

Dundonnell Wind Farm

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Project update:

The Dundonnell Wind Farm is now fully operational! This makes it Tilt Renewables' and Victoria's largest operating wind farm. This achievement comes on the back of a journey lasting over a decade where we, in partnership with our host landholders, delivery partners and local and state government have taken the project from planning, into construction and now operation. We would like to thank each and every member of the community for your support and patience in getting to this point.

Community fund applications now open

The next round of funding for the Project opens on the 1st of September with the Fund Committee accepting applications up to the 31st of October 2022. Thinking of applying? Here are some tips from the committee to help with your application.

Clearly describe the benefit. Be clear and concise about the benefits to the community. Ensure the application is complete with all supporting documentation provided. Organisations that can demonstrate prior fundraising are well received by the committee.

Focusing on the local community. The eight successful applications from the last round covered different areas such as social, sporting, historical, safety and environmental but were all clear about the benefit a grant would bring to the local community.



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To find out more about the community fund visit www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au or scan the QR code at right



Chatsworth Occasional Care

Earlier this year, Chatsworth Occasional Care completed the installation of new outdoor blinds for the centre's veranda. The blinds provide the children with an additional all weather sun safe play space. Even better, it's a great spot for water play on a hot summer day!

The new blinds were made possible through the efforts of the centre's Pie and Wine fundraising drive complemented by \$2,000 from the Dundonnell community benefits fund.



The new blinds at Chatsworth Occasional Care



Chatsworth locals enjoying the sun safe verandah

Improving community mental health and safety

In addition to the community fund, Tilt Renewables continues working to help improve community mental health and safety. Key initiatives to date include:

- funding a **dedicated staff member** for 10 years for a regional suicide prevention program
- contributing \$500,000 towards the construction of **safe housing** for local domestic violence victims and their families
- establishing a **road safety fund** to address local traffic issues

Together we are working with providers to build on these initiatives so that they make a lasting change for some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

The return of the Eastern Quoll

Early this month, the Tilt Renewables team had the incredible opportunity to witness the release of eight female eastern quolls at the Tiverton Farm located next door to Dundonnell Wind Farm. The sanctuary is located on a working merino-sheep farm and is managed by the Odonata Foundation, a conservation-based organisation whose programs are designed to halt and reverse the extinction of key species.

The eastern quoll became extinct on the Australian mainland in the 1950s, so these quolls were bred from populations throughout Tasmania that possessed the best genes.

This was a massive milestone for Odonata and its partners, and a really big deal for the species.

In about six months, once the females and their babies have a chance to settle and grow a little more, several males will be released, the cycle of life will continue and hopefully the population will thrive.

To find out more about the Odonata Foundation please visit www.odonata.org.au



The Eastern Quoll



Meet our 2022 Federation University Scholarship recipient – Brendan Letts

Please join us in congratulating Brendan Letts, our 2022 scholarship recipient. Brendan is using the scholarship to complete the Global Wind Organisation Basic Technical Training to further his skills and enable him to advance his career.

With an interest in wind farms stretching back to his teenage years, Brendan lives and breathes turbines. He started work in the wind industry five years ago after getting his start repairing engineering and hydraulic equipment.

Since then he has worked on most types of turbines across the industry.

Brendan is committed to building up his skills in the industry and is excited about completing the course to further his knowledge of newer turbines and safety protocols.

From all of us here at Tilt Renewables' all the best with your studies Brendan!

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Receiving this scholarship is such a blessing as it will give me the knowledge to be the best I possibly can be at my job. I have big plans for my success in this industry and your support will help me to reach my goals. – BRENDAN LETTS

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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 31st October, with successful applications to be awarded in November.

To apply, scan the QR code on page 1 of this newsletter or visit: www.dundonnellwindfarm.com.au

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