



Salt Creek Wind Farm

Newsletter
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At a glance

Project Status:
Operational

Maximum Capacity:
54 MW

Annual Output:
172 GWh

Commissioned:
July 2018

Location:
5km south of Woorndoo, Victoria

Investment:
AU\$105 million

Turbines:
15 Vestas V126 - 3.6MW turbines

Blade Tip Height:
150 metres

Host Landowners:
One wind farm host landowner

Transmission Connection:
50.5 kilometres of 66kV overhead
transmission line, owned and
operated by AusNet Services

Operations update

Salt Creek Wind Farm (SCWF) continues to meet expectations when it comes to generation and availability.

For the last year, August 2019 to July 2020, SCWF has generated 169,240 MWh, which is the equivalent to:

- Powering approx. 33,000 households per year
- Removing approx. 182,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere - the equivalent of removing 60,000 cars from the road

Our operations and maintenance contractor, Vestas, has completed the annual servicing of all the Salt Creek wind turbines. The Vestas Service Crew are now based close by at the Dundonnell Wind Farm, while the Vestas Remote Sites Service Crew uses Salt Creek as their base.



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saltcreekwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com**

Submit your application for the Salt Creek Wind Farm Lend a Hand Community Benefit Fund

The Fund is open for applications all year-round. With a funding pool of \$10,000 annually for the life of the wind farm, we hope we can lend a helping hand.

The application form and guidelines are available on the Salt Creek Wind Farm webpage. Please direct any enquiries to 1800 WE TILT (938 458) or scwfcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com



Above: The Mortlake Men's Shed received \$1000 towards the installation of solar panels.

Projects funded so far in 2020:

ORGANISATION	REASON	AMOUNT
Chatsworth Occasional Care	Playground upgrade	\$880.00
Mortlake College	Science equipment	\$500.00
Woorndoo Mortlake FNC	Netball Sheds	\$7500.00
Woorndoo Rec Reserve	Air conditioners	\$5000.00
Mortlake Hall	Commercial Dishwasher	\$1285.00
St Colman's School	Goal Posts & covers	\$1000.00
Woorndoo Hall	New refrigerator	\$600.00
Mortlake Men's Shed	Solar Panels for clubrooms	\$1000.00
Noorat Gun Club	Clay targets for annual competition	\$600.00
Lake Bolac Kindergarten	Equipment upgrade	\$448.90
Hexham Fire Brigade	Sign board	\$750.00
Lake Bolac & District Bowls club	Bowling green upgrade	\$2000.00
Mortlake Kindergarten	Shade sail replacement	\$1500.00
Lake Bolac Kindergarten	Fairy garden installation	\$1131.00
Woorndoo Mortlake FNC	Ground drainage	\$3000.00
Mortlake College Parents Assoc	Playground equipment	\$1655.38



Reporting

The wind farm has now been in operation for two years and with that comes a number of ongoing compliance activities. During the operational period, environmental compliance such as bird and bat monitoring, noise compliance monitoring and visual assessments to ensure compliance with the planning permit requirements.

Under the planning permit obligations for Salt Creek Wind Farm Pty Ltd (PL06/304.01), Tilt Renewables is required to submit reports on compliance activities such as bird and bat monitoring, pest animal management, noise compliance monitoring and visual screening plans.

Noise Monitoring

As per Sections 14 and 15 of the planning permit, an independent post-construction noise monitoring program was commissioned within two months from the commissioning of the first turbine and continued for 12 months after the commissioning of the last turbine.

At its ordinary meeting held on 28 July 2020, the Moyne Shire Council resolved that the Year 1 reports in relation to noise compliance at Salt Creek Wind Farm are satisfactory. You can find a copy of the endorsed reports on the Salt Creek Wind Farm webpage.

Bird and Bat Monitoring

As per Section 33 of planning permit, the Bat and Avifauna Management (BAM) Plan must run for a minimum of three years in total (not necessarily sequential years). The year one report was prepared in accordance with the year one reporting requirements stated in the planning permit and was submitted to Moyne Shire Council on time in August 2019.

At its ordinary meeting held on 28 July 2020, the Moyne Shire Council resolved that the Salt Creek Wind Farm Year 1 report in relation to the BAM Plan is satisfactory. You can find a copy of the endorsed report on the Salt Creek Wind Farm webpage.

Bird and bat monitoring is currently ongoing. The Year 2 report will soon be submitted to Council for consideration.



Salt Creek Scholarship

The Salt Creek Wind Farm host landowner established the \$30,000 annual Salt Creek Scholarship, which is also partly funded by Tilt Renewables.

The scholarship was established in recognition of the importance of tertiary education and its associated costs, and is awarded to a deserving local applicant. Applications for 2021 will open in October.

You can read more at www.saltcreekscholarship.com.au

Right: Salt Creek Wind Farm host landowner, Peter Coy with Warrnambool student Ethan Lewis who won the 2020 Salt Creek Scholarship to help with his university expenses (when on-campus study resumes!).



Would you like to be part of the Community Fund Committee for the Dundonnell Wind Farm?

The nearby Dundonnell Wind Farm is nearing construction completion, which marks the establishment of the community fund.

If you're part of the Dundonnell community, you might wish to be part of the committee.

The committee will be made up of civic minded community members who have a good understanding of the region's demographics, its socio-economic challenges and where additional support may be required.

Help to shape the structure of the fund, determine the guidelines and establish a vision for how the annual contribution of \$50,000 will be distributed. There are six places to fill on the Community Fund Committee.

Please complete the form (<https://bit.ly/3gkxKn6>) or send us an email at dundonnellwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com expressing why you think you should sit on the committee.



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