

GUNNING WIND FARM

Welcome to the 19th edition of the Gunning Wind Farm Newsletter. This newsletter provides information and updates about the project. ACCIONA Energía looks forward to a continuing positive relationship with the local community and thanks you for your interest in the project.

Gunning Wind Farm was ACCIONA Energía's third wind farm built in Australia and has been operational since 2011. It's located in the Cullerin Range, north-east of Gunning, and is home to 31 wind turbines capable of producing 46.5 megawatts of electricity. That's enough to power 36,000 households.

Project Update

This year there were some significant staffing changes for Gunning Wind Farm. Craig Simon finished his time with ACCIONA Energía after over twelve years with the company, in his role as Site Manager at Gunning. We thank him for his significant contribution to Gunning Wind Farm and its community, and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

We are currently in the process of appointing a new person to this role and will send out notification to the community and our key stakeholders once this is finalised.

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Turbines at Gunning Wind Farm on a partly cloudy day

Sponsorship

2023 marked the thirteenth year of ACCIONA Energía's Gunning Wind Farm Sponsorship Program, with over \$165,000 donated to local community groups, schools, sporting clubs, and not-for-profits since the program's inception in 2011.

In July, we announced over \$45,000 in funding across 13 local community organisations as part of this year's annual Sponsorship Program. This year we received a significant number of high-quality applications and would like to thank all those who applied for the effort they put into their applications. Representatives from the successful community organisations came together to celebrate their new initiatives at a morning tea on 29th June at The Old Coach Stables.

This year's funding included over \$8,000 for local sporting clubs as well as support for schools, healthcare services, social groups, and sustainability initiatives. We are honoured to continue to fund these great initiatives and look forward to future sponsorship opportunities.



Successful sponsorship recipients celebrating their achievements at The Old Coach Stables



Photo courtesy of Music Theatre Projects Ltd

Music Theatre Projects Ltd

This year, with the support of ACCIONA Energía, Music Theatre Projects Ltd are bringing the work of former Gunning district resident, Millicent Armstrong, to a wider audience. It focuses on her remarkable life story as a WW1 nurse veteran, and also her equally remarkable short plays.

The group have now laid the groundwork for further efforts on her neglected 100 year old Australian classic play "Fire" which has, till our reading in November this year, never been given a public performance. The audience were greatly moved by the power of this work and struck by its ability to explore themes still so relevant in rural Australia to this day, such as sustainability and the environment, and in particular extreme weather events.



Photo courtesy of Binda Quick Shear

Binda Quick Shear

ACCIONA Energía are a proud sponsor of the Binda Quick Shear, an initiative which raises funds for the Binda Public School and other community groups. In September a crowd of over 450 community members gathered at the Binda flat for the event. A total of \$5,800.00 was raised for the Binda P&C Association from the 104 competitor entries and 11 team entries. Meals on Wheels received a total of \$1,287.00. The RFS manned the gates, taking gold coin donations. They plan to purchase a defibrillator to be installed at the Binda Store. Progress Association member Kathy said, "It was a fantastic day."

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
1st Gunning Scout Group	Gunning Scout Hall Upgrades	\$6,980
Crookwell Pony Club	Horse Holding Day/Night Yards	\$5,000
Crookwell Show	Crookwell Show	\$3,000
Dalton Public Hall Reserve Land Manager	PA Hall Sound System	\$2,950
Goulburn Cycle Club Inc	Goulburn Great Divide	\$2,500
Gunning District Community and Health Service Inc	Enhance Heritage Building to be used as NEW Consultation Room	\$7,000
Gunning District Landcare	Gunning Bush Care Group	\$5,000
Gunning P A & I Society	Childrens Activities at the Gunning Show 18th February 2024	\$4,000
Gunning Public School Parents and Citizens' Association	Upgrades to science equipment	\$2,343
Gunning Roos, Roberts & Masters Rugby League	Gunning Roo's Masters Rugby league	\$1,000
Music Theatre Projects Ltd	Continued development of project centred on former Gunning region WW1 soldier settler/playwright, Millicent Armstrong.	\$1,000
Quick Shear	BINDA QUICK SHEAR	\$1,500
St Mary's Primary School	Transport funding for Year Six Collaroy Centre Camp	\$2,900



Managing the risk of fire

With temperatures set to rise this summer, we want to reassure our local community that ACCIONA Energía recognises our responsibility to minimise the risk of fire at Gunning Wind Farm. We also have an important role to play in assisting emergency services in the case of a fire in the vicinity of the wind farm. The key management measures implemented at the wind farm are listed below.

Listening to the experts

If Gunning Wind Farm is in the path of a fire, ACCIONA Energía will follow the advice of the State Control Centre and other emergency authorities.

Bushfire Mitigation Plan

The objective of this BMP is to mitigate any uncontrolled risks of fire ignition that have the potential to initiate bushfires during the operational and maintenance activities of Gunning Wind Farm. This includes, but is not limited to, the following mitigation measures.



Wind turbines

- All turbine hardstands are covered in crushed rock, kept free of litter, rubbish and other flammable items
- Weeds are regularly removed



Underground power cables

- All underground cables are accurately surveyed
- Any work involving excavation is controlled within 6.4m of any underground cable route



Substation

- The yards of all collector substations are covered with crushed rock or bitumen to reduce growth of vegetation
- A reduced fuel area is maintained around the exterior of the perimeter fence
- Conductors are spaced out so they do not clash
- Lightning protection poles are installed to prevent strikes inside the switchyard



Fire-fighting equipment and vehicles

- Firefighting equipment is provided in all vehicles and collector substations, adequate to enable small fires to be extinguished
- Turbines are designed with fire detection systems, lightning protection devices, monitoring systems that detect temperature increases in the turbine, fully closed electrical equipment and circuit breakers and fuses to interrupt any electrical faults



CONTACT US

We welcome your contact for information or feedback about any of our activities. Please call the freephone number 1800 283 550 or email gunning@acciona.com

You can also visit our Community Hub for more information about Gunning Wind Farm <https://community.acciona.com.au/gunning>

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