

STOCKYARD HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to edition 24 of the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Newsletter. This newsletter provides information to communities involved in the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm project. More copies are available by either contacting us, or downloading from our website - www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au

PROJECT AIMS FOR GENERATION IN EARLY 2020

The Stockyard Hill Wind Farm project is progressing with 41 Goldwind wind turbines now fully installed, with a further 21 at the pre-installed stage.

One hundred and ten kilometres of access tracks have been constructed, all concrete foundations for wind turbines are completed and 70 per cent of the 130 kilometres of underground cabling has been laid.

Project Director Andrew Monahan said the project has team worked tirelessly throughout the winter months to ensure construction continues to progress.

"We have completed the majority of civil works which means we can

now focus on the installation and commissioning of the largest wind farm project in the Southern Hemisphere.

"Our aim is to commence first energy generation early next year, which will be via the south and or the west sections of the wind farm," Andrew said.

Once fully operational the project will power over the equivalent of approximately 390,000 Victorian homes each year.

Quick facts

As of December 16, 2019:

- 41 turbines fully installed
- Access tracks fully completed - **110 kilometres in total**
- Foundations poured - **100% of turbine foundations completed**
- Underground cabling completed - **Approx 70% of the 130 kilometres**



Around the communities

Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Open Day

The project's inaugural open day took place in late October 2019 with more than 150 people attending fun-filled activities at the Skipton Recreation Reserve.

Festivities included live music, a free BBQ, face painting and a guided tour around the wind farm. The day was a great success with another open day planned for the New Year!

The project team has also been busy at a number of other community events including the Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally, the Beaufort Show and providing presentations to a number of local community groups.

Please note the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm shop in Beaufort will be closing its doors in late January.





Church site

As part of the construction of the wind farm the Stockyard Hill church was recently removed to make way for the new operations centre.

As part of the planning for the removal of the church the project undertook an extensive consultation program which has included engagement with the broader community through briefings to the project's Community Reference Group and information in the project's regular construction updates.

Discussions also took place with local landowners. The church has been in private ownership since the late 1990's and was in a dilapidated state.

In the coming months, the operations and maintenance facility for the Wind Farm will be built on the site location.

It is intended for a memorial to be constructed alongside the operations and maintenance facility to recognise the history of the site.



This document was lodged in the Foundation Stone of the Stockyard Hill Presbyterian Church at the laying of the same by Mr James Naumak of Stockyard Hill on Tuesday 21st day of October Nineteen Hundred and Two.

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of the Colony of Victoria.

This Brick Church was built to take the place of a wooden Church in which services had been previously held. The said wooden Church was erected in eighteen hundred and sixty one on a site gifted by the late Mr Alexander Wilson of Marvalle station. This building after serving the Congregation for forty years, is replaced by the present structure. The building of this new Church is undertaken at this juncture specially as a token of gratitude to God & acknowledgement of His goodness on the threshhold of the new century.

Services at Stockyard Hill were carried on at first alternately by Mr Adam, late of Benmore, and by the late Mr Man Alexander Minister of Skipton, but ultimately the place was attached to the Skipton charge. The Skipton charge at present consists of three parishes, namely Skipton, Stockyard Hill and Strathgairn. The first minister of the charge was the Rev. J. McCallis who was appointed in July 1857. On 15th January 1858 he was accidentally killed.

In March 1858 the Rev. W. J. Saffery was appointed minister and resigned in 1860. On 19th December eighteen hundred and sixty the Rev. N. J. Whan M. A. was inducted and held the charge for a period of twenty four years. In 1886 the Rev. C. S. Ross was inducted and he resigned in 1899. On 30th May eighteen hundred and ninety nine the Rev. J. McQueen, the present Minister of the Church was inducted.

Board of Management: Mr. Kerr, Mr. S. Dunnet, Mr. D. R. Naumak, Mrs. Callaghan, Mr. George Lewis, Mr. Joseph Ball, Mr. W. Sutherland, Mr. R. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Robert Ward and Mr. John Kirkpatrick.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. R. Naumak. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. R. Naumak.

A Sunday School is conducted in conjunction with the Church, and the old wooden building will be used as a Sunday school hall. There are only about a dozen children connected with it at present. A pleasing feature about the building of this Church is the readiness with which help has been given from the other parishes of the charge.

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Signed
Finlay McQueen
Minister

Witnesses

During the demolition of the church a time capsule was found behind the head stone of the building, in the capsule was a number of publications dating back to the early 1900's as well as a letter. We intend to make a memorial as part of the new operations centre with both the head stone and the time capsule.



Community investment lighting up the area

The community benefits of the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm continue to build the capacity of the local communities. With more than \$290,000 of commitments up until June 2019, the project received a staggering \$360,000 worth of applications for the October 2019 community investment review.

Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Community Engagement Manager Ian Courtney said he was delighted the project was able to support so many worthwhile community events and groups, as part of the project's Community Investment Program.

Ian said the wind farm aims to share the benefits of the project in the local area.

"This has been a great start to the program that we hope to expand and grow through long-term, rewarding partnerships between local communities and the owners of Stockyard Hill Wind Farm," he said.



Community Reference Group Update

The Community Reference Group was formed in December 2017 and met for the last time this month. New members joined the group for its next two-year term. Douglas Ball will continue as chairman.

We welcome Angela Gowans, Gail Franc, Fran Pitcher, Liz Phillips and Daniel George to the group while we thank Jim Mahony for his contributions over the past two years.

I thought it would be timely to remind the community of the Group's the purpose and to provide an update on progress. It's important to understand the Group's members are the link, between the local community and the project management team - where community members can ask for clarification on matters which are then raised at our meetings and are either answered immediately or shortly thereafter by senior leaders of the project.

The group is not authorised to make decisions on behalf of the community or the project but are just there to raise questions and perhaps lend some advice on occasions.

We also assist in providing 'local knowledge' to the project Community Investment Program, again we do not make decisions on this matter, we just provide a local voice, with the final investment decisions being made by the project's management team.

The first two-year term of the community reference group has been extremely productive, with several community concerns being raised and acknowledged by the project management team.

We look forward to being of service to both the local community and the continued development of the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm.

Douglas Ball AM, RFD

Independent Chairman

Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Community Reference Group

The members of the group for the next two-year term are - David Bain, Liz Phillips, Ian Homan, John Kavanagh, Douglas Smith, David Jackson, Angela Gowans, Gail Franc, Daniel George, Fran Pitcher, Nick Shady, James Kirkpatrick

Landscape and Visual Screening Program

The Stockyard Hill Wind Farm under the Planning Permit issued by the Victorian Minister for Planning requires an Off-Site Landscaping Plan/assessment to be offered to owners of dwellings within a 4 kilometre radius of a visible turbine.

If you have a residence within 4 kilometres of a wind turbine and is visible at your dwelling you may be eligible for either:

- A financial contribution for screening
- Landscaping to form a visual screen

If you would like to find out more information, register or check your eligibility, please contact us on:

- Telephone: 1800 753 730
- Email: stockyard@goldwindaustralia.com
- Website: www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au

All Expressions of Interest will be accepted until 12 months following the installation of the last turbine at Stockyard Hill Wind Farm (anticipated October 2020).



Complaint process

The project has a formal complaint handling process where we recognise everyone has a right to complain and complainants should be treated with respect;

- aims to ensure that no detriment to a complainant results from a complaint being lodged; and
- aims for visibility and transparency of how and where a complaint can be made.

The process and formal Complaints Investigation and Response Plan is available from the project's website - www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au



Transmission assets energised

The latest chapter in the story of Victorian renewables was written recently with the official energisation of the 132kV transmission line for Goldwind Australia's Stockyard Hill Wind Farm.

The line will connect electricity generated from 149 turbines to the grid - enough power for 390,000 homes - via the newly constructed Haunted Gully Terminal Station (HGTS), which was also officially energised.

Designed, built and owned by Mondo, the energisation of these transmission assets represents the culmination of 18 months work for the delivery team, and 14 months prior planning and design work for the development team.

Mondo Senior Project Manager Kristofer Amato said to complete a project of this size is a huge achievement.

"There are a lot of moving parts in a project like this and the outcome is testament to the dedication and teamwork between Mondo and our delivery partners. I am particularly proud of our excellent safety record and our successful approach to planning and risk management. Many thanks to all stakeholders involved including the Mondo team, Goldwind Australia, Zinfra, Jacobs and the local community."

Attention now turns to reinstatement works along the line and the demobilisation of HGTS. Testing will continue on site until both assets go into official operation.

Goldwind Australia Managing Director John Titchen said Goldwind Australia and the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm team extend congratulations to Mondo and all those involved with the construction and energisation of the new Transmission Assets for Stockyard Hill Wind Farm.

"The scope of the work completed is impressive including 78 kilometres of Transmission Line and a 500kV Terminal Station.

Mondo is proud to support Australia's renewable energy future and looks forward to continuing the journey with Goldwind Australia."

