

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Waubra Wind Farm newsletter.

This newsletter provides information updates about the Waubra Wind Farm Project approximately 35 km North West of Ballarat. The newsletter is produced on a regular basis. Copies of the newsletter are mailed to local residents and are available at local shops and the offices of the Pyrenees Shire and the City of Ballarat.



Old and new: wind turbines at Waubra

Wind farm taking shape

The Waubra Wind Farm is taking shape with almost half of the 128 turbines installed.

Bruce Payne, Construction Manager would like to thank the local community for persevering and taking care on the roads. "Thanks to our construction crew taking care of safety on site and the patience of locals, the project has maintained an excellent

safety record. To keep ensuring road safety, we all need to take care on the roads, especially in the current wet and foggy weather conditions" Bruce Payne said.

Wet and windy weather conditions have slowed down works on turbine installations and ACCIONA Energy is now aiming to complete construction works at the beginning of next year.

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Facilities Manager moving to Waubra

Glenn Wright, Facilities Manager of the Waubra Wind Farm, has moved to Waubra in preparation for operations and maintenance of the wind farm. "I am excited about living in the country and becoming part of the local community" Glenn Wright said.

Glenn Wright and his 25 permanent on-site staff will operate and maintain the wind farm post-construction. Staff will be located at the environmentally sustainable Maintenance Facility on Harrisons Road.

In the next few months ACCIONA Energy will develop the on-site operations and maintenance team which will consist of technical supervisors, electrical and mechanical technicians and logistics staff.

Glenn Wright commented "I am



Glenn Wright outside the Melbourne office

looking forward to being on-site and running the wind farm together with the rest of the team. The most rewarding

moment will be when we start generating green electricity."

CLIMATE CHANGE NEWS

Garnaut Climate Change Review

Economics Professor Ross Garnaut released a draft of his Climate Change Review on 4 July 2008, with the final report due on 30 September.

The Garnaut Climate Change Review, commissioned by Australia's State and Territory Governments is an independent study examining the impacts and opportunities of climate change on the Australian economy. The review will put forward a national framework for action, with recommendations for medium to long-term policy options to take advantage of economic opportunities and to minimise the environmental and economic impacts of climate change.

The Draft Report provides insights from the Garnaut Climate Change Review's work. The key findings of the report were that:

- Climate change is accelerating at a rate faster than originally predicted and urgent global action is required between now and 2020 to avoid dangerous climate change.
- Australia must take urgent action to mitigate the impacts of climate change — including setting emissions reduction targets.
- Australia will benefit from early mitigation, but will suffer exceptionally from a failure to mitigate.

Professor Garnaut highlighted the benefits of early action when he said: "It is in Australia's interests for the world to adopt a strong and effective position on climate change mitigation."

"We have many resources and skills that will allow us to convert strong global action into an economic opportunity. We have a first-rate skills base in areas related to innovation, management and financial services. We have rich renewable energy resources. We are among the world's largest exporters of uranium and natural gas which can benefit from the low-emissions' efforts of other nations. Additionally our agricultural sector emits less than other developed countries" Professor Garnaut said.

Waubra students visit local wind farm

On Friday 13 June students and teachers of the Waubra School visited their local wind farm. ACCIONA Energy provided this educational tour as part of its community relations program. The event was initiated by the Waubra School to give the children an understanding of the size of turbines and how they will produce green electricity from the wind.

Despite the windy, cold and wet weather the students enjoyed visiting one of the turbines and learning about their local wind farm. Students were impressed by the height of the turbine and the size of the blades and nacelle.



Waubra Primary School: students in front of a nacelle

Consultation on wind farm viewing area

ACCIONA Energy is consulting with local community members and the Pyrenees Shire on the design of the wind farm viewing area and information to be displayed. The roadside stop along the Sunraysia Highway will provide an outlook on turbines and

information on the Waubra Wind Farm and the local area.

As part of the consultation process ACCIONA Energy has been collecting ideas and feedback from the Community Reference Group (CRG) and direct neighbours to the roadside stop. As suggested by community

members, the viewing area will be orientated towards Big Hill and feature a Blade imprint on the ground so visitors can appreciate the size of a blade.

ACCIONA Energy has engaged sustainable design architects and traffic engineers to develop layout concepts for the viewing area.



Sunrise at Waubra

ACCIONA Energy staff enjoy a day at the Waubra Football

On Saturday 26 July ACCIONA Energy staff enjoyed their second corporate day at the Waubra Recreation Reserve and watched the Football and Netball. The day provided a fantastic opportunity for staff from the Melbourne office and the Waubra site and their family to socialise with local people. "It was a great



experience for my wife and I to spend a day at the country footy and to see the Waubra Kangaroos win. We had never been to a football game before. All the local people were really nice and made us feel welcome" wind engineer Jorge Becerra from Peru who recently joined the ACCIONA Energy team in Melbourne commented.

Brett Thomas, managing director said "I would like to thank everyone involved in making this event happen, especially Justin Mullane and Nick Clark from the footy club and not to forget the ladies in the kitchen who did a great job with the food. I would also like to thank local landowners and other community people for spending time with us and making us feel like we are part of the community".

As part of its sponsorship program ACCIONA Energy is supporting the activities of the Waubra Football and Netball Club. Recently ACCIONA Energy has also been supporting the Waubra Bowling Club, the Lexton Landcare Group and the Waubra Parents and Friends Association.

Contact us

We welcome you to contact us for more information, send through your comments and find out more about the project.

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Local community organises wind farm festival

The Waubra Wind Farm Festival Committee's third meeting was held on 2 July. It was attended by a large number of local community groups and Pyrenees Shire representatives who are interested in helping run a community wind farm festival in 2009. Groups involved in the committee include the Waubra Horticultural Society, the Waubra Bowling Club, the Waubra Football and Netball Club and the Lexton Landcare Group.

Doug Hobson, President of the Waubra Wind Farm Festival Committee explains "We are organising a weekend festival to celebrate the opening of the wind farm and to promote our local produce. A number of stalls will be set up and wood chopping, 'The Kite Man' kids entertainment, an emphasis on sustainable energy and a concert have been discussed to make the weekend a great celebration for the local and wider community."

ACCIONA Energy will support the

community festival and run guided bus tours of the wind farm.

"Our next meeting is to be held at Waubra on 3 September. Any groups or individuals interested in helping structure the wind farm festival are invited to attend. An exact date for the weekend has not yet been set" Doug Hobson said.

Doug Hobson also invited people to contact him directly if you are interested in getting involved. His mobile phone number is 0408 651 478.

