

WAUBRA WIND FARM

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Welcome to the 30th 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.

Waubra Wind Farm is located 35 km north-west of Ballarat in Victoria, on both sides of the Sunraysia Highway and was once ACCIONA Energía's largest wind farm in Australia. It hosts 128 wind turbines capable of producing 192 megawatts of electricity. This is enough to power 138,000 homes.

Since the project became operational in 2009, ACCIONA Energía has invested over \$1.4 million in the community.

Project Update

This year there were some significant staffing changes for Waubra Wind Farm. Cameron Stowe finished his time with ACCIONA Energía after over fourteen years with the company, over six of which were spent as Site Manager at Waubra. We thank him for his valuable contribution to Waubra Wind Farm and its community, and wish him all the best in his new role.

We are currently in the process of appointing a new person to this role and will send out notification to the community and our key stakeholders once this is finalised.

We are also excited to welcome Andrew Cornish and Troy Connor, both technicians from the Waubra Wind Farm, into the ACCIONA Energía Major Components Team. This team, led by Major Correctives Manager Shane Harrison, conducts maintenance across many of our wind farm sites to ensure any issues are proactively identified and addressed.



Turbines at Waubra Wind Farm on a cloudy day

Scholarship

2023 Scholarship Recipients

We are proud to say that we awarded scholarships of \$5,000 to two local students this year, which will support them as they transition from secondary to tertiary education.

Lucan Buckley

Lucan is excited to begin post high-school studies with a Bachelor of Science (Electrical Engineering) at the University of Melbourne this February. With a passion and strong aptitude for mathematics, this degree felt like the perfect choice for him. Lucan commented, "Growing up surrounded by new renewable developments such as local wind farms in my community, has given me an appreciation of the scale and exponential growth of these technologies. I aspire to contribute to this industry in my future capacity as an electrical engineer."



Scholarship recipient Lucan (left) and Hannah (right) with ACCIONA Energía's Sarah Wyatt and Erin Mulquiny

Hannah Mac

Hannah commenced a Bachelor of Data Science this year at RMIT. She has always been interested in mathematics and technology and is excited to combine these two passions in her university studies. While there are many potential career pathways ahead, in the future

Hannah would love to be part of a workplace that values sustainability, diversity and positive environmental outcomes.

We wish Lucan and Hannah all the best with their studies and can't wait to see what they achieve.

Sponsorship



Group at the Waubra Wind Farm morning tea

2023 marked the fifteenth year of ACCIONA Energía's Waubra Wind Farm Sponsorship Program. Over \$350,000 has been donated to local community groups, schools, sporting clubs, and not-for-profits since the program's inception in 2009.

In July, we announced over \$26,000 in funding across 9 local community organisations as part of this year's annual Sponsorship Program. This year we received a significant number of high-quality applications and would like to thank all those who applied for the effort they put into their applications. Representatives from the successful community organisations came together to celebrate their new initiatives at a morning tea on 5th July at The Lake View Hotel.

This year's funding included over \$12,000 for local schools as well as support for sports clubs, social groups, and sustainability initiatives. We are honoured to continue to fund these great initiatives and look forward to future sponsorship opportunities.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Alfredton Rotary	Eatup - Sandwiches for hungry kids	\$2,000
Ampitheatre Primary School	Kitchen Garden Program	\$1,000
Clunes Primary School	Dja Dja Wurrung Cultural Connection Event 2024	\$900
Invermay Primary School	Australian Pedal Prix 2023	\$4,000
Learmonth Bowling Club Inc	Water Drink Fountains	\$2,860
Learmonth Pony Club Incorporated	Learmonth Pony Club Portable Shade/Shelter solution	\$3,000
Talbot Primary School	Energy Breakthrough	\$6,500
Trawalla & District Recreation Reserve	Water Conservation at Trawalla Hall	\$4,000
Waubra CWA	Personal Development Opportunities	\$2,000



Photo courtesy of Waubra CWA

Waubra CWA

With an aim to improve the well-being of all people, especially those in the country, the Waubra CWA work hard to support their community. ACCIONA Energía are a proud, ongoing sponsor of the group and were excited to see their initiatives this year focused on personal development opportunities for their members. This training will empower members to make a positive impact on immediate families, friends, and the local community. Education and training for members in areas such as first aid, food handling, arts therapy, mental health, and much more will be offered to members as a result of funding the Waubra CWA received this year.

Talbot Primary School

ACCIONA Energía are proud to be a sponsor for Talbot Primary School's involvement in the 'Energy Breakthrough' initiative. Energy Breakthrough provides opportunities for students to examine and use the latest technology while considering its impact on the environment and the way people live locally and globally. Whether it's studying the use of Human Powered Vehicles or learning about generation and power usage with the school's solar panels, the students gain an understanding of how they can have a positive impact on the environment while also learning about themselves and their fellow team members.

Alfredton Rotary

The Eat Up Australia program provides sandwiches to hungry kids across Australia and ACCIONA Energía are grateful to be able to support Alfredton Rotary's participation in the program. Partnering with Ballarat Grammar, they provide the Eat Up Program to more than 30 primary schools in Ballarat and the surrounding area. Thanks to Alfredton Rotary's hard work, kids at local schools have the energy they need to focus on their education and know that their community is looking out for them.



Alfredton Rotary representatives Robyn and Deb with their certificate and ACCIONA Energía's Sarah Wyatt and Erin Mulquiny

Waubra Wind Farm Community Fund

The Waubra Wind Farm Community Fund Inc. was established in 2008 and is valued at approximately \$90,000 annually. It is administered by a group of 15 community organisations from the local area, with funds being used in support of their projects, as well as the broader community.

This year, the Fund has made significant contributions to the local community, supporting essential projects for the Waubra CFA, Waubra Recreation Reserve, Waubra Cemetery and ongoing local projects focused on power, lighting and water upgrades across town.

The purchase of a “Big Fill” unit for the Waubra CFA will allow the crew to fill several fire tankers at a time. The Brigade has applied for a VESEP grant through the CFA, where the Brigade (through the Community Fund) provides 15% of the cost of the unit, anticipated to be around \$200,000.

After several years of planning the Fund has approved \$40,000 for the construction of a rotunda at the Waubra Cemetery, which will also incorporate niche walls for family ashes to be kept. We anticipate construction to get underway in Spring and be completed this calendar year.

The Fund has purchased a new defibrillator for the recreation reserve, to replace the previous one whose use by date had expired. Further funds have been provided for the Hub at the recreation reserve to be used jointly with Pyrenees Shire to give the current buildings, built in 2009, a spruce up.

The Fund continues to work with the local council to advance two significant projects for the town, notably a power upgrade for the western end of Waubra and a lighting upgrade at the football oval, as well as the development of the old water reserve in the centre of the town for broader community use.



The potential site for a rotunda at the Waubra Cemetery

Managing the risk of fire

With temperatures set to rise this summer, we want to reassure our local community that ACCIONA Energía recognises our responsibility to minimise the risk of fire at Waubra Wind Farm. We also have an important role to play in assisting emergency services in the case of a fire in the vicinity of the wind farm. The key management measures implemented at the wind farm are listed below.

Listening to the experts

If Waubra Wind Farm (WWF) is in the path of a fire, ACCIONA Energía will follow the advice of the State Control Centre and other emergency authorities.

Bushfire Mitigation Plan

The objective of this BMP (available at www.accionacom.au/projects/waubra-wind-farm) is to mitigate any uncontrolled risks of fire ignition that have the potential to initiate bushfires during the operational and maintenance activities of WWF. This includes, but is not limited to, the following mitigation measures.



Wind turbines

- All turbine hardstands are covered in crushed rock, kept free of litter, rubbish and other flammable items
- Weeds are regularly removed



Underground power cables

- All underground cables are accurately surveyed
- Any work involving excavation is controlled within 6.4m of any underground cable route



Substation

- The yards of all collector substations are covered with crushed rock or bitumen to reduce growth of vegetation
- A reduced fuel area is maintained around the exterior of the perimeter fence
- Conductors are spaced out so they do not clash



Fire-fighting equipment and vehicles

- Firefighting equipment is provided in all vehicles and collector substations, adequate to enable small fires to be extinguished
- Regular inspections will be carried out on all overhead line infrastructure in line with the Electrical Line Clearance Management Plan - available at www.accionacom.au/projects/waubra-wind-farm
- Turbines are designed with fire detection systems, lightning protection devices, monitoring systems that detect temperature increases in the turbine, fully closed electrical equipment and circuit breakers and fuses to interrupt any electrical faults



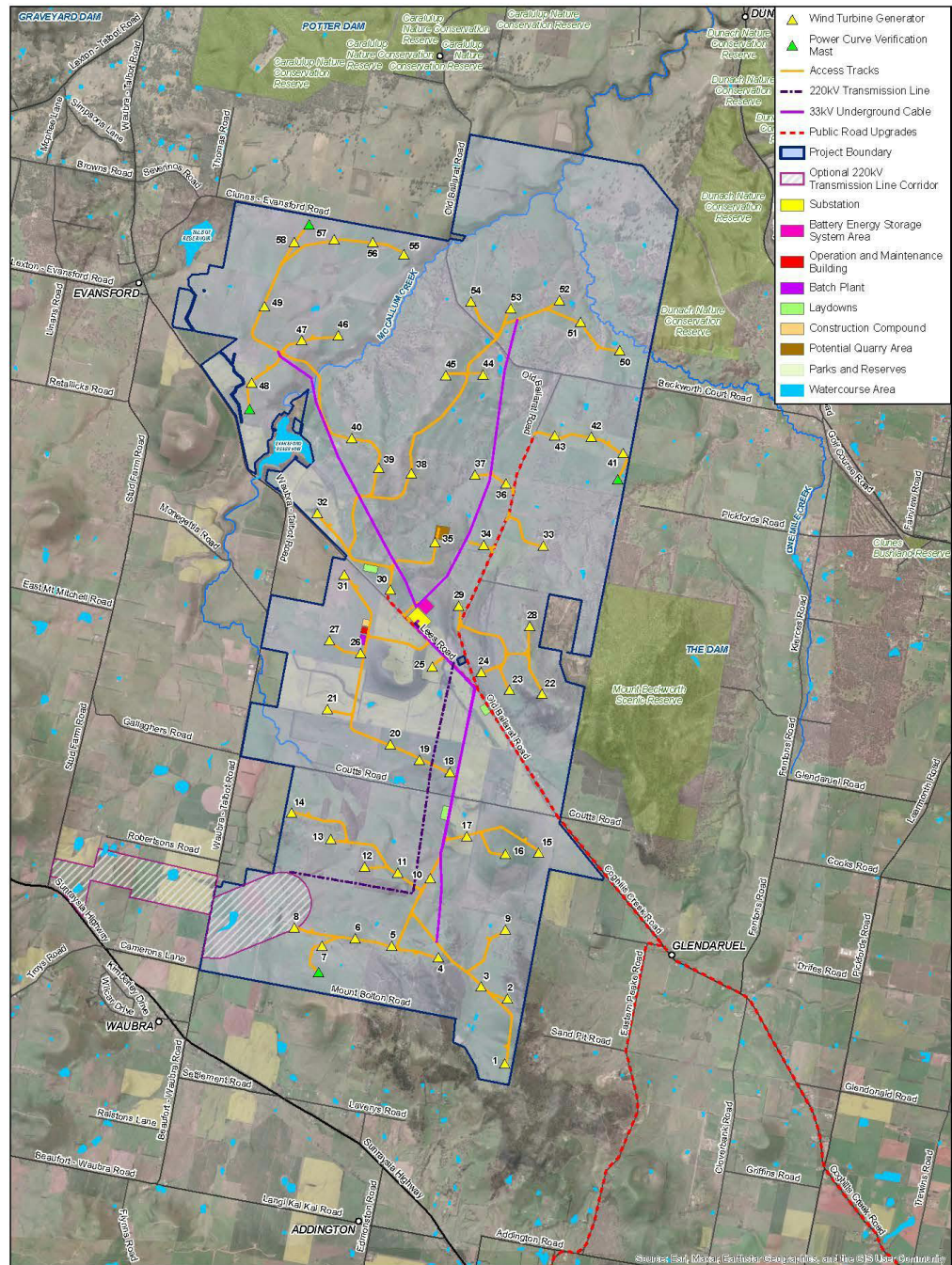
Proposed Nyaninyuk Wind Farm

ACCIONA Energía are investigating a site for a potential new wind farm between Waubra, Evansford and Clunes. The project has the potential to generate enough energy to power more than 210,000 homes annually. The site was chosen due to its wind resource, compatibility with the existing environment and good road access from the Sunraysia Highway.

The project is currently in its early planning stage. During this period, we have been undertaking preliminary studies and monitoring the wind resource to understand any constraints it may have.

From the earliest stages in the project, we have sought community and stakeholder feedback. We will continue to do so throughout the planning process, to address any concerns and work closely together for the best project outcomes. We hosted three community drop-in sessions and an online information session during August 2023 in Clunes, Waubra and Evansford, and recently published the turbine layout.

You can access a high-level summary of feedback and our response from these sessions as well as much more information about the proposed project via our online community engagement hub - community.acciona.com.au/nyaninyuk.



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Proposed indicative layout for Nyaninyuk Wind Farm as of October 2023



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You can also visit our Community Hub for more information about Waubra Wind Farm <https://community.acciona.com.au/waubra>

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