



# Dundonnell Wind Farm

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## Construction is underway

Construction of the Dundonnell Wind Farm is ramping up, with the number of workers and equipment arriving to site growing every day.

Work has started on upgrading local roads and we've made significant progress widening the southern section of Woorndoo-Streatham Road, with more than 6 kilometres stripped and recompact. Once complete, this will be great for locals; in the meantime please note that traffic control is in place and the speed limit will be temporarily reduced through various work zones.

We've also started work on building the onsite quarry, where we will be sourcing most of our quarry materials, and have begun a series of blasts to get primed for material production. These involve specialised blasting technicians carrying out small, controlled blasts to break up large rock inside the quarry area. These works adhere to stringent safety and environmental regulations and standards. From here we'll use our new crushing equipment (which you may have seen us move on site in early March) to get to work.

At the same time, our project partner AusNet Services has set up an office in the industrial area of Mortlake, to officially start work on the substation that will connect Dundonnell Wind Farm to the grid. AusNet Services has also begun work on the transmission line, of which 15 kilometres has the potential to be shared with other wind farms, meaning less poles and wires impacting the countryside. While pre-construction activities in this area have continued, vegetation clearing and earthwork activities were hampered during hot and dry weather conditions and Total Fire Ban days.

We'll continue to update you on what's happening during construction via weekly updates on the Dundonnell Wind Farm website at [www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au](http://www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au), via this newsletter, as well as advertisements in the Mortlake Dispatch.



## Salt Creek scholarship

In our last newsletter we highlighted our commitment to creating community benefits for the local Dundonnell district, as part of our Benefit Sharing Program, including a \$50,000 annual community benefit fund.

We have the same philosophy of commitment to community at all our projects, including the nearby Salt Creek Wind Farm, where we are pleased to report that earlier this month we announced the successful recipient of the inaugural \$30,000 annual Salt Creek Scholarship. Once the Dundonnell Wind Farm becomes operational, Tilt Renewables will be offering a similar scholarship program along the same lines as the Salt Creek Wind Farm system.

The scholarship has been developed by Salt Creek Wind Farm landholder Peter Coy in conjunction with Tilt Renewables, to assist rural students who might not otherwise be able to access higher education due to the cost of moving away from home. It will be awarded to a Western Victorian student each year for the next 25 years.

Each year Mr Coy is contributing the rental payment from one of the wind farm turbines - \$15,000 - to the scholarship, matched equally by us.



## Job opportunities

The wind farm workforce is increasing – and over the coming months, there will be more jobs to be filled.

About 80 people have been inducted, with the number of daily onsite workers varying between 50 and 80.

There is an increasing number of locals in this workforce base, which at this point is largely made up of supervisors, plant operators and labourers. There are also more than a dozen local businesses currently working on the project.

It is expected peak workforce numbers will be reached in October this year and April 2020.

If you are looking for work please make sure you register your details on our goods and services register at [dundonnellwindfarm.com.au](http://dundonnellwindfarm.com.au) or drop in to visit JayDee in our Mortlake shopfront.

### A 'local bloke'

At Tilt Renewables we are passionate about involving locals in our projects. It's no different at Dundonnell, and with many jobs on offer during construction there are certainly lots of opportunities!

We took a moment to chat with Grant from Cameron Contract Fencing – one of the first locals appointed to work on the Dundonnell Wind Farm. Here's how it went.

**Q: So Grant, firstly – great news to have you on board to help develop the Dundonnell Wind Farm. How long have you been a local in the area?**

**A:** I've been living in Woorndoo for about 23 years, which is about 10 kilometres from the Dundonnell Wind Farm. My Mum and Dad have a farm out here, it's a great part of Victoria.

**Q: How did you hear about the Dundonnell Wind Farm and the work available?**

**A:** It's hard not to hear about Dundonnell Wind Farm, everyone in the community knows about it. I've been getting this newsletter and there's information in the newspaper all the time. I read they were looking for workers so I applied.

**Q: What is your role in the development of Dundonnell Wind Farm?**

**A:** I'll be putting gates across the new tracks and maybe moving fencing.



**Q: How long have you been fencing for?**

**A:** I've been fencing for about six years, all local jobs on farms within 30 or so minutes travel from home.

**Q: What does it mean to you that locals, like yourself, can be a part of developing the Dundonnell Wind Farm?**

**A:** I know a fair few of the farmers who are land holders, so I think it's important to them because they feel more comfortable that someone they know is doing the work on their farms. Being a local bloke, I think you care more about the people you're working for too, you know them and you want what's best for them. I'm not just reporting to Tilt Renewables but also to the farmers – if they have any questions about the work I'm doing, I can go back to Tilt Renewables and talk to them about it – I like that I can make sure everyone is happy. I take pride in my work.

**Q: We hear you're a Woorndoo Footy Club fan. Tell us about that.**

**A:** Yes, I have been playing with Woorndoo Footy Club. I played last year but I'm not sure I'll get to play this year; my kids have been into cricket!

## Mortlake office

Don't forget to drop in and say hello to our man on the ground, JayDee, in our Mortlake shopfront located at 97 Dunlop Street .

The shopfront is open five days per week:

• **Monday: 7am-11am** • **Tuesday: 9am-11am** • **Wednesday 9am-11am**  
• **Thursday 9am-11am** • **Friday 9am-11am**

We profiled JayDee in our last newsletter, which you can find online at [dundonnellwindfarm.com.au](http://dundonnellwindfarm.com.au)



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