

MORTLAKE SOUTH WIND FARM

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Welcome to the 23rd edition of the Mortlake South Wind Farm Newsletter. This newsletter provides information and updates about the project. The Mortlake South Wind Farm is located approximately 5kms south of Mortlake and 7kms north of Terang, within Moyne Shire.

The project will produce 530Gwh (157.5MW) of clean energy each year, which is enough to power 117,000 homes annually. The construction phase of the project has created over 100 local jobs, 10 of which will remain during the operational phase. Peter Deith, Site Manager Operations said, "We are excited about progressing closer to operations and continuing to support the fantastic community initiatives in the local area".

Project Update

ACCIONA Energía is pleased to report we have successfully commenced the energisation process at Mortlake South Wind Farm (MSWF). So far, this has involved connecting the 220KV underground transmission line and substation to the electricity network and commencing a testing program.

The energisation process involves a gradual progression through a number of hold points set by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) to test load and output levels. More information about the energisation process can be found on the AEMO website: <https://aemo.com.au/en>

Mortlake South Wind Farm continues to progress through the AEMO's formal approval process. ACCIONA Energía is now working through the final administrative requirements and preparing for commissioning of the wind farm. Reaching the commissioning process is an important milestone, however, it does take some time to complete. We'll continue to keep the community updated as this stage progresses.

Corrective maintenance on a number of blades at the Wind Farm is also taking place. Routine inspections identified some resin in the blades has minor inconsistencies. These inconsistencies pose no immediate issues, but over time, can reduce the lifespan of a blade requiring premature replacement. ACCIONA Energía has made the decision to proactively redress these sections of the blades. We have been undertaking the maintenance work using elevated work platforms but as we work through the winter months our maintenance teams will remove the blades and carry out the remainder of the work on the ground.

The number of workers on site will gradually increase over the next few months as we prepare to energise and commission the wind farm.

Construction activity at the Mortlake South Wind Farm is ongoing. ACCIONA Energía would like to notify road users of expected infrequent delays on sections of Grinters Lane, Tapps Lane, and Chamallak Lane due to oversize or over mass vehicle movements as we demobilise machinery and equipment and reinstate the site.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the local community for your patience during our construction works.



Mortlake South Wind Farm on cloudy day

Funding For Community Projects



Celebrating Mortlake area's sponsored organisations

Funding from the Mortlake South Wind Farm Small Grants and Sponsorship Program for 2022 has been awarded. This year 14 community organisations have been supported with over \$45,000 given to worthy causes. This year's program was again oversubscribed and we thank everyone who applied.

The purpose of the program is to help fund local groups and organisations making a difference in the local community.

Representatives from the successful community organisations across Mortlake, Noorat and Terang came together to celebrate their new initiatives at a morning tea on the 21st June at Macs Hotel, Mortlake.

The event provided an opportunity for the groups to come together, share information about their initiatives and discuss ideas for long-term projects that will continue build and develop the local community.

Brendan Williams from Terang Athletics Club, "Terang Athletics Club are delighted to receive \$2,750.00 this year from Mortlake South Wind Farm for the Terang Gift 2022. This will enable us to continue to attract elite athletes to Terang, to promote our town, provide an entertaining day of exciting races and inspire young people within our community to take part in our free athletics coaching program, while enjoying the many benefits of being actively fit and healthy".



St Colman's Primary School

Stacey Atkins, Principal of St Colman's Primary School, "With the generous sponsorship of \$3,000 from ACCIONA Energía we aim to engage a local indigenous artist to help co-create a piece of artwork with the school community that honours the indigenous culture of the area and celebrates St Colman's vision of being a welcoming community."

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
East Framlingham Golf club	Installation of a 22500 Ltr water tank and pump	\$2,500
Mininera and District Netball Association	New umpire tops	\$2,500
Mortlake and Community Development Committee inc	Mortlake Community Market signage	\$3,000
Mortlake College P-12	Community Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Centre	\$4,000
Mortlake Outdoor Swimming Pool Users	Mortlake Pool Improvements Project	\$7,000
Noorat & District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc	2022 Noorat Show	\$2,500
Noorat Primary School	Phone & Internet Booster to support learning	\$2,500
St Colman's Primary School	Engaging with Indigenous Culture	\$3,000
Terang and District Historical Society	Installation of Wind Mill	\$5,000
Terang and District Indoor Sports and Recreation Centre	Community Stadium Floor Reseal	\$4,930
Terang Athletic Club Inc.	2022 Terang Gift	\$2,750
Terang Progress Association	Merry Christmas Terang	\$1,500
Terang Theatre Troupe	Film and Sound	\$1,000
Terang/Noorat Giants Junior Cricket	Cricket uniform	\$3,000

Neighbourhood Benefit Program

The Neighbourhood Benefit Program has helped neighbours of the Mortlake South Wind Farm inject more than \$132,000 into the local economy.

The Neighbourhood Benefit Program was developed to share the economic benefits of the wind farm with neighbouring residents. Anyone living within 4kms of a wind turbine can apply to receive an EFTPOS card to be used at more than 40 participating businesses in Mortlake, Terang and Noorat. This means the cash flow from the wind farm stays close to home, supporting local businesses and their families.

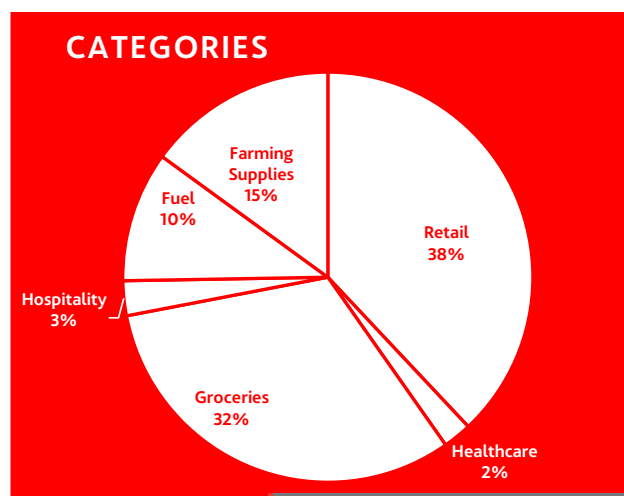
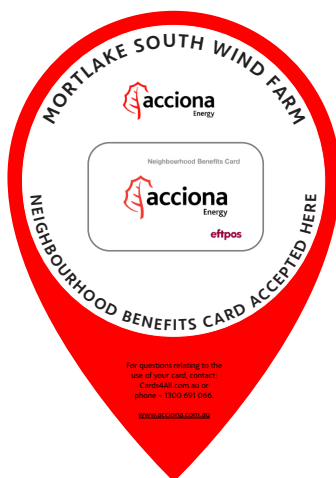
If you are a business that would like to participate in the program, please contact us for further information.

Since beginning in October 2019, the Program has contributed over \$132,000 to the local economy. The majority of spending (38%) took place in retail shops, including home furnishing and appliances. Almost one third (32%) of this total was spent in supermarkets and smaller grocery shops, and 15% was spent in farming supply businesses.

2022/2023 card distribution

For registered participants, there is no need to reapply this year. The program will automatically roll over and further details will be provided in the coming weeks.

For any eligible residents who have not previously applied, please go to community.acciona.com.au/mswf-nbp to apply. For more details or a print version contact us at mortlake@acciona.com or via 1800 283 550 for an information pack.



Percentage of spending across shops since 2019

Scholarship Program

ACCIONA Energía is launching a scholarship program for the Mortlake South Wind Farm, once the project reaches operations phase. Further details about this initiative will become available closer to the launch date.

Each year, a one-time scholarship of \$5,000 will be available to a student wishing to undertake tertiary study that will benefit their community. Scholarship recipients are selected through an application process, and preference will be given to those studying engineering, science or agricultural based courses.

At one of ACCIONA Energía's other Victorian projects Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm, two students have been selected to receive this year's scholarship. Jacob is studying a Bachelor of Science/Master of Education (Secondary) at Deakin University and Olivia is doing a Bachelor of Science at University of Melbourne.



Scholarship recipients at Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm

Meet The Team



Helen Kennedy

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Helen has joined the team as Community and Stakeholder Liaison. Helen is based in Melbourne but works closely with the site team to keep the community updated on activities on site, enable visits to the project and manage the Sponsorship and Neighbourhood Benefit Programs.

"I have worked in the wind industry since 1996, beginning as a project developer in the UK for Renewable Energy Systems, before moving to Australia in 2002 to work for Pacific Hydro and Goldwind."

"It is fantastic to see the growth in community engagement in the industry over those years. and especially ACCIONA Energía's commitment to local communities."

"The industry has enabled me to travel to regional Australia and experience the wonderful people that live there. I am excited to get to know the Mortlake South wind farm community and work with them to ensure a long-lasting positive benefit for the lifetime of the project."

Landscaping Program

Landscaping work is offered to all neighbours within 4km of a turbine to provide a visual screen from the Mortlake South Wind Farm.

Plans are designed between each landowner and a qualified landscape architect. ACCIONA Energía will arrange all meetings to develop

the plans and covers the costs involved in the planning, tree planting and maintenance for 3 years.

So far, almost 70 neighbours have taken up the offer of landscaping to help reduce the visual impact of the wind farm. All planting works

have now been completed at those properties.

It's not too late to get involved in the program. If you own an eligible dwelling within 4km of a turbine and want to apply, visit www.acciona.com.au/mortlake to download an Expression of Interest form.

APRETC Opening

Australia's first renewable energy training tower was officially opened in March this year at Federation University in Ballarat. The 23-metre-high tower is Stage 1 of the Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Training Centre (APRETC) - the project is the first of its kind in Australia.

Brett Wickham, Managing Director ACCIONA Energía said, "Federation University's APRETC is a great place for tradespeople to retrain and join the industry. Many of our staff were previously mechanical fitters or electricians who joined wanting a career in the growing and well-paid sector."



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