

Dundonnell Wind Farm

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Project update:

The Dundonnell Wind Farm is currently in the final stages of holdpoint 4 grid tests at full operating capacity of 336 MW. Once these tests are approved by AEMO the wind farm can remain operating at full capacity.

Dundonnell wind farm community fund

We continue to be impressed by the applications to the Dundonnell Wind Farm Community Fund. The successful projects for Round 1 2022 are:

1. **Darlington Mechanics Institute** will receive **\$3,069** for a new drop down screen and projector
2. **Derrinallum Bowling Club** will receive **\$2,000** towards painting the clubhouse
3. **Derrinallum Progress Association** will receive **\$3,800** towards a kitchen update and counter in the community shop
4. **Great South Coast Eventing Association** will receive **\$4,655** for the dressage arena
5. **Lake Bolac Bowling Club** will receive **\$1,290** to go towards a new ride on mower
6. **Mortlake Historical Society** will receive to **\$1,755** to help publish a Dundonnell booklet
7. **Pura Pura CFA** will receive **\$3,431** for a new trailer
8. **Woorndoo Chatsworth Landcare** will also receive **\$5,000** towards a new Flail mulcher

Total funding: **\$25,000**



Round 2 applications will be open from July – September 2022, and the DDWF Education Fund opens for applications in September.

To find out more about the community fund visit: www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au

APRETC training tower opening

Federation University's Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Training Centre Training Tower started operations in April. This is an important next step in providing students real-world experience when training for the wind industry, or other industries working at heights, such as construction and maintenance.

Built by Ballarat builder SJ Weir and Keppel Prince Engineering, the 23-metre-high tower features ladders and safety equipment. Together Tilt Renewables, Vestas, ACCIONA Energia and GPG contributed \$1.8 million to this critical training facility.

The tower is Stage 1 of the Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Training Centre. Planning for Stage 2 is well underway and includes a classroom, workshop, and training equipment to deliver specialised training courses, including training for blade repair technicians.

The Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Training Centre is expected to train around 600 people a year by 2023.



Image: Ribbon cutting for the APRETC training tower



Robert Burns festival

The long awaited Robert Burns Festival is back! The festival will host acts including the Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, Fiona Ross and Shane O'Mara, Claire Patti, Austral, and Corner house Bands. See some local bands and musicians like Pete Daffy and his band, Tuniversal Music Group, the Twa Bards, Camperdown's Lakes and Craters Band and the Warrnambool Pipes and Drums. The festival has also secured Scottish and Irish Fiddler Laura Flanagan who will be performing and hosting of Fiddle workshops.

To find out more about the festival or to book early bird tickets visit www.camperdownburnsfestival.com.au or facebook.com/robertburnsfestival

Terang Riding for the Disabled Association

The Terang branch of the Riding for the Disabled Association of Victoria (RDA) used the Dundonnell community benefits fund to buy equipment including new regulation helmets for riders as well as new weatherproof clothing for their volunteers. RDA Victoria's volunteers help open activities to people with disabilities of all types and ages to experience enjoyment, personal enrichment and a sense of achievement through equine assisted activities.



Restoring wetlands

Tilt Renewables partnered with Odonata and Greening Australia to restore four wetlands and encourage Brolgas to regularly return to the region and build up the population of fledglings. Following some clever work from our partners, pairs of Brolgas have been spotted using the restored wetlands along with other bird species including Latham's Snipe. Brolga breeding season starts in July, so the Tilt team are hoping to see the next generation of Brolgas soon take flight. If you want to find out more check out the report on the [project webpage](#).



Federation University Foundation Scholarship

Please join us in congratulating Billy Berends, the recipient of Tilt Renewables 2022 Federation University Foundation Scholarship. The Federation University Foundation Scholarship provides financial support for trade qualified students in engineering, electrical or a mechanical trade wishing to enter the wind energy industry.

Billy is a fitter and turner by trade who, back in 2020, decided to enter the renewables sector. Billy notes that the Tilt Renewables scholarship was one of the deciding factors to pursue a course at Federation University. The scholarship has made the transition easier for Billy and his family with the extra funds providing welcome assistance.



Image: Foundation scholarship recipient Billy Berends with Matt Mumme of Tilt Renewables

Since moving his career journey into renewables Billy has worked on two windfarms (Moorabool and Stockyard Hill) putting his new skills straight to work. Billy notes that he enjoys the challenge big wind farm projects bring.

Billy recently moved back to western Victoria from Melbourne and is excited by the opportunities the renewables industry offers to people like him. He has Dundonnell Wind Farm in his sights and is hoping to work on it one day as the project that inspired the VRET shared benefit program.

We are sure Billy will go far in the industry and look forward to seeing him on site as his skills continue to grow.

To learn more about the program, head to: www.study.federation.edu.au/course/DWIN

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