

Newsletter | Edition 2 | November 2022

# WHYTE YARCOWIE

## Wind Farm

### PROJECT UPDATE

We are pleased that the project has reached some important milestones in the past few months.

At the beginning of September, we held our first community drop-in sessions where we had the pleasure of meeting local communities. We have also received Development Approval to install two new wind monitoring towers.

The project team will be visiting the area in November and will also be conducting some pop-up engagement opportunities, so please come and see us and ask us any questions.

#### Community drop-in sessions

On Wednesday 31 August and Thursday 1 September our team ran three community drop-in sessions in Hallett, Whyte Yarcowie and Terowie.

We would like to thank everyone who came along and shared their thoughts and perspectives with the project team! We were very happy with the turnout across the three sessions and really enjoyed meeting everyone.

These sessions were attended by 45 members of the local community who shared their thoughts and asked questions about the proposed project. Thank you to all that could make it, we have taken note of your feedback and will use it to shape the development of our project.



### KEY FACTS

**Number of turbines:**  
Up to 85

**Turbine height:**  
Up to 250m

**Proposal location:**  
4km south-east of  
Whyte Yarcowie

**Site size:**  
5,422 hectares

**Local government:**  
Regional Council of Goyder

**Project status:**  
Feasibility stage

**Construction period:**  
Two to three years

**Project lifespan:**  
25 years plus

Some key themes Wind Prospect heard from their conversations with the community included:

- potential visual and noise amenity impacts
- ideas for allocation of community sponsorship fund and community benefit fund
- local procurement and economic benefits of the project
- potential construction impacts including:
- sourcing and use of water during construction
- construction traffic impacts, and
- accommodation needs of the project construction phase.

This type of early feedback and information sharing helps us to refine the project's design and the environmental assessments that will be undertaken. These opportunities to meet with the community are important to us as we want to hear from the local community as much as possible.

A special thank you to the community members who helped coordinate the use of local venues, going to great lengths to welcome us. The generous hospitality was greatly appreciated.

To read more visit [whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au/community](http://whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au/community)

## UPCOMING WORKS

### Installation of wind monitoring masts

From late November we will have a team on-site installing two 130 metre wind monitoring masts. They will include anemometers and wind veils to measure wind speed and direction, and aviation safety markings and lightning protection. These masts are needed to record accurate wind speed and direction data which will help update the project's wind turbine layout.

#### Pop-Up Engagement Near You

Members of the project team will be at a pop up engagement booth outside some of the local shops soon. We want to be readily available for the community to ask questions or raise concerns. We welcome interested members of the community to come and chat to us at one of our pop-up booths.

We will be outside the Hallett Corner Store on Wednesday 23 November at 11am-12.30pm and at Murray's Corner Store, Terowie on Thursday 24 November at 10.30am-12pm.

As always, our team can be reached via our project email address and phone number (see overleaf).



## HELP US DESIGN OUR BENEFIT SHARING PROGRAM!

Wind Prospect is keen to ensure the Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm has a lasting beneficial impact on the local community.

To achieve this, we want to hear your thoughts about how the benefit sharing program could be structured. We are open to suggestions about how to allocate funds.

Historically, renewable energy projects have provided a community benefit fund. The fund is usually proportionate to the number of wind turbines installed (e.g., 85 wind turbines equating to \$85,000 for the community benefit fund each year). This kind of fund is usually overseen by a committee of local community representatives, council and the wind farm owner/operator.

Other kinds of funding solutions are also possible. A combination of funds could be set up to help meet local community wants and needs.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our program could include:

- Community Benefit Fund – as described above, or similar
- Neighbour Benefit Program – A one-off construction payment, and a separate annual benefit payment would be available for eligible neighbouring dwellings during operation of the wind farm.
- Energy Cost Offset Plan – A benefit payment designed to help the occupants of neighbouring dwellings with the cost of electricity.

Do you have any thoughts about how to share the project's benefits? Please let us know by completing the survey on our community page: [whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au/community](http://whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au/community), or writing to us via our project email: [info@whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au](mailto:info@whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au).

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Community and stakeholder engagement will be ongoing throughout the project. Your input, feedback and views on the proposed Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm are important. We genuinely want to hear what you have to say, as your opinions can lead to improvements to the project design. If you are after more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We have established the following lines of communication and encourage you to contact us with any questions or comments:

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – OPEN NOW

Wind Prospect has established a sponsorship fund during the pre-approval phase of the project, providing up to \$10,000 a year to local groups, projects, and events that could use a little support to become a reality, or to chip in to help them become something extra special.

If you have a project or event that you would like us to consider sponsoring, submit an application available at [whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au/community](http://whyteyarcowiewindfarm.com.au/community)



We are looking forward to working with community around the project site and want to hear your suggestions for our sponsorship fund.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS COMING ON BOARD

The next six months will be busy for the project. Specialist consultants will be engaged to provide advice on a range of topics, and assess the project impacts on the community and the environment. The environmental assessments will enable our team to refine the project's design.

Project ecologists have been conducting surveys since 2019 and their work continues with spring surveys of native vegetation as well as bird and bat surveys occurring in November.

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 **Information sessions:** Project information sessions will be planned. Further details will be advertised prior to the event.

A traffic consultant has recently been engaged and will begin their work before Christmas. This work will be completed in consultation with Goyder Regional Council and the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and will identify transport routes for project infrastructure and materials from the port to the project site. It will also help us understand the potential impacts the project will have on existing road users and provide us with opportunities to develop mitigation measures.

Study guidelines will be sent out to various specialist consultants for impact assessments about surface water and groundwater, socio-economic, heritage, and landscape and visual amenity impacts.

In the new year this list will expand again to include aviation, noise, electro-magnetic interference and fire management. These specialists will join the planning and ecology consultants already working on the project.

## **BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON**

The Wind Prospect team want to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season for 2022.

Wind Prospect are proud to have provided some sponsorship to both the Terowie Christmas Pageant and the Hallett Community Hub Inc Father Christmas gifts for children in the local community.



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