

MOORABOOL Wind Farm



LOCATION OF MOORABOOL WIND FARM

Welcome to the first edition of the Moorabool Wind Farm newsletter. This newsletter provides information and updates about the project. We aim to distribute within 10km of the project and further editions will be issued regularly as the project progresses.



Moorabool Wind Farm is Proud to be the Platinum Sponsor of the Ballan Autumn Festival Association.

We are excited to be a part of this year's festival and look forward to the opportunity to meet and talk with the wider community of Moorabool Shire. Look out for our Marquees on the day, jump on one of our Bike n' Blend Smoothie Bikes, say Hello and find out more about the project.



The Project

Moorabool Wind farm was approved by the Minister for Planning in 2010 after a process of consideration of impact assessments and evidence presented at a panel hearing.

Moorabool Wind Farm is now working through a process to determine the most appropriate Goldwind Turbines that comply with the strict conditions set by the Planning Permit. Construction is expected to begin later this year.

Business Boost

Moorabool Wind Farm in partnership with the Industry Capability Network (ICN) is keen to maximise the use of local business throughout the construction of the wind farm.

You will be able to register your interest later this year. More details to follow. A briefing session to provide information on the process moving forward, for those interested in being part of the project, will be held locally.



WHY MOORABOOL?



Moorabool Wind Farm is contributing to the Victorian Renewable Energy Target of **25% by 2020** and **40% by 2025**



Wind energy can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by substituting for fossil fuel generated electricity, and provide a sustainable supply of energy.



The natural terrain and consistent wind speeds in this area are significant and the connection to the electricity network is also strong. The project is expected to produce **900,000 MWh of electricity annually.**



This is enough renewable energy to power the equivalent of **183,000 average Victorian homes annually.**



That represents **9% of Victorian homes.**



Community Benefits

Moorabool Wind Farm aims to successfully integrate the project into the community and to disseminate the benefits throughout the community. We aim to build respectful relationships allowing stakeholder and community support for, and identification with, project operations and goals.

We also aim to encompass best practice community engagement and endeavour to go beyond minimum standards for planning and compliance to facilitate an engaged community who consider the project part of their community.

Sponsorship

Moorabool Wind Farm is proud to be the Platinum Sponsor of the Ballan Autumn Festival Association for 2017. We look forward to meeting members of the wider community at the Festival in March and establishing the foundations of a long term respectful relationship between the Wind Farm and the community.

We would like to become involved with other community organisations who are looking for sponsorship and we would encourage local groups to get in touch to discuss particular initiatives.

Community Benefit Fund

Moorabool Wind Farm will operate an annual Community Benefit Fund for the operating life of the project. This will be done in conjunction with a Community Reference Group (CRG). Exact details of how the fund will be distributed will be determined in due course. We would like to welcome members of the community to consider joining the CRG. It also provides a way for the project team to give regular updates on wind farm activities, understand how the wind farm can fit into the community, invite discussion and proactively respond to any questions or concerns of the community. Further details can be found on our website.

Near Neighbour Benefit Scheme

Moorabool Wind Farm aims to spread the benefits of the wind farm through the community. Part of that is the Near Neighbour Benefit Scheme for residences within 3km of any turbine proposed in the project. We have begun contacting those residents and will continue to do so over the coming weeks to discuss further.

Please contact us if you would like to find out more.



Information Centre

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SOON**



Moorabool Wind Farm is opening an Information Centre at 152 Inglis Street (Ballan News Building). The centre will be open part time and will provide information on the project throughout pre-construction and construction phases. We have recruited a Local Representative to work within the centre and hope to have the centre up and running over the next few weeks.

Look out for further details.

We need you!

We are looking for active members of the community to join our Community Reference Group (CRG).



This will be a group of 8 members who meet regularly and provide a way for the project team to give regular updates on wind farm activities, invite discussion, allow Moorabool Wind Farm to understand how to best fit in to the community, and proactively respond to any questions or concerns of the community. Please contact us for more information or visit our website for all the details.



We would love to hear from you

We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you either via phone or in person to discuss the project in more detail and answer any questions that you may have.

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