

# WAUBRA WIND FARM

Welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the Waubra 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..

The Waubra Wind Farm consists of 128 wind turbines, generating 192 MW of clean energy. The Wind Farm has been operational since 2009 producing the annual energy equivalent to the demand from around 110,000 homes.

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## Waubra Wind Farm Community Fund

David Clark, Executive Officer

After our first ten years supporting a broad range of projects across the Learmonth, Addington, Ercildoune, Glenbrae, Burnbank, Evansford and Waubra areas, the Fund is now focusing on two strategic projects within Waubra in the coming years. The first of these is the lighting upgrade at the Waubra Football Ground, which is a major project to be done in conjunction with the Pyrenees Shire. The project will require multiple years of funding and grants from the State / Federal Government.

Beyond lighting for football and netball training is a major power upgrade for the western end of Waubra as well. The second project is the re-development of the towns original water reserve, which is a significant piece of crown land situated to the south of the main creek through the town. This project will require a range of weed and rubbish removal, creating proper access from both the Sunraysia Highway service road as well as Hall Street, development of the original well sites and beautification works at the reserve. This project is still in the planning stage, and we envisage the opportunity for community assistance will be a key part of making this area a place for community to utilise into the future.

In 2021 and 2022 we have again invested in some important assets for the area, notably a new mower to look after the recreation reserve, football ground and cemetery, as well as LED lighting at the football ground to allow training to continue while we await the major upgrade.

# Funding for Community Projects

Funding for the 2022 Waubra Wind Farm Sponsorship Program has been awarded. This year 9 community organisations have been supported with over \$26,000 given to worthy causes. This year's program was oversubscribed, so we thank everyone who applied. Waubra Wind Farm has now provided more than \$1.29 million to local community and sporting groups within the Pyrenees Shire and the City of Ballarat since the program commenced.

The purpose of the program is to help fund local groups and organisations making a difference in the local community. This runs each year alongside the Waubra Wind Farm Community Fund.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
ABA Country Women's association	Waubra CWA establishment	\$2,000
Beaufort Progress Association	Sustainable Water Project	\$5,600
Beaufort Secondary College	Our Wadarrung Dream	\$5,000
Clunes and District Agricultural Society	Shade Solutions Project	\$3,500
Clunes Primary School	Indigenous Food and Fibre	\$1,500
Pyrenees Arts Council	Art Exhibition	\$500
Talbot Primary School	Energy Breakthrough	\$2,000
Waubra Football and Netball Club	Scoreboard Panels	\$5,000
Waubra Preschool	Numeracy and Literacy expansion and Cubby House	\$1,089
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$26,189</b>

## BEAUFORT SECONDARY COLLEGE

Beaufort Secondary College used sponsorship funding to engage First Nations artist, Jenna Oldaker and graphic designer Dylan Kerr, to design new artwork for their school. Their Year 7 students worked on the Acknowledgement of Country. "We would like to express our sincere thanks to ACCIONA Energia who sponsored the entire project through the Waubra Wind Farm Sponsorship Program. With ACCIONA Energia's support, this is the first in a range of initiatives we are engaging in throughout the year"



First Nations artwork at Beaufort Secondary College

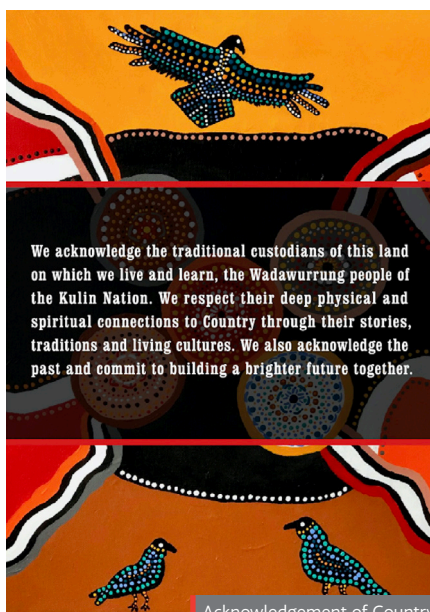
## CLUNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Clunes Primary School used the funding for their Indigenous Food and Fibre - Cultural Awareness Planting to Plate Project.

Students received a bush tucker sampling and talk by the Murnong Mamas, an Indigenous Catering and Bush Food Group. The program will continue throughout the year.



Clunes Primary School



Acknowledgement of Country



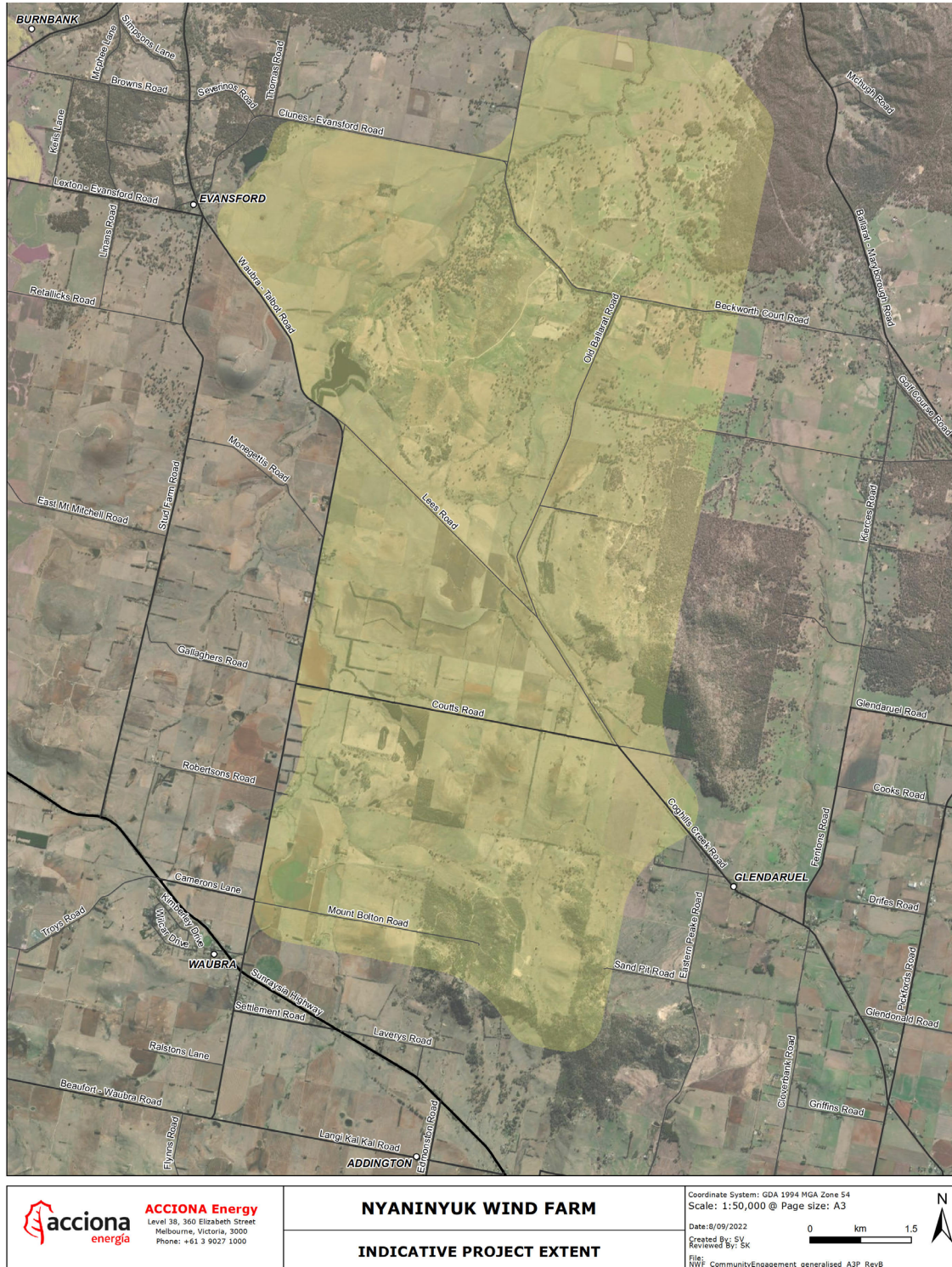
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# Nyaninyuk Wind Farm

Acciona Energía is investigating a site for a potential new wind farm between Waubra, Evansford and Clunes. It is currently in the early feasibility stage.

A referral to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) will be made in the coming months to determine if the project will be required to undertake an Environmental Effects Statement as part of the planning process. Further environmental assessments will then take place to finalise the details of the project.



To download a copy of the map or to stay up to date with the project, please visit the Nyaninyuk Wind Farm Community Hub page - <https://community.acciona.com.au/nyaninyuk>

For more information about the project please visit the Acciona Energía website, <https://www.acciona.com.au/nyaninyuk>



## Meet The Team



Helen Kennedy

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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 Waubra Wind Farm community and work with them to ensure a long-lasting positive benefit for the lifetime of the project."

## APRETC Training Tower Opening

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

The project, which received funding under ACCIONA Energía's VRET 2 commitments, marks 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."



APRETC Tower



Opening of the training tower

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