

Dundonnell Wind Farm

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The \$560m Dundonnell Wind Farm (DDWF) and the \$90m transmission connection have been installed 'on time' following a 600-day schedule.

The 336 MW DDWF is currently running at 300 MW due to AEMO testing with the aim to finish commissioning activities later this year. Site rehabilitation works are ongoing with a focus on re-seeding, weed management, batters and the rehabilitation of the onsite quarry.

APPLICATIONS FOR

FUNDING NOW OPEN

Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund

We are pleased to announce that the Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund Round 2 of funding, is now open for applications.

The Fund will deliver \$50,000 annually to successful small, largely non-profitable organisations and individuals in the community.

The maximum grant from the Fund is up to \$25,000. Round 2 applications close on 30th September 2021, with successful applications awarded in October. The Community Fund Committee, made up six civicminded community members, will deliberate on and administer the allocation of the funds.

KEY FACTS

- 336 MW maximum capacity
- 150m rotors
- 189 blade tip height
- 4.2MW generators
- 60,000m³ of concrete
- 5,300 tonnes of reinforcing steel
- 400 tower sections
- 240 blades

80 nacelles and hubs

65,000+ hours by apprentices, trainees and engineering cadets

The Dundonnell Wind Farm has the capacity to produce enough clean energy to power about 245,000 homes – or more than enough for all of Ballarat, Warrnambool and Geelong.

The project will save the emission of roughly 1.3 million tonnes of carbon. This is the equivalent of removing about 440,000 cars from our roads.

Visit <u>www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au</u> to apply. Feel free to call or email us if you have any questions: <u>1800 WE TILT (938 458)</u> or ddwfcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com

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Federation University - Construction starts on Australia's first renewable energy training tower

On 30 June 2021 we attended a sod turning event at Federation University's Mt Helen campus to mark the start of construction and to launch a new short course for tradespeople to retrain to work in the wind industry. The Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Training Centre (APRETC) – a partnership between Federation TAFE and the renewable energy industry – will involve the erection of a new wind turbine training tower, a classroom, workshop and training equipment to deliver specialised training courses, such as wind turbine safety, maintenance and blade repair. We are proud to have contributed to the \$1.8 million project, which is also funded by Vestas, ACCIONA and GPG. The tower will be built by Ballarat builder SJ Weir and Portland's Keppel Prince Engineering. It will feature ladders and safety equipment to give students real-world experience when training to work in the wind industry, or other industries that require working at heights, such as construction and maintenance.

Demonstrating the link between renewable energy and jobs, both the Minister for Higher Education, Skills and Training, Gayle Tierney and the Minister for Energy, Environment and CLimate Change, Lily D'Ambrosio, attended the event.



Left: Bill Mundy – Federation TAFE; Liam Sloan – Pro Vice-Chancellor (VET) and CEO Federation TAFE; Clayton Delmarter – Executive General Manager Tilt Renewables; Brett Wickham – ACCIONA Managing Director; Professor Duncan Bentley – Vice-Chancellor and President Federation University. Right: Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle; Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio; Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney; Head of Vestas Australia & New Zealand Peter Cowling.

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