

# Salt Creek Wind Farm

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## First turbine services underway

The Salt Creek Wind Farm is fully operational, with turbines currently undergoing their first scheduled service.

Tilt Renewables Asset Manager Barend van der Poll said the wind farm had been fully operational for about two months.

“The first turbines started turning on June 6 and since then, we went through the commissioning process from then until the end of July,” Barend said.

“That process involves testing all turbines to make sure everything is operating effectively.

“Locals will have noticed recently one or two turbines stopped at a time. This is because they have been undergoing their initial three-month service after which they will be on a yearly service schedule.”

Barend said they were also ensuring that operational requirements of the planning permit were being met.

“There’s two things at the moment, including bird and bat monitoring and pest control. We have experts in the field undertaking the bird and bat monitoring and we are working with the farm owner and manager on pest control.”



## Community benefit fund taking applications

The Salt Creek Lend A Hand Community Benefit Fund is now open for applications.

A subcommittee of the Woorndoo Community Group has been established to administer the fund. You can download the guidelines and application form at [www.saltcreekwindfarm.com.au](http://www.saltcreekwindfarm.com.au) and direct any enquiries to **1800 122 823** or [SCWFcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com](mailto:SCWFcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com).

The fund will have an initial contribution of \$25,000 followed by \$10,000 annually for the life of the wind farm.

At this stage the fund will not have an open or closing period – it will be open year round for applications.



## Salt Creek Scholarship fund opening soon

Applications for the Salt Creek Scholarship Fund will soon be open.

The fund was instigated by Salt Creek Wind Farm landholder Peter Coy and has been matched dollar-for-dollar by Tilt Renewables to create a \$30,000 fund that will be available annually for the life of the wind farm.

The primary objective of the scholarship is to provide potential students who may not be able to manage the financial costs of tertiary education with a funding stream to make it affordable.

General Manager Renewable Development Clayton Delmarter said the Salt Creek Scholarship was a perfect example of a wind farm returning community benefits to the area where it is based.

“The scholarship is a perfect fit with our company values at Tilt Renewables and our belief in a strong community relationship, so when landholder Peter Coy brought the idea to us, it was an easy choice to match his annual investment dollar-for-dollar, with \$15,000 per year,” Clayton said.

“We are very proud to be part of such a worthwhile initiative developed for the benefit of the Woorndoo district community.”

## Dundonnell Wind Farm accepted under VREAS

Tilt Renewables' Dundonnell Wind Farm bid into the Victorian Government's Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS) has been successful.

Tilt Renewables General Manager - Renewable Development Clayton Delmarter said the project had been awarded a support agreement by the Victorian Government.

“We are very pleased to be able to make a significant contribution towards the Victorian Government's renewable energy target,” Clayton said.

“The company board still needs to make a final investment decision later this year but this announcement provides a greater degree of certainty in regards to the project progressing.” Work on the project will continue over the coming months.

“We will be continuing to work on several fronts including wind farm layout design, finalising the connection agreements, transmission line and substation detailed design, as well as preparing environmental and traffic management plans to manage construction and operational impacts.

“This includes working with the relevant agencies (including the Moyné Shire) to ensure that the detailed design of the project is consistent with approvals, as well as ensuring the management plans are appropriate.” Clayton said locals may notice increased activity in the area.

“Site investigations such as geotechnical investigation and site surveys have commenced. These and other activities are set to increase over the coming months, with construction anticipated to commence between December 2018 and January 2019.”



The poster features a green header with the Tilt Renewables logo. The main text is centered and reads: 'Tilt Renewables and Vestas are opening the gates of the Salt Creek Wind Farm as part of the Clean Energy Council's National Wind Farm Open Day'. Below this, there are sections for 'When', 'Where', and 'What'. The 'When' section states 'Sunday, October 21 2018, 10am-2pm'. The 'Where' section states 'Onsite, 5 km south of Woorndoo, entry via Woorndoo-Hexham Road'. The 'What' section describes the event as a chance to get up close and personal with an operating wind farm, find out more about the Salt Creek Wind Farm and other Tilt Renewables projects, meet the team, and enjoy family-friendly activities like model making, coloring, and face painting. There are also sections for 'Parking' and 'Food and refreshments'. At the bottom, there is a green banner with the website 'www.saltcreekwindfarm.com.au' and the hashtag '#saltcreekwindfarm #windfarmopenday'. The bottom of the poster features an illustration of wind turbines and people, and logos for Tilt Renewables, Vestas, Clean Energy Council, and Australian Wind Alliance.

**When:** Sunday, October 21 2018, 10am-2pm.

**Where:** Onsite, 5 km south of Woorndoo, entry via Woorndoo-Hexham Road.

**What:** Get up close and personal with an operating wind farm, with the event being held in the centre of the site.

Find out more about the Salt Creek Wind Farm, other Tilt Renewables projects (including the proposed Dundonnell Wind Farm) and Australia's clean energy future.

Meet some of the team who developed, constructed and are now operating the wind farm (including from AusNet and Zenviron).

Have some fun! Family friendly activities, including model making, colouring in and mural making, face painting, a jumping castle and more.

**Parking:** Will be available on the wind farm site.

**Food and refreshments:** Will be available from local community groups.

For further information please see our website at [www.saltcreekwindfarm.com.au](http://www.saltcreekwindfarm.com.au)  
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To find out more visit [cleanenergycouncil.org.au/openday](http://cleanenergycouncil.org.au/openday)

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