



WILLATOOK

Wind Farm

KEY FACTS

Turbines

Up to 86

Turbine height

Up to 250 metres

Site area

About 7600 hectares

Rates payable

Estimated at \$500,000 per year, for 25 years

Local Government

Moyne Shire

Responsible Authority

Victorian Minister for Planning

Landholders

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Installed capacity

Up to 400 megawatts (MW)

Power generation

About 1500 gigawatt hours (GWh) per year

Homes powered

About 300,000

Transmission Line

Up to five kilometres within the project boundary connecting to the Tarrone Terminal Station

Battery storage

Yes

Emission savings

About 1.7 million tonnes of CO₂ per year

Project status

Undertaking Environment Effects Statement

Construction

About two years

Project lifespan

25 years plus

PROJECT UPDATE

Wind Prospect is continuing to work through the Environment Effects Statement process for the Willatook Wind Farm.

As part of this our technical specialists are continuing their assessment of potential impacts from the proposed Willatook Wind Farm.

This has involved some further field studies across the spring, summer and autumn seasons, in particular in the areas of ecology and heritage.

As a result of this additional work, the updated timetable for the EES process is shown below.

During the second half of last year we continued local stakeholder engagement, which included the two information sessions in the Willatook and Orford halls in July; the

A statement on Covid-19

Wind Prospect is continuing to work on progressing the Willatook Wind Farm. All work is now being undertaken within new frameworks that adhere to COVID-19 government guidelines. Limited field work scheduled for the coming months will be assessed on a case by case basis, in line with government guidelines.

Koroit shopfront from October to December; and the neighbour doorknock during November and again in February of this year. Further information is provided over the page.

In addition, we have allocated some of our sponsorship fund and encourage anyone interested in applying to visit our website.

Please see the below story for further details.

Preparing the EES

- EES consultation by proponent
- EES studies
- EES quality assurance

Ongoing

Public review of EES

- Exhibition of EES for public comment
- Inquiry established and submissions considered
- Preparation of Inquiry report

Late 2020 to early 2021

Making an assessment

- Minister's assessment and advice to decision makers

Mid 2021

SPONSORSHIP FUND

Our sponsorship fund is now open and taking applications. The annual \$20,000 fund is designed for small grants to community organisations. Over half of last year's fund has been allocated – read our story on the next page for more details on this.

If you are interested in applying for funding, please visit our website – www.willatookwindfarm.com.au – where you will be able to find the fund guidelines and application form.

COMMUNITY FUNDING

We are pleased to announce we have funded three community groups as part of our sponsorship fund – the Orford Table Tennis Association, Koroit Irish Festival and Koroit and District Basketball Association.

Orford Table Tennis Association

\$1,620

The Orford Table Tennis Association has been part of the community since the late 1950s. With a regular group of competitors the association runs a pennant competition every year.

When the current restrictions are lifted, our funding of \$1,620 will be used by the group to contribute to the recent increase in the Victorian Table Tennis Association affiliation fees, reducing fees payable by their members.

Koroit Irish Festival

\$5,000

The Koroit Irish Festival is a celebration of the town's rich Irish heritage. Thousands of people converge on the town each year for a three-day festival of music, dance and entertainment.

We have provided \$5,000 to the festival for the purchase of portable tables and chairs. Although the festival has had to be cancelled this year, the equipment is there to be used at the next festival, which we have no doubt that everyone will be looking forward to.

Koroit and District Basketball Association

\$4,500

The Koroit and District Basketball Association offers a variety of levels of competition, from junior programs to an open mixed competition. There are more than 250 participants throughout the week, ranging from young children to adult basketballers. The association fields a number of squad teams each year, who play representative basketball at competitions in Victoria and South Australia. We are thrilled to provide the organisation with \$4,500 for new basketball tops.

KOROIT SHOPFRONT

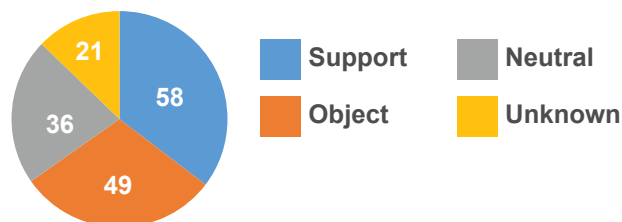
Thank you to those who dropped in to see us at our Koroit shopfront last year. Open weekly throughout October, November and up to mid December, we had a range of posters, maps and other information on display.

Our shopfront in Koroit has now closed, but we are available at any time to provide more information on the project. We are also planning to hold drop-in sessions in and around the project site at a later date.

NEIGHBOUR DOORKNOCK

As part of our community engagement we have undertaken a doorknock of all dwellings within six kilometres of a proposed wind turbine location.

Our doorknock began in November and we completed a second round in late February. As part of this doorknock we spoke to people about the project, gauged community opinions, discussed concerns and shared information on the proposal's benefits. We are still collating feedback from the doorknocks and other feedback points (including emails, phone calls, meetings, our shopfront and community drop in days) and the following public opinions have been recorded from the 164 habitable dwellings within six kilometres.



There were a further nine dilapidated dwellings in the doorknock area.

If we have missed you, or you would like to discuss the project further, please don't hesitate to contact us.

BENEFIT SHARING PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on our proposals for the benefit sharing program. We are continuing to collate feedback and intend to share full details on the program later in the year.



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