

TURBINE TALK

MORTLAKE SOUTH WIND FARM

Project Update

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday. We wanted to stay in regular contact with you throughout 2024 – so this is the first in a series of project updates we will share online and by post. To ensure you receive communications by email, please sign up via the online community hub linked at the end of this project update.



Small Grants and Scholarships

From 1 February 2024, communication groups can apply for our annual small grants and scholarship programs. As part of our commitment to supporting local communities, ACCIONA Energía is inviting applications for small grants funding up to \$10,000 for projects and events this year. And students who are starting tertiary education (i.e. university or TAFE) in 2024 can apply for a scholarship worth \$5,000.

Last year, grant recipients included the Mortlake Lions Club to support their community newsletter, and Coinda Terang for installation of solar panels on the roof of their accommodation.

Visit community.acciona.com.au/smallgrants or community.acciona.com.au/scholarship to find out more.

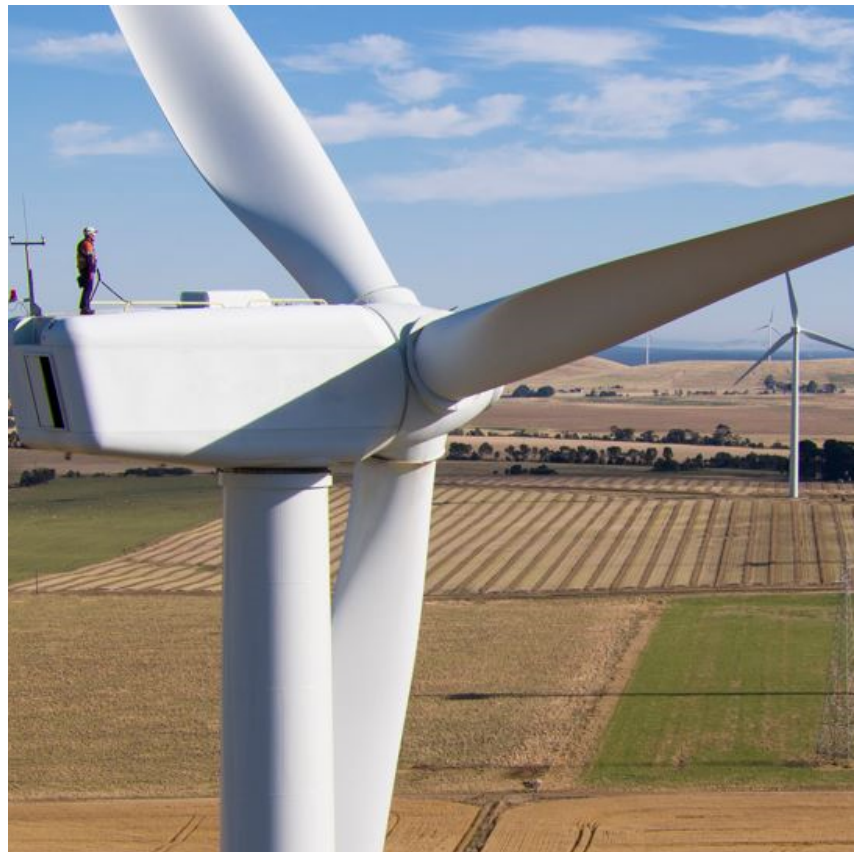
Maintenance in 2024

We wanted to let the community know that maintenance works will be carried out over the coming months at Mortlake South Wind Farm, with works having started over the holiday period.

While all the turbines were commissioned at the end of July 2023, we have found that parts in some of the turbines require replacement to ensure the continued optimal performance of the site.

There will be minimal impact in terms of traffic, but you can expect increased movement of large trucks from February, with cranes being set up. Turbine parts, including blades, may be visible on the ground as turbines are dismantled.

We'll keep you updated on any disruptions on our community hub (www.community.acciona.com.au/mortlake) over the coming months.



Neighbourhood Benefits and Landscaping



A reminder that residents within 4km of the wind farm may be able to qualify for our neighbour benefit scheme – receiving gift cards which can be spent with over 30 local retailers. To apply as a local resident, or if you are a local business interested in joining the scheme, you can find out more at <https://community.accionacom.au/mswf-nbp>.

Landscaping is also offered to near neighbours of the project, with the option to plant trees which enable screening of the wind farm. You can find out more at <https://community.accionacom.au/mortlake/offsite-landscaping-program>.

School Visits and Tours

We're really looking forward to a visit from Mortlake College students in March – a group came over last year and had a great time. Project team members Sara Church and Dominic Luddy visited the school and then students came over to site, meeting other team members and getting to explore a turbine with Construction Manager Josh Warren. Local school groups are always welcome to come along and find out more about our project and the future of energy – just reach out to us via mortlake@accionacom and we will look to organise a trip.

Meet the team



Sara Church,
Site Coordinator

Sara is local to Mortlake and grew up on a dairy farm in the local area. Her work experience centres around administration & procurement but previous to that Sara worked in the medical industry. In her spare time she enjoys camping, horse riding and spending time with her family & friends.



Erin Mulquiny,
Community & Stakeholder Adviser

Erin is the key person for small grants, scholarship and also the neighbour benefit scheme. With a background in psychology, environment and sustainability she is passionate about empowering locals to make a positive and sustainable impact on their community. She loves to travel, good food and wine with friends and balances it out with pilates, hiking and olympic lifting.



Dominic Luddy, Community & Stakeholder Engagement Lead

Dominic is the first port of call for community enquiries. A former teacher, he is especially keen on connecting with local young people. He's a passionate advocate of local products (in particular cheese and chutney) and loves getting out with his boys to kick a ball around.



Chris Egan,
Site Manager

Chris Egan was born in Colac and is still living there. He is an electrician by background. In his spare time, he likes to play golf and watch his children play basketball and netball.

Here to listen

As much as we want to share information with you about what is happening on site and the ways we are supporting the community, we want to hear your views and ideas, and answer your questions. There are a number of ways you can get in touch.

We have just relaunched our [online community hub](#) – we hope you like it!

You can find us at www.community.accionacom.au/mortlake or by scanning the QR code. We post the latest news there, and you can find all sorts of useful information about our site.



You can also drop us a line at Mortlake@accionacom

Or call our freephone helpline at **1800 283550**

And we encourage you to subscribe – see the link on the top left of our online hub. That way we can provide email updates whenever we are posting important news.