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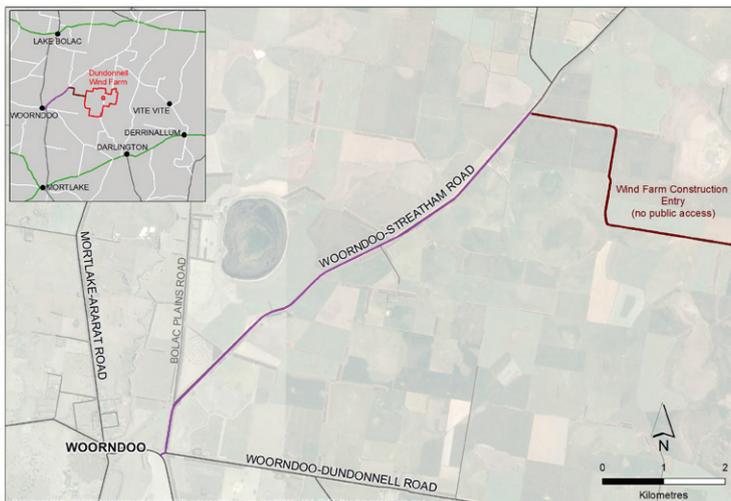
We've kicked off construction!

We're pleased to provide the good news – construction has started on the \$560 million, 80-turbine Dundonnell Wind Farm. In about 22 months, the Dundonnell Wind Farm will be able to generate more than enough emission-free electricity for nearly one quarter of a million homes – or enough power for all of Ballarat, Warrnambool and Geelong.

The first lot of work for Tilt Renewables is the upgrade of eight and a half kilometres of Woorndoo-Streatham Road. We've also set up a temporary office in Mortlake for our subcontractors, Vestas and Zenviron, where they will be until the site facilities are established.

Locals may have seen large machinery such as earthmoving equipment and a small shed (associated with the road upgrade) being delivered to the southern section of Woorndoo-Streatham Road.

We'll also be establishing the on-site quarry and building three kilometres of access track soon after that. We want the Dundonnell Wind Farm to bring great benefits to you with the least amount of interruption. One of the ways we're doing this is with traffic management plans which put in place strict regulations as to how and when traffic moves around, throughout construction.



Dundonnell Wind Farm upgraded local road



The other main piece of work underway is the construction of the transmission line. You may have seen an increase in families and workers moving into the area, as well as more cars branded Downer, Zenviron, Vestas and AusNet Services making visits along the transmission corridor.

The project teams are working closely with landowners and other stakeholders to share information about the upcoming construction works, as well as scheduling works to minimise impacts on cropping and grazing activities wherever possible.

We'll continue to update you on what's happening during the construction via weekly updates on the Dundonnell Wind Farm website at www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au, via this newsletter, as well as advertisements in the Mortlake Dispatch and information from AusNet Services.

If you have any questions or concerns you can visit our Tilt Renewables shopfront at **97 Dunlop St, Mortlake** (Monday 7am – 1pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am – 4pm).

Work underway on transmission line

Work is now underway on the transmission line for Dundonnell Wind Farm, following a lot of planning and consultation to ensure the project meets regulations as well as local standards.

We believe in being upfront about what we're building. If you would like more information (including the size and location of the infrastructure going in) please check out our website, drop in to our Mortlake shopfront, or call or email us so that we can ensure you know what to expect before it arrives.

We want wind farms to have the least amount of impact on the countryside too, which is why we've worked really hard on an agreement to share transmission lines with other potential wind farms in the area where possible.

The transmission line will be able to be shared for 15 of its total 38 kilometres – which means less poles and wires, good news for everyone.

Over the next couple of months, you'll see 124 steel poles, each spaced about 300 metres apart, be put into place. Have a look at the diagrams below to learn about the different types of poles and wires that AusNet Services will be using.

A pole directly embedded into the ground.

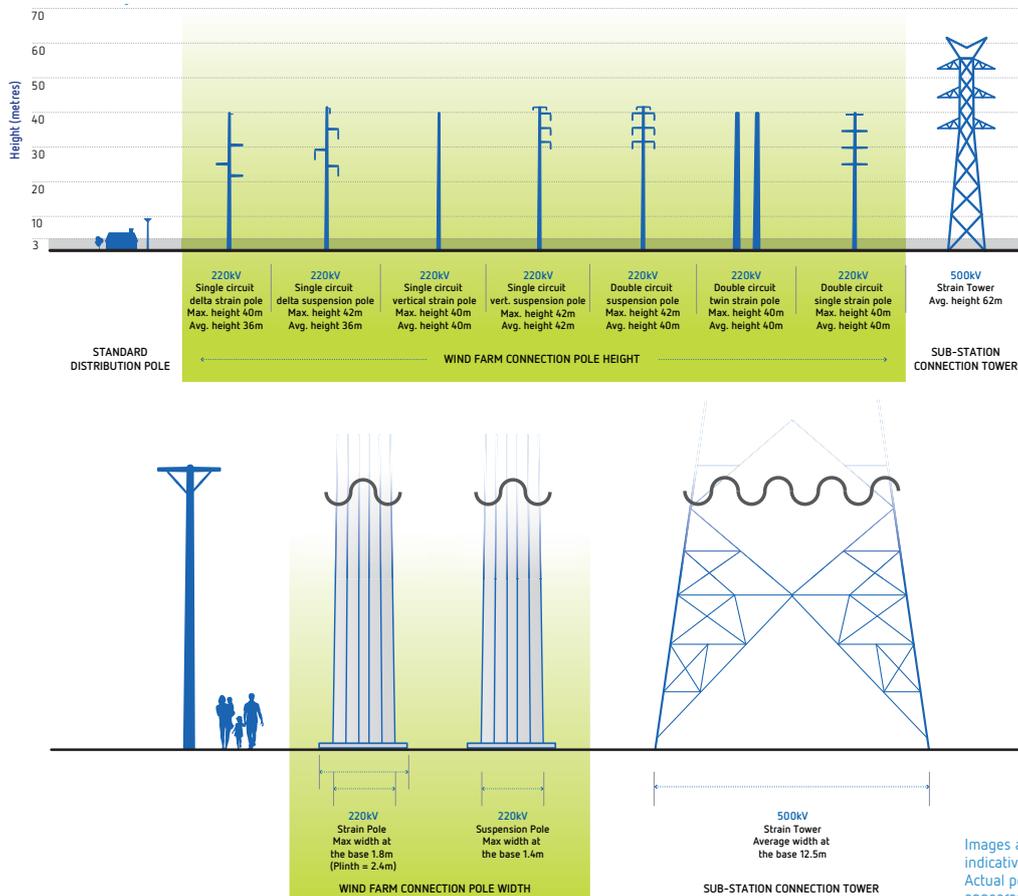


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A pole on a concrete foundation plinth.



Below are the types of transmission line poles that could be used for the Dundonnell Wind Farm connection.



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Community Drop in Day – recap

At the end of last year, we held a drop-in day for locals to pop in and check out our shop front in Mortlake.

The day was an opportunity for Mortlake and Dundonnell locals to learn more about the Dundonnell Wind Farm, get to know our team and have a chat over a cuppa and some scones.

It was a chance for the community and our Dundonnell Wind Farm landowners to hear from some of our key people, like ‘our man on the ground’ Jay Dee and our Dundonnell Wind Farm project manager Matt Glass.

Locals learnt about our plans for Dundonnell Wind Farm including key construction milestones and what to expect, as well as how much energy the wind farm will generate, how many tonnes of carbon emissions it will help save, and how many jobs it will create.

We want to thank all of you who came down to Mortlake to say hi – it was a really good day and a great opportunity to get to know many of you. Dundonnell Wind Farm was started by a group of local farmers and we want the whole community to share in its success. If you missed out on this one – no stress – there’ll be plenty more opportunities for us all to get together soon.



Get to know: Our man on the ground

One of the most important things to us is talking with the community. In fact, if it wasn't for the idea of a group of local farmers, the Dundonnell Wind Farm wouldn't even exist.

You may have already had the pleasure of meeting ‘our man on the ground’ John Dunn, a.k.a. JayDee. He's the guy who helps people wanting to know more about Dundonnell Wind Farm at our shopfront in Mortlake. We caught up with him to ask a few questions of our own.

So, JayDee, what's a day in the Tilt Renewables' shopfront involve?

Since opening, I've had a consistent stream of visitors who have been incredibly interested in Dundonnell Wind Farm. People come in asking questions about construction, about what it will look like and about renewable energy generally, and how to register for work on the site.

What do you enjoy most about working at the shopfront?

By far, it's the interaction with locals. I love a good chat and feeling like I'm part of the town – I'm very fortunate to have met so many wonderful people. In the lead up to Christmas, I had people coming in whose sole purpose was to wish me a Merry Christmas – how great is that!?

Why is renewable energy important to you?

I'm a proud father of four and an incredibly privileged grandfather of 10 – and like everyone who's got kids and grandkids, I want what's best for them. It's clear we've created a problem with global warming, and that, non-renewables are just that, non-renewable. We've got to put something in place before these resources run out. I believe we can create real change for our grandchildren.

What's one of the most common misperceptions people have regarding wind farms?

A lot of people mistakenly believe that wind turbines are noisy. While this perhaps used to be the case – it isn't now. The turbines being used for Dundonnell Wind Farm are designed in Denmark and some components will be manufactured here in Victoria. You can stand underneath or downwind from one of these, and you won't hear any noise.

What made you choose Mortlake?

It is one of the gateways to a spectacular coastline that has some of the best views in Victoria, if not Australia. I wanted somewhere close to water where I can put my boat in and somewhere that I felt at home – the Mortlake community is so friendly, it's felt just that.

What footy team do you go for?

Well this will cause a riot! When I first moved to Victoria, I was regularly asked (by work mates) who I barracked for to which I always replied ‘St George’ and when the response was “NO! Real football...” I'd answer ‘Concord’ (Sydney, League and Union, Rugby teams) to which they replied “No – AFL”. I was elected a Collingwood supporter in a ‘secret ballot’ in 1990 – the year they won a Grand Final! I've stuck with them since.



Jay Dee meets community members at Tilt Renewables shopfront in Mortlake

TRUE OR FALSE QUIZ

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Q: Renewable energy makes power bills more expensive.

A: False. Energy market experts have found that Australian households would pay over half a billion dollars more for power in 2020 without the Renewable Energy Target in place.

Q: Victoria is Australia's most renewable state.

A: False. Victoria is Australia's third most renewable state, but we still fall far behind South Australia and Tasmania in terms of the proportion of our energy mix that is generated by renewable sources.

Q: Renewable energy is good for the economy.

A: True. Local communities are already seeing the rewards from investment in renewables in Victoria – plenty of new wind and solar projects are underway, adding up to more than \$5 billion of investment and almost 4,000 direct jobs.

Q: Renewable energy only refers to wind and solar energy.

A: False. Renewable energy encompasses hydro, wind, solar, bioenergy and solar thermal sources.

Q: The production of renewable energy generates significantly less dangerous carbon emissions than non-renewable energy sources.

A: True. In fact the Dundonnell Wind Farm will save the emission of roughly 1.3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide – the equivalent of removing about 440,000 cars from our roads.

Benefit sharing and local commitments

The Dundonnell Wind Farm will provide a range of community benefits, as well as employment, as part of our comprehensive Benefit Sharing Plan and local content commitments.

These community benefits aim to share the success of the Dundonnell Wind Farm with locals and the wider region, and support Victoria's renewable industry.

Work is underway on a range of benefit sharing programs including a Community Benefit Fund, which will inject \$50,000 annually into the local community for the life of the wind farm, once operational. The Community Benefit Fund will be administered by a community-led group.

We look forward to bringing you more news about all of these important social and community initiatives – and what it will mean to you – in the coming months. These programs have been developed in consultation with the community, to address key social and education-based needs in the region.

