



# MT FYANS WIND FARM PROJECT



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## NEWSLETTER

## #4

## July 2018

### Project update

We are currently in the process of finalising the planning application for the Mount Fyans Wind Farm under the *Policy and planning guidelines for wind energy facilities in Victoria*.

We are also preparing another community event that will be held on the 10th and 11th of August at the Olivine Cafe in Mortlake. This event will give the community insight into the key aspects of the development plan through interactive noise and visual simulation and a series of posters. Representatives from the Mt Fyans project team will be on hand across the two days to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have.



### Public Display in Mortlake

**Where?**

Olivine Café 112 Dunlop Street, Mortlake, Victoria

**When?**

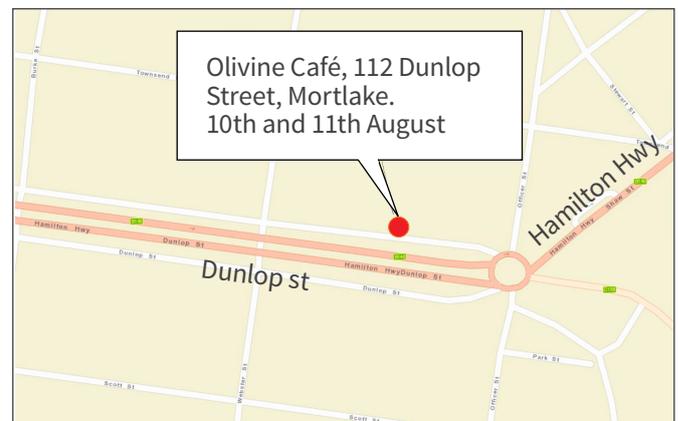
The 10th and 11th of August

**Why?**

We are lodging the Planning Application in

August and invite you to come and meet the project team and ask questions relating to the project. Get a sense of the visibility and sound output of the wind farm and gain a better understanding of the development plan that will be submitted for planning approval.

### Where to find us



### What will be on Display?

We will be displaying an innovative technology that simulates the sound and appearance of the wind farm. This includes an auralisation tool which allows users to experience the sound of a wind farm under different distances and different conditions. We will present a drive-by simulation that embeds the wind farm in the existing landscape, providing an experience of the wind farm layout from the point of view of a person using surrounding roads.

Also on display will be a range of information posters

to address the issues which are of direct concern to the community. These include:

- the wind farm development plan and factors which influenced the design of the project
- the expected traffic flows and planned routes of trucks and transport vehicles during construction
- information on current turbine models in SW Victoria
- the modelled noise amount from the wind farm.

### HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION

When all relevant information has been received and is determined to be satisfactory, the Minister for Planning will proceed with a public notification and referral. The referral period lasts at least 14 days and provides an opportunity for members of the community to comment on the planning application. Upon completion of notice and referral, the responsible authority will determine the application.

## Planning Application Preparation

We are in the process of putting the finishing touches on the planning application which will be submitted to the Minister for Planning as the relevant authority in Victoria for review and determination.

We will be seeking approval for a maximum number of 87 turbines with a tip height of up to 200 metres.

The development has been an iterative process that incorporates a wide range of cultural, environmental and social considerations. With numerous ecological and cultural studies across the site completed, a number of exclusion zones have been identified where no physical works will be occurring. This aligns with our strategy of identifying sensitive areas and then avoiding impact.

To complete the planning application we are finalising two surveys on the Southern Bent Wing Bat and the Basalt Rustyhood Orchid.

Bat surveys include noise monitoring at 9 locations across the Mt Fyans site while surveys for the orchid targeted areas of potential habitat in the stony rise country in the northern section of the site. The following assessments and reports will form part of the



Consultants monitoring Southern Bentwing Bat habitat

planning application:

- Noise Assessment
- Landscape and Visual Assessment
- Traffic Impact Assessment
- Cultural Heritage Assessment
- Electro Magnetic Interference Assessment
- Surface and Groundwater Assessment
- Wind Farm Community Consultation Report

Copies of reports will be made available on our website when the planning application is open for community comment:

<http://www.woolnorthwind.com.au/wind-farms/mt-fyans>



## Council Workshop

On 12 June, Moyne Shire Council held a workshop on Wind Farm transmission lines. A number of sessions were held with Woolnorth participating in a session with councillors, DELWP representatives and other project developers Tilt Renewables (developing the Dundonnell and Salt Creek wind farms) and Acciona (developing Mortlake South wind farm). Tilt presented on behalf of the Dundonnell and Mt Fyans projects and outlined the intention for a shared transmission line solution.

We have been working on this for a number of years and it is a complicated process. However, we will be working closely with Tilt to secure this solution over the coming months. Progress will be communicated through outgoing media.

## Upholding Community Engagement

We maintain our commitment to benefit sharing with the surrounding community, as we recognise the benefit of establishing long term working relationships with those key stakeholders to the project. As part of the development process we have continually engaged with key members of the community, groups such as the CFA, Moyne Shire Council, DELWP, Victorian Department of Planning

and other developers in the region. We are open and responsive to concerns and the design of our wind farm reflects the feedback we have received during the project.

We are continuing to offer inclusive 'Neighbour Communication Agreements' to those neighbours within a 3km radius of the project and are already seeing the benefits of working with

our neighbours to establish two-way communication on the project. Since the last issue of the newsletter we have had a number of neighbours come forward to discuss their desire to consider Agreements and provide feedback on the project. We are encouraged by this and will continue to offer Agreements to eligible neighbours.



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