

Dundonnell Wind Farm

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We've got the green light – construction will begin early 2019

A clean, green and reliable energy boost for south-west Victoria is on the way. Construction of the \$560 million Dundonnell Wind Farm is scheduled to begin early next year, having finalised all contracts and successfully reached financial close for the development of the project.

The Dundonnell Wind Farm started as an idea more than nine years ago – initiated and driven by the landowners who have all played a key role in making this dream a reality. We're thrilled to have reached this milestone and be closer to sharing the benefits of the Dundonnell Wind Farm with the local community and wider Victoria.

This is the result of huge effort; more than eight years of consultation with host landowners, neighbours and the wider local community, as well as work by the Tilt Renewables team and our project partners.

One of the things we are particularly proud of is that we've been able to reach commercial agreement for a shared transmission line solution which will be able to be used by other wind farm operators – avoiding the need for duplicate infrastructure. AusNet Services will construct, own and operate a total of 38 kilometres of transmission line required for the Dundonnell Wind Farm, including a 15 kilometre section of dual circuit line to enable future connections from other proposed renewable energy projects in the region.

The Dundonnell Wind Farm will be one of the largest wind farms in the state. About 87 per cent of the power generated from the Dundonnell Wind Farm has already been contracted to the Victorian State Government - under the Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS) - and to Snowy Hydro through its Renewable Energy Procurement Program.

Projects such as Dundonnell and the recently completed Salt Creek Wind Farm nearby are a great boost for the local economy and we look forward to working in south-west Victoria again.

The Dundonnell Wind Farm will be located 23 kilometres north-east of Mortlake and is on sparsely populated farmland used for grazing stock. It will produce enough clean energy each year to power more than 245,000 homes with emission-free electricity – that's more than enough for all of Warrnambool, Ballarat and Geelong. It will save the emission of roughly 1.3 million tonnes of carbon – the equivalent of removing about 440,000 cars from our roads.

PROJECT FACTS

Status – construction to commence in January 2019, operational late 2020

Maximum capacity – 336MW

Annual output – 1,230 GWh per year

Location – 23km north-east of Mortlake

Investment – \$560 million

Turbines – 80 Vestas V150 - 4.2MW turbines

Turbine tip height – 189 metres

Host landowners – 12 wind farm host landholders across 4500 hectares

Quarry – a temporary on-site quarry to be established to source materials for construction.

Key contractors – Vestas (wind farm Engineering, Procurement and Construction) and AusNet Services (connection assets)

Transmission Connection –

- 38 km of 220kV overhead transmission line to the connection at the existing Mortlake Power Station substation
- 12 transmission line host landholders and about 10km within road reserves (Castle Carey Road and Mortlake-Ararat Road)
- 124 steel pole structure locations (22 in Castle Carey Road reserve and 14 in Mortlake – Ararat Road reserve)
- Pole height will typically range between 34-38m (highest 42m)

Environment – The project will power more than 245,000 homes per year, which will offset the emission of roughly 1.3 million tonnes of carbon, the equivalent of removing about 440,000 cars from the road

MORTLAKE 'DROP IN' DAY

- FIND OUT ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW

Mortlake shopfront - 97 Dunlop Street, Mortlake

Wednesday 28 November 2018, 3pm - 7pm

An invitation is extended to all interested parties to meet the Dundonnell Wind Farm project team and learn more about the Dundonnell Wind Farm project. Come along and ask any questions you might have.

On the day, you can meet:

- our Tilt Renewables team
- our turbine suppliers Vestas
- turbine construction contractor Zenviron
- transmission line owner and operator, AusNet Services
- transmission line construction contractor Downer.

There will also be lots of children's activities for the younger members of the community!



Benefit sharing and local content commitments

The Dundonnell Wind Farm will provide an economic boost to the local area and for local businesses, generating more than 200 jobs. It will also provide community benefits such as vital training, skills development and education programs, support the development of local infrastructure and create a community fund to support social and environmental programs - all part of the Dundonnell Wind Farm's **Benefit Sharing Plan** and **local content** commitments.

These initiatives have been signed off by State Government as part of the VREAS contract and will operate across the life of the project, spanning over about 25 years. **The Benefit Sharing Plan** includes our **Community Benefit Fund**, which will inject \$50,000 annually into the local community for the life of the wind farm once operational.

We are looking forward to bringing you more news about all of these important social and community initiatives - and what it all means for those involved - in the very near future.

Our shopfront opens in Mortlake

A community drop-in centre for Dundonnell Wind Farm will soon open in the heart of Mortlake. Community liaison and local semi-retiree, **John Dunn**, will man the shop three days a week. John is a former IT manager and retired to Mortlake to pursue his passions of golfing, boating and making the most of the local lifestyle. When I bought in Mortlake I was aware of wind farm projects in the area," John said.



Community liaison and local semi-retiree, John Dunn.

"I am a passionate supporter of the concept of renewables, not so much for the effect they'll have in my lifetime, but for my children and grandchildren and our responsibility to our environment and their generations.

"I have experience in the utility sector and hope I can act as a conduit between the community I'm a part of and an industry that I think is necessary."

John will be on hand to assist locals and contractors with any questions they have about the project. "We'll have a visitor lounge with information on the project design and planning details available for viewing, along with copies of newsletters and traffic management information." Opening times for the shopfront are yet to be confirmed, but at this stage will likely be half days on Monday, Thursday and Friday. We encourage all of those interested to come visit.

Expected construction timelines

Construction works are scheduled to begin on site at Dundonnell in January 2019, with construction set to take about 20 months.

Project Manager Matt Glass said the wind farm was expected to be completed by late 2020 and the transmission line at the end of 2019. There are opportunities for individuals and businesses to be involved in the development of the wind farm and share in its success.

We encourage all of those interested to come along to our Drop In Day, on November 28 between 3-7pm. If you haven't already done so, you can submit your details to the goods and services register at www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au

Contact details

For more information, or to provide any feedback, please visit the project website or email or call us on the details below:

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