

MT GELLIBRAND WIND FARM

Welcome to the fourteenth edition of the Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm Newsletter. This newsletter provides information and updates about the project. Acciona Energía looks forward to a continuing positive relationship with the local community and thanks you for your interest in the project.

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Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm is located 25 kilometres east of Colac and 17km west of Winchelsea in the Colac Otway Shire on Victoria's Western Plains. The 132MW wind farm has been constructed around the southern and western sides of Mt Gellibrand itself.

Project Update

Mt Gellibrand Wind farm has been operating successfully since 2018. On site, there are eight full time staff attending to the day-to-day operations and regular ongoing maintenance.

Corrective maintenance on a number of blades at the Wind Farm is due to take place. Routine inspections identified that some resin in the blades

has minor inconsistencies. These inconsistencies pose no immediate issues, but over time, can reduce the lifespan of a blade requiring premature replacement. ACCIONA Energía has made the decision to proactively redress these sections of the blades. We will undertake the maintenance work using elevated work platforms, for a number of months.



Sponsorship Recipients

Funding for the 2022 Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm Sponsorship Program has been awarded. This year 23 community organisations have been supported with over \$71,000 given to worthy causes. This year's program was oversubscribed, so we thank everyone who applied.

The purpose of the program is to help fund local groups and organisations making a difference in the local community.

ACCIONA Energía has now provided nearly \$485,000 to local community and sporting groups since the program commenced.

ROTARY CLUB OF COLAC WEST

The funding received by ACCIONA Energía was used to purchase books to read to the prep/1 class in 14 Colac District schools by members and volunteers. Children can then choose a book which they are able to take home to read with their families and extended family to encourage the importance of literacy.

ANAM CARA HOUSE

The ACCIONA Energía funded project involves the engagement of local yoga teachers to provide regular scheduled sessions for our day respite guests and carers. "We are very grateful for the support from ACCIONA Energía, who have supported us generously over the years. Equally, it is wonderful for us to have the opportunity to demonstrate the impact ACCIONA Energía grants make to services such as ours. We appreciate your approach and the ability for us to connect directly with you."

The following list shows 10 of the 23 successful organisations and their projects for 2022. The full list of successful organisations is available on our website at www.acciona.com.au/our-purpose/community/sponsorship



ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Anam Cara House Colac	Yoga from the Chair	\$4,800
Birregurra Art Show	2022 Art Show Prize Money	\$500
Birregurra Bowling Club	Build shelter sheds	\$2,500
Birregurra Community Group Inc	Birregurra Sunday Markets	\$4,000
Birregurra Preschool Centre	Kids lunch and learn outdoor space	\$4,695
Colac & District Football Umpires Association	Uniforms for new umpire recruits	\$1,000
Colac Braves Baseball Club	Building Braves	\$5,000
Colac Chamber of Commerce	SME Business Excellence	\$5,000
Colac Driver Reviver	Colour Bond Fence	\$1,300
Colac Kana Festival Inc	Colac Kana Festival	\$744

2022 Scholarship Recipients

Olivia Speirs

I am studying a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne which has always been my primary goal. I want to further my education in a new, different environment and I am relishing the change and new experiences.

Engineers make the change in the world. Not just in science but everything. As an engineer I believe that there is always a possibility for it to relate to something that can be used in agriculture. In the future I might become enthusiastic towards mechanical engineering and develop machines and tools that make the day to day working on a farm more efficient. The call of my upbringing might lead me to

become an Agricultural Engineer or Chemical Engineer. But I always know that I will be wanting to contribute in some way to making a difference.

I am thankful to ACCIONA Energía for helping me to extend my knowledge and desire to learn beyond high school. The scholarship will assist in reducing the financial stress of tertiary education for me and allowed me to buy up-to-date textbooks for my classes each semester.

Jacob Anderton

I am studying Chemistry, Mathematic Measurements and Physics over 4 years at Deakin University. My ambition is to become

a Secondary School teacher with the vision of bringing STEM subjects back into classrooms for students in regional areas. I found it frustrating having to study some subjects online due to lack of teachers in my area. I would love to allow future innovators the chance to study STEM subjects in a fulfilling environment.

I am grateful to ACCIONA Energía for their support. I want to equip all our future innovators with the awareness of changing, emerging, as well as futuristic technologies through the teachings of STEM with the prospect of finding the most inexhaustible source of energy for future generations.



ACCIONA Energía Community Liaisons Theo and Helen with Scholarship Recipients Jacob and Olivia

Barwon Water Renewable Energy Partnership

ACCIONA Energía has signed a PPA (Power Purchase Agreement) to supply 68GWh of 100% renewable electricity to the Barwon Renewable Energy Partnership (BREP).

The BREP was established between Barwon Water, Barwon Health and the GeelongPort, the three major companies managing local water, health and transport services in Victoria, with the goal to facilitate the collective purchase of renewable energy and thus, reduce their emissions.

The 10-year PPA will commence on 1 December 2022 and run to 2032. The electricity supplied will come from the Mt Gellibrand wind farm.

Barwon Water Managing Director Tracey Slatter said she was thrilled to be working with Barwon Health and GeelongPort to support the region's transition to renewable energy. "As a group we are really pleased to be entering into a long-term arrangement for the supply of renewable energy from a windfarm local to the region.



Geelong Port, ACCIONA Energía, Barwon Water & Barwon Health celebrate their PPA

Meet the Team



Helen Kennedy

Helen has joined the team as Community and Stakeholder Liaison. Helen is based in Melbourne but works closely with the site team to keep the community updated on activities on site, enable visits to the project and manage the Sponsorship and Neighbourhood Benefit Programs.

"I have worked in the wind industry since 1996, beginning as a project developer in the UK for Renewable Energy Systems, before moving to Australia in 2002 to work for Pacific Hydro and Goldwind."

"It is fantastic to see the growth in community engagement in the industry over those years, and especially Acciona's commitment to local communities."

"The industry has enabled me to travel to regional Australia and experience the wonderful people that live there. I am excited to get to know the Mount Gellibrand wind farm community and work with them to ensure a long-lasting positive benefit for the lifetime of the project."

Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Training Centre

Australia's first renewable energy training tower was officially opened in March 2022 at Federation University Australia in Ballarat. The 23-metre-high tower is Stage 1 of the Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Training Centre (APRETC). The project is the first of its kind in Australia.

Brett Wickham, Managing Director ACCIONA Energía said, "Federation University's APRETC is a great place for tradespeople to retrain and join the industry. Many of our staff were previously mechanical fitters or electricians who joined wanting a career in the growing and well-paid sector."



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