



## STOCKYARD HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Goldwind Australia's Managing Director John Titchen, Victorian Premier the Hon Daniel Andrews, Origin Energy's CEO Frank Calabria, Minister for Energy and Climate Change The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio and Goldwind Australia's Vice President Investment Ning Chen turn the first sod for the project.

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Welcome to the 21st edition of the Stockyard Hill newsletter. This newsletter provides information to the communities involved in the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm project. More copies are available by either contacting us, or downloading from our website.



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Managing Director  
Goldwind Australia

### CONSTRUCTION STARTS

On June 14, 2018 key project partners joined Goldwind Australia at a Ground-Breaking Ceremony to mark the commencement of construction for the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm project.

Goldwind Australia's Managing Director Mr John Titchen, said he was pleased to celebrate this significant milestone for the project.

“We're pleased to host the Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews, Origin Energy's Chief Executive Officer Frank Calabria, and many other key project construction partners and stakeholders, including representatives from the state and local government, financiers and our host landowners.

“Construction for the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm is now underway, and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with our many stakeholders to construct Australia's largest wind farm,” Mr Titchen said.

Premier Daniel Andrews said we are backing Victoria's booming renewables industry every step of the way. The Stockyard Hill project will not only deliver the clean energy we need but will help power new jobs in Western Victoria.”



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"We're putting Victoria at the forefront of renewable energy and supporting the thousands of jobs it's creating."

Origin Energy has underpinned the development of the project through a long-term power purchase agreement to buy all the power generated by the wind farm and the associated renewable energy certificates until 2030.

Origin Energy's Chief Executive Officer Mr Frank Calabria said "Having been involved in the project's development for many years, we're delighted to see the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm move a step closer to reality and congratulate Goldwind on reaching this significant milestone.

"We are very pleased to be buying all of the renewable power from Stockyard Hill, as adding low-cost renewable energy will continue to put downward pressure on wholesale electricity prices and help deliver more affordable energy to Australian homes and businesses."

The Stockyard Hill Wind Farm will comprise of 149 Goldwind advanced technology turbines with a total capacity of 530 megawatts (MW). Goldwind Australia will provide Engineering, Procurement and Construction services to the project and the Warranty, Operations and Maintenance services once the project is operational.

Goldwind Australia has appointed a joint venture between SNC-Lavalin and WBHO as the Balance of Plant contractor for the project.

The project is expected to create up to 300 jobs during construction peaks on site and employ up to 25 permanent maintenance staff once the wind farm is complete. Once operational, Stockyard Hill Wind Farm will produce clean energy to power approximately 391,000 Victorian homes.

## Stockyard Hill Wind Farm supports HarvFest

Stockyard Hill Wind Farm was delighted to be one of the key supporters of this year's HarvFest, held in March at the Skipton Football Ground.

The festival brings together the local community to celebrate the harvest and to recognise the hard work of many local men and women.

There was a large crowd in attendance at this year's HarvFest, and the organising committee deserve a vote of thanks for bringing together music, food vans, farm machinery, games for the kids and stalls.

The Stockyard Hill Wind Farm stall provided interested community members with newsletters, maps and general information on the wind farm project.

A great day was had by everyone and we at Stockyard Hill Wind Farm look forward to being a part of next year's festival.



## Ausnet takes control of powerline

Goldwind Australia and AusNet Services have signed the connection agreement for construction of connection assets for the 530 megawatt (MW) Stockyard Hill Wind Farm in Victoria.

The connection agreement, which was also signed by the Australian Energy Market Operator, set out the terms and conditions for the wind farm to connect to Victoria's transmission network.

AusNet Services will build, own and operate a new transmission line which will run 70 kilometres south of the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm to a new 500 kilovolt (kV) terminal station and network interface. AusNet Services will also build, own and operate the new terminal station and network interface.

Goldwind Australia's Managing Director Mr John Titchen, said finalising the connection agreement is a key project milestone and paves the way for the construction of the wind farm.

"AusNet Services will deliver and operate the connection of Stockyard Hill Wind Farm, Australia's largest wind farm, to the transmission network," Mr Titchen said.

"Preliminary works for the construction of the powerline, such as surveying and access track development, will begin shortly," Mr Titchen said.

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM *delivers for our community*

The Skipton Tennis Club junior players are already enjoying the benefits of the support Goldwind Australia provided last year with new courts being laid.



The community benefits of the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm continue to roll out with almost \$65,000 of support approved to 10 local community groups in the past few months.

Groups funded include:

- Beaufort & Skipton Health Services – funding to purchase an Ultrasound Bladder Scanner to assist care for patients and residents of the Nursing Home.
- Carngham Recreation Reserve – financial assistance to build a viewing shed for spectators at the Snake Valley Football Ground.
- 1st Beaufort Scouts Group – funding to purchase tents for the Scouts camps and jamborees.
- Pyrenees Arts Council – sponsorship and naming rights for the Best Oil Category at the Beaufort Community Bank Pyrenees Art & Exhibition & Sale.
- Beaufort & District Pony Club – funding to purchase retrofit equipment of key hole tracking and jump cups.
- Pyrenees Chorale – assistance to purchase a new keyboard for the Choir.
- Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Society – funding towards the construction of a new upstairs office and meeting room.
- Beaufort Girl Guides – contributions to help run Blue Light Discos for primary aged children each term.
- Friends of the Beaufort Swimming Pool – replacement of a robotic vacuum cleaner.
- Wimmera Axeman's Association – financial assistance to purchase of a new trailer.



The next round of Community Investment close in October, 2018.  
To apply visit:  
[www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au/communityinvestment/](http://www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au/communityinvestment/)

## COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE

The Community Reference Group which was formed in December last year has now met five times and I thought it would be timely to remind the community of the purpose and to provide an update on the progress.

It's important to understand the group's members are the link (I refer to them as the eyes and ears of the community), 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 empowered 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 provide assistance 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 meetings have been extremely productive to date with several community concerns being raised and acknowledged by the project management team.

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

*Douglas Ball AM, RFD  
Independent Chairman  
Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Community Reference Group*

### Skipton information hub opens

The Stockyard Hill Wind Farm has taken another important step with a new information hub now open in Skipton.

Goldwind Australia recently signed a lease with local resident Kim Hayley to use some of the floorspace in her business Emu Creek Deli & Gift shop.

SHWF will have a presence in the shop to provide information and regular updates on the 149-turbine project.

Goldwind Australia's Senior Development Manager, Peter Marriott, said the company was keen to ensure residents had easy access to company representatives and information.

"We are investing a lot of time, money and resources in the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm and we want the community to be fully informed at every stage," Mr Marriott said.

"Goldwind Australia wants to play a positive role in the Beaufort and Skipton communities and having a presence in Skipton, as well as our hub in Beaufort, will help us to educate the community on what Stockyard Hill Wind Farm is all about, the jobs it will bring and the electricity it will generate," he said.



### Need to keep up to date with construction activities?

The project releases a fortnightly Construction Update which is published in the local papers and on the project's website.

### MORE INFORMATION

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[www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au](http://www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au)  
or call our project hotline on **1800 753 730**.

