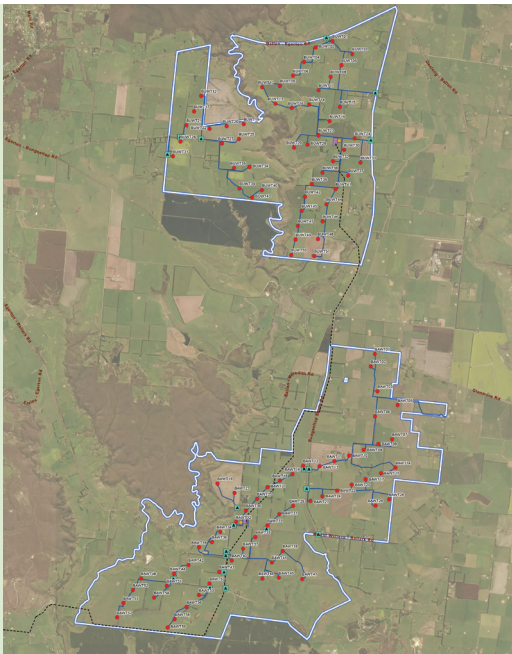
END 2018

Completion of construction



What's Happening?

For construction, Moorabool Wind Farm is split into 2 sections: North and South.



North

Moorabool North consists of 50 turbines from Mt Egerton Road running south to Hamills Lane. Development Plans for Moorabool North have now been submitted to the Minister for Planning for his approval. These plans outline exactly what will be built at Moorabool North and proposed environmental management systems.

Offsite construction for Moorabool North is expected to begin soon, including upgrades to public roads and site access points. Onsite construction for Moorabool North is expected to begin in the third quarter 2017.

South

Moorabool South consists of 57 turbines running south from Hamills Lane towards Morrisons. The project team is continuing to work through the requirements of the planning permit conditions to ensure a suitable turbine layout design. Development plans for submission to the Minister are now being prepared. We anticipate submitting the development plans to the Minister in four to six weeks. An update on the wind farm layout will be available at that time.

Community Reference Group (CRG)

The first meeting of the CRG was held in May at the Ballan Mechanics Institute. There are 10 community members of the group including: Christopher Carroll – Chair, Mark Conlan, Rob Croxford – Moorabool Shire Council, Joy Geoghegan, Ann Hardwick, David Hookey and Karen Marsh. Representatives of the project also attend meetings to provide updates as the project progresses. The aim of the CRG is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of Moorabool Wind Farm, the community, local councils and other stakeholders, and to keep the community informed of progress.

Community Benefits

Moorabool Wind Farm aims to successfully integrate the project into the community and to disseminate the benefits throughout the community.

Neighbour Involvement (Electricity) Scheme.

Houses within 3km of a wind turbine are eligible to participate in this scheme. It offers homeowners \$1,500 per year to contribute towards their electricity usage costs. For more information or to sign up, please contact Helen Kennedy on 0472 832 552.

Community Fund

The annual community fund will be available once the wind farm is operational. This will be approximately \$100 -200,000 for community groups to apply for each year. Further details on the criteria and process will be available in due course.

Local Business Participation Program Update

Over 230 local businesses have expressed interest in the project through the ICN gateway. The gateway is remaining open until 31st October Please visit the link below to register your expression of interest.

gateway.icn.org.au/project/3914/moorabool-wind-farm-project

The main contractor for the project will be appointed in August 2017, after which a briefing will be held locally, to provide further information.

FACTS

- 107 Goldwind Wind Turbines
- 1,100,000 MWh Annually
- Powering 223,000 average Victorian homes every year, representing 11% of Victorian homes
- Savings of 3.8 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020
- \$40-70m will be invested locally during construction
- Up to 300 full time jobs during construction
- In excess of 20 full time jobs during operation

Local Sponsorship

We are pleased to have had the opportunity to provide financial assistance and support to the following recent initiatives and events in the local area:

- Ballan and District Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards (5 categories)
- Ballan Football and Netball Club
- Springbank Football Club
- Gordon Football and Netball Club
- Ballan Pony Club - Combined Training Day, November 2017
- Souper Tuesdays – Ballan Opportunity Shop
- Black Nite, Black Lite
- Mt Egerton School native bird and insect food garden planting



Ballan Autumn Festival

Moorabool Wind Farm was proud and excited to be the Platinum Sponsor of this event. The festival was a great success with over 500 showbags handed out to visitors at our main marquee. We also had many follow up visits to the information Centre to find out more about the project.



Flavours of Moorabool

We look forward to the next event, **The Flavours of Moorabool on 27th August at St Anne's Winery**. Tickets available from flavoursofmoorabool.com.au. Moorabool Wind farm will be supporting the event and project staff will be available to provide updates on the project.

