



MT FYANS
WIND FARM

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Project snapshot

Name:

Mt Fyans Wind Farm

Status:

Planning permit submitted

Location:

Five kilometres north of Mortlake,
on the Mortlake-Ararat Road

Landholders:

10

Site size:

13,600 hectares

Capacity:

About 400MW

Turbines:

Up to 85

Tip height:

Up to 200 metres

Transmission line:

18 kilometres of powerline to the
Mortlake substation, possibly
sharing existing poles

PROJECT UPDATE

Removing traffic from Mortlake-Ararat Road and Memorial Drive

Woolnorth Renewables is proposing to use South Road for site access during construction of the Mt Fyans Wind Farm, removing traffic from Mortlake-Ararat Road and Memorial Drive.

This change is in direct response to community feedback and we thank everyone who has taken the time to provide comment on the project. We have listened to your concerns and ideas about the large transports and heavy vehicles that are associated with wind farm construction, and – as a result – now provide this alternate traffic route.

A number of site access options off Mortlake-Ararat Road were considered to create access for over-sized vehicles coming from the Port of Portland to the northern and eastern sections of the site, including:

- the use of Manooka Lane;
- a new major access below South Road, and;
- North Road.

However, each of these roads were deemed unsuitable and the use of South Road has been determined as the preferred option.

If use of this road is accepted, Woolnorth would need to widen South Road.

To prepare for this possibility we are undertaking surveys on South Road for the Striped Legless Lizard and Spiny Rice Flower.

These surveys are currently underway and will continue over the coming months to determine the best way to widen the road with minimal impact on these species.

Survey results will be used to shape the road designs, which will be supplied to Moyne Shire Council for consideration.

In addition to these surveys, work on progressing the project to planning approval is ongoing and we are continuing to work with DELWP on finalising the project's EPBC referral.

We continue to welcome your feedback and queries about the project. As always please feel free to contact us via our 1800 number, email or drop in to our shopfront on Thursdays and Fridays between 9:30am and 2:30pm (when COVID restrictions allow).

Regards,

Giles Rinckes
Project Director
Mt Fyans Wind Farm

Benefit Sharing Program Proposal

Woolnorth Renewables is working on its Benefit Sharing Program proposal for the Mt Fyans Wind Farm.

The initiative will have multiple elements and be reflective of industry best practice. We are currently refining the proposal to share with the community, and welcome your suggestions at this point or once the proposal is released. If you would like to discuss further, please be in contact via **1800 325 079** or **info@mtfyanswindfarm.com.au**.



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Visual screening

In November last year we wrote to all residents within three kilometres of the project's boundary to offer no obligation visual screening.

While the project does not yet have planning approval, we took this action as it would allow trees more time to grow and develop into an effective visual screen.

The no obligation offer involves the planting of native tree tube stock and associated plant establishment works, as well as advice and support from experienced landscape consultants to ensure successful growth.

We have had several residents take us up on the offer of visual screening and we are preparing to get plants in the ground before this summer.

If you have received previous communication from us but have not yet been in touch, please make contact and we will be happy to discuss this offer with you further.

Sponsorship funding

Mt Fyans Wind Farm provided \$5000 to Music Homestead Incorporated to assist with the running of the proposed Mortlake Let's Talk Music Festival.

The festival was postponed due to Covid and has now unfortunately been cancelled. After discussion with the committee, the remaining \$1239.46 has been passed on to the Mortlake Men's Shed. We are pleased to be able to support another local grassroots organisation.

Helicopter Landing Area used by multiple air ambulances

The Mt Fyans Wind Farm Helicopter Landing Area has been used six times to date by multiple units across Victoria, mostly to transfer critically ill patients to Melbourne.

HEMS 4 Senior Team Manager Ben Hespe said Air Ambulance Victoria (AAV) had been tasked to Mortlake seven times in the past year, using the helicopter landing area six of those times.

"They were a mixture of cases, trauma and medical, and most of the people we picked up from there went to Melbourne," Ben said.

"This gives us an indication that they were critically unwell.

"The site has been primarily used by HEMS4 from Warrnambool, but also by other AAV crews from Melbourne (HEMS1) and Bendigo (HEMS3)."

Ben said this landing area was now listed in AAV's register of safe and suitable landing sites, which made it easy to land for those crews.

"During these times, HEMS4 has been out on another job. It shows how the state-wide air ambulance system is working, when you get an AAV crew from Melbourne or Bendigo.

"Importantly, for those crews who don't come to Mortlake very often, they can now input the Mortlake hard stand in their pre-flight planning, which eliminates a degree of risk in terms of landing. It highlights that the hard stand is a significant asset and that it is working.

"Accordingly, it's an important resource for Air Ambulance Victoria, not just HEMS4. Helicopters have come from right across the state to land there."

Ben said the facility was particularly useful in the winter months.

"It's been fantastic. You just cast your mind back to the last three months, we couldn't have landed on the oval."

"So we appreciate it; it's been great and is a great asset for the community."



New Shopfront Hours

Our storefront at 115 Dunlop Street, Mortlake has new opening hours – Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30am - 2:30pm (when COVID restrictions allow).

Please call in and say hello to our Community Liaison Officer, Fiona.

Please be aware social distancing rules and COVID capacity regulations will apply.

