

# Dundonnell Wind Farm

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## Project update:

All 80 wind turbines are now in service while the wind farm remains at a 300 MW Commissioning Hold Point Cap. Site rehabilitation works and cattle grid installation is complete, with a focus on re-seeding, batters and quarry rehab. Ongoing compliance activities including bird and bat mortality monitoring and noise monitoring also continues.

## EDUCATION FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund Committee is currently accepting applications for education funding for up to \$15,000. To be eligible to receive funds, an individual, a program or a not-for-profit organisation must demonstrate how their application achieves an educational benefit.

Applications close on 30th November 2021, with successful applications awarded in December. The Community Fund Committee, made up six civic-minded community members, will deliberate on and administer the allocation of the funds.

## KEY FACTS

- 336 MW maximum capacity
  - 150m rotors
  - 189 blade tip height
  - 4.2MW generators
  - 60,000m<sup>3</sup> of concrete
  - 5,300 tonnes of reinforcing steel
  - 400 tower sections
  - 240 blades
  - 80 nacelles and hubs
  - 65,000+ hours by apprentices, trainees and engineering cadets
- The Dundonnell Wind Farm has the capacity to produce enough clean energy to power about 245,000 homes – or more than enough for all of Ballarat, Warrnambool and Geelong.
- The project will save the emission of roughly 1.3 million tonnes of carbon. This is the equivalent of removing about 440,000 cars from our roads.



**Hover over the QR code to read about the application guidelines and to apply.**

Feel free to call or email us if you have any questions:

1800 WE TILT (938 458) or

[ddwcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com](mailto:ddwcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com)

## **DUNDONNELL WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND – Round 2 successful recipients announced**

We are pleased to announce that the Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund, Round 2 of funding, is complete. We received a total of 18 applications, which was the same amount we received in Round 1. The Committee has been able to allocate funding for 11 successful applications, listed below. The 2022 Round 1 funding period will open 1st January – 31st March.

**Find out more about the DDWF Community Fund by hovering over the QR code on the first page of this newsletter or visit: [www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au](http://www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au)**

The following projects are receiving funding:

- 1. Mininera and District Football League:** \$1,000 towards the production of a book detailing the 100 years history of the league 1921-2021
- 2. Let's Talk Foundation:** \$1,700 towards town activation and awareness signage
- 3. Mortlake Cricket Club:** \$3,000 towards the installation of the turf wicket
- 4. Hexham Recreation Reserve:** \$3,000 towards resurfacing the dressage and main arena
- 5. Chatsworth Occasional Care Centre:** \$2,000 towards the install of outside blinds
- 6. Lake Bolac Golf Club:** \$3,000 towards outdoor tables
- 7. Mortlake Lions Club:** \$2,014 towards a new laptop for volunteers preparing the newsletter
- 8. Beyond Bolac Action Catchment Group:** \$1,712 towards photo monitoring application and database, and installation of citizen science sign posts
- 9. Dining Room Tales:** \$2,500 towards the pilot production of Dining Room Tale “Cherry, Cherry” for the Derrinallum and district community at Mount Elephant Visitor Centre
- 10. Dundonnell Hall Committee:** \$3,000 towards the associated costs of demolishing Dundonnell Public Hall
- 11. Mortlake Car Club:** \$5,500 towards a defibrillator, a new rangehood and deep fryer at the Mid-Western Speedway Darlington

**Total funding for Round 2: \$28,426.00**

### **Funding for Dundonnell Public Hall restoration**

**The Moyne Shire Council has approved the request for an interest-free loan of \$250,000 for the Dundonnell Hall Committee for the development of a shared meeting facility and CFA Shed at the existing site of the Dundonnell Public Hall.**

Voted on and endorsed by the DDWF Community Fund Committee, for a period of 11 years, 50% of the Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund (\$25,000 per annum) will be set aside for the purpose of servicing the loan.

Commencing from January 2022, the DDWF Community Fund will continue to operate with two application periods for the remaining \$25,000. Grants will still be advertised for up to \$25,000 in Round 1, however Round 2 application period may not have the equivalent of funding available.

## Federation TAFE Training Tower update and GWO courses

Federation University Australia has started construction on Australia's first wind turbine training tower in Ballarat. The Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Training Centre (APRETC) marks a significant step forward in Federation University's plans to become the leading training and research partner for Australia's renewable energy industry.

The foundation for the tower is now complete and the "cans" have been rolled to complete the fabrication of the tower itself. While there has been a minor delay on steel supplies, the project remains on target for completion by the end of the year. Orders have also been placed with industry partners for safety equipment such as the latest Bullex virtual fire safety learning system, to be used as part of the Global Wind Organisation (GWO) Basic Safety Training and Basic Safety Refresher Training.

Once complete, Federation TAFE will be the only training provider in Australia able to deliver the GWO courses from a simulated wind turbine tower. The GWO accreditation is required to work on wind turbines in Australia and around the world.

In addition to investing funds into the development of the training center, we sponsor the training of three students each year and will do so for ten years, to complete GWO Certified – Basic Technical Training, offered by Federation TAFE. The program aims to increase the pool of qualified staff available for work during construction and operation, which creates a flow on effect to the employment rate of regional Victoria, as well as the uplift in skills to the regional population.

A word from one of the Graduates, Jack Patton:

“ Since completing the GWO Basic Technical Training course, I have gained full time employment as a wind turbine technician. The course was the ideal steppingstone to finding employment within the wind industry, and I cannot thank TAFE and the team at Tilt Renewables enough for the opportunity.

*The week-long course was well organised, enabling me to get a good understanding of what was required to become a wind turbine technician and prepare myself for my new career ahead.*

*This is a photo of me, working on top of a Senvion MM92 Turbine - Loving my new job!*



To learn more about the program, head to: [www.study.federation.edu.au/course/DWIN](http://www.study.federation.edu.au/course/DWIN)

## Off-site Landscaping Program Update

The Dundonnell Wind Farm Off-site Landscaping Program concluded earlier this year. If you participated in the Program, we'd love to hear your experience and any update on the progression of your landscaping. Please get in touch by emailing [dundonnellwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com](mailto:dundonnellwindfarm@tiltrenewables.com)

## Use of Local Roads During Operations in Accordance with the Traffic Management Plan

Tilt Renewables has received correspondence from Council regarding how construction and operational traffic should use local roads to access the wind farm in accordance with the endorsed Traffic Management Plan (TMP).

As we transition from the construction to the operational stage of the Project light project-related vehicles are no longer required to only enter the site via the main entrance on Woorndoo-Streatham Road for the purpose of operational activities.

However, Tilt Renewables will continue to encourage contractors to access the site via the main entrance on Woorndoo-Streatham Road and to utilise the wind farm's internal access tracks.

Whilst travelling around the wind farm site in light vehicles, Tilt Renewables has asked the site team to utilise the internal access tracks unless there is an operation reason not to (e.g., when there is heavy lifting works at a wind turbine, and it is preferable to keep non associated workers out of the area and allow them to use other routes to access other wind turbines).

Should there be a future requirement for cranes, large trucks and/or heavy commercial vehicles to access the site for the operation/maintenance of the wind farm, this will continue to be done via the main site entrance on Woorndoo-Streatham Road, as has been done throughout construction.

If you notice any unusual traffic movements, please call us on [1800 WE TILT](tel:1800938458).

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