

Taralga Wind Farm

February 2015 Newsletter



Construction Update

Construction at the wind farm has been progressing well. We now have 30 fully installed wind turbines on-site, undergoing energisation and testing.

Civil works at Stage 4 of the project are now underway, with on-site roads being formed, and provision of a new site access point from Bannaby Road. Once all-weather roads have been formed, the remaining 21 wind turbines will be installed progressively. We anticipate wind turbine installation to be completed by July 2015.

Turbine Component Transport Complete

All turbine components, including the blades, hubs, tower sections and nacelles, have now been delivered to site. A big thank you to the Taralga community for your patience during the transport phase, and the service of the drivers and pilots at Rex J Andrews, who provided expert and professional delivery. General truck movements are expected throughout the remainder of the construction phase.

CWP Renewables Joins Taralga Wind Farm

In January, CWP Renewables joined Taralga Wind Farm as the Project and Asset Manager, and will be on board through wind farm construction and into operations. Stuart Liddell will be staying on to assist with the transition.

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CWPR is a joint-venture between two leading renewable energy developers, Continental Wind Partners and Wind Prospect Group. The company developed and now manage and operate Boco Rock Wind Farm, south of Cooma in the Monaro Region.

The CWPR team is based in offices in Newcastle, Cooma and now on-site at Taralga. The CWPR team looks forward to working with the community and the Taralga Wind Farm construction team over the coming months.

Community Enhancement Fund

Taralga Wind Farm and the Upper Lachlan Shire Council will jointly deliver the Taralga Wind Farm Community Enhancement Program (CEP), intended to provide funds from the wind farm to enhance and enrich community initiatives in the Taralga area.

A Community Fund of \$127,000 per year for the operational life of the project will contribute to local community projects and initiatives. This could include equipment purchases, facility construction, rehabilitation projects or new programs. The CEP will be managed by a Community Fund Committee with representatives from the local community, Council and Taralga Wind Farm. Stay in touch for more information from Taralga Wind Farm and the Council.



TV Reception Interference

We continue to receive feedback regarding TV reception interference that has occurred since early energisation of turbines at the wind farm.

We understand that this has caused distress, and we are working to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

Interim Reception Solution

In January, a VAST (Viewer Access Satellite Television) system rollout at residences and businesses commenced. Information and application forms for VAST systems have been distributed in the identified 'area of influence' and are still available on our website. If you believe your TV reception has been affected by the Taralga Wind Farm, please contact us for further information, if you have not already done so.

The VAST systems consist of a satellite dish sitting on the roof, and a set top box connected to a television, and they provide access to free-to-air satellite channels.

We have made it a priority to rollout VAST systems to all affected households as quickly as possible and are therefore providing a satellite dish, set-top box and installation at no cost to impacted residents, in the first instance.

We will be reviewing further requirements for set-top boxes once all affected households have been assisted.

Long-term Solution

We are continuing to investigate a long-term solution that will deliver the best outcome for the whole community. This solution may be a re-transmission tower, but technical investigations are continuing to determine what will provide the best result.

We are working to resolve this situation as quickly as possible and appreciate your ongoing patience.

Further information can be obtained from our website:

www.taralga-windfarm.com.au

Local Community Support

Taralga Wind Farm and Vestas are committed to being part of the local community and, through construction, we've enjoyed the opportunity of supporting annual events and being involved with:

- The Taralga Tigers rugby team
- The Taralga Rodeo
- The Taralga Show
- The Taralga Art Show
- The Taralga Public School P&C

We look forward to supporting many more initiatives over the life of the project through the Community Enhancement Fund.

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To share your concerns or feedback about the Taralga Wind Farm project, please don't hesitate to contact us.

