

Mt Gellibrand

WIND FARM



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Welcome to the tenth edition of the Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm Newsletter. The newsletter provides information and updates about the project. The Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm is located approximately 25km east of Colac, in south west Victoria. ACCIONA Energy looks forward to a positive relationship with the local community and thanks you for your interest in the project.



Colac Otway Shire CEO Sue Wilkinson, Colac Otway Shire Mayor Chris Potter, Victorian Renewable Energy Advocate Simon Corbell, ACCIONA Energy Managing Director Andrew Thomson at the official commencement of civil construction

ACCIONA Energy are excited to commence construction on the Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm.

Civil construction has now commenced! Acciona Energy have contracted respected and experienced contractors WBHO and Civilex (WCJV) to deliver the civil construction package of works. These firms, in turn, have sub-contracted a wide range of local companies to assist in their delivery.

The civil construction works will include:

- Approximately 27km of internal access track roads;
- 92,000m² of turbine hardstand areas; and
- Over 16,000m³ of structural concrete (associated with the turbine foundations).

In addition, improvement works are being undertaken on a 5km section of Mooleric Road. Mooleric Road is being widened, enabling the transportation of vehicles such as cranes and trucks; and new drainage installed, enhancing the long-term stability of the road. A safer intersection with the Princes Highway will also be provided, prior to the completion of the duplication works in 2018.



44 TURBINES



60,000+ HOMES ANNUALLY serviced by electricity produced



132 MW GENERATING CAPACITY



100 + CONSTRUCTION JOBS



\$275 MILLION INVESTMENT

What happens next?

The Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm will be built in a few components by different subcontractors. Following the civil works, electrical installation will commence. This includes the laying of underground and overhead cabling, as well as building the substation. From here, the turbine erection process can start – with the delivery of large wind turbine components, followed by crane assembly. The first turbine erection is anticipated to occur in late 2017. The last section of works will be the commissioning (turning the turbines on). We anticipate that this will occur throughout 2018.

Traffic Management

ACCIONA have devised an extensive traffic management plan in consultation with the Colac Otway Shire Council, VicRoads, and other key stakeholders. As a result, Mooleric Road will be the only local road used for construction.

Construction of the Mt Gellibrand project will involve two major stages of construction traffic. The initial phase involves construction of access tracks and turbine foundations. The second phase involves over dimension vehicle movements for the erection of turbines – blades, towers and nacelles.

ACCIONA will work to ensure potential traffic impacts during construction are minimised. Local residents will be informed and engaged where and when there will be impacts to traffic. The local community and motorists will be kept informed through letter box drops, and Variable Message Signs (VMS) and local traffic management devices for changes to road conditions.

ACCIONA are committed to maintaining the roads in the area, as well as protecting the safety of road users throughout the construction and operation process.

Local Engagement

ACCIONA are committed to employing local contractors wherever possible. Our key contractors will also be encouraged to engage the local workforce. During construction, ACCIONA staff will be living locally. We expect to have a peak workforce of over 100, injecting additional capital into the local economy.

We have already engaged the assistance of the following local contractors:

- Baronga Motel
- Colac Cleaning Services
- R. Slater and Sons
- Coragulac Quarry
- Bushy's Fencing
- CCS
- Driscoll Engineering
- Hip Pocket Work Wear

We'd like to thank them for their early project involvement so far.

Community Reference Group

For those most affected by our project, ACCIONA has formed a Construction Community Reference Group (CRG). Group meetings provide an opportunity for us to discuss our upcoming construction activities in greater detail, and for community members to ask questions, as well as raise any possible issues.

The CRG aims to ensure stakeholders are informed, consulted and involved throughout the project, with a focus on honesty and open communications. Group members will represent local community interests and share project information with the rest of the community.

Meetings are anticipated to continue every 6 to 8 weeks (or as required) throughout the construction phase of the project. **All views and feedback are important to us.** If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact us on **1800 283 550**.



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Project Timeline

2016	July 2016 Project successful in Victorian Government Large Scale Renewable Energy Certificate Auction
	April 2017 Start of construction and ground breaking ceremony
2017	July 2017 Start of substation construction
	September 2017 First blades arrive onsite
2018	January 2018 Grid connection completion
	April 2018 First power generation
	Late 2018 Completion of works and farm fully operational

Project Benefits

The Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm is expected to bring significant economic activity and benefits to the Colac region:

- ✓ The project will provide a substantial additional economic focus in the Colac Otway Shire.
- ✓ Generate a construction peak workforce of 100 - 150 jobs.
- ✓ Provide approximately 10 ongoing full time equivalent positions on site.
- ✓ Provide a substantial increase in Colac Otway shire's rates base.
- ✓ Support for local sporting, community events, community groups, and schools.
- ✓ Formation of a Community Benefit Fund for the operational life of the project to share the benefits of the project with the towns and community surrounding the development.
- ✓ Ongoing local sponsorship program for the life of the project.

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We also welcome your contact for information or feedback about any of our activities.

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