

Salt Creek Wind Farm

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This December newsletter includes updates on:

- Project update
- Compliance activities
- Benefit Sharing

PROJECT UPDATE

Salt Creek Wind Farm continues to meet expectations when it comes to generation and availability, and has continued to operate smoothly during its fifth year of operation. Over the last 12 months, the wind farm has generated 136 GWh, which is equivalent to:



Powering approx. 22,000 households per year



Removing approx. 130,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere – the equivalent of removing 61,000 cars from the road

PROJECT FACTS

Project status: Operational Maximum Capacity: 54MW

Annual Output: 172 GWh

Commissioned: July 2018

Location: 5km south of Woorndoo, Victoria

Project Investment: AU\$105 million

Turbines: 15 Vestas V126 - 3.6MW turbines

Blade Tip Height: 150m

Host Landowners: One wind farm host landowner

Transmission Connection: 50.5km of 66kV overhead transmission line, owned and operated by AusNet Services

COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

The Environment Protect Authority (EPA) is currently reviewing our Noise Management Plan in accordance with Victoria’s noise regulations.

The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been reviewed and updated to the status of the Project and in accordance with changes to legislation, standards, and techniques. Tilt provided Moyné Shire Council the EMP review, which includes the proposed updates.

The second round of the Grey-headed Flying-fox (GHFF) Grant Program is open, with invitations to Victoria’s GHFF camps sent. Applications close in January 2024.



BENEFIT SHARING

Salt Creek Wind Farm Lend a Hand Fund – Successful Recipients

The Salt Creek Wind Farm, Lend A Hand Community Benefit Fund is open for applications all year round. The Fund distributes \$10,000 annually and will do so for the life of the wind farm. Funds that aren’t allocated are rolled into the next year.

In 2023, the Salt Creek Lend a Hand Community Benefit Fund enabled a number of community groups to realise their projects or initiatives. The Hexham Recreation Reserve Committee is one of the recipients. Funds were used to purchase base material for horse yards, providing a safe surface for horses when they are not competing in events.



If you have a community project that is within the region surrounding the Salt Creek Wind Farm, you may be eligible for funding.

All applications for funding must be submitted on the official Tilt Renewables Salt Creek Lend a Hand Community Benefit Fund application form, which is available from the foundation and online at www.saltcreekwindfarm.com.au

You can also direct any enquiries to: 1800 WE TILT (938 458) or email: SCWFcommunityfund@tiltrenewables.com

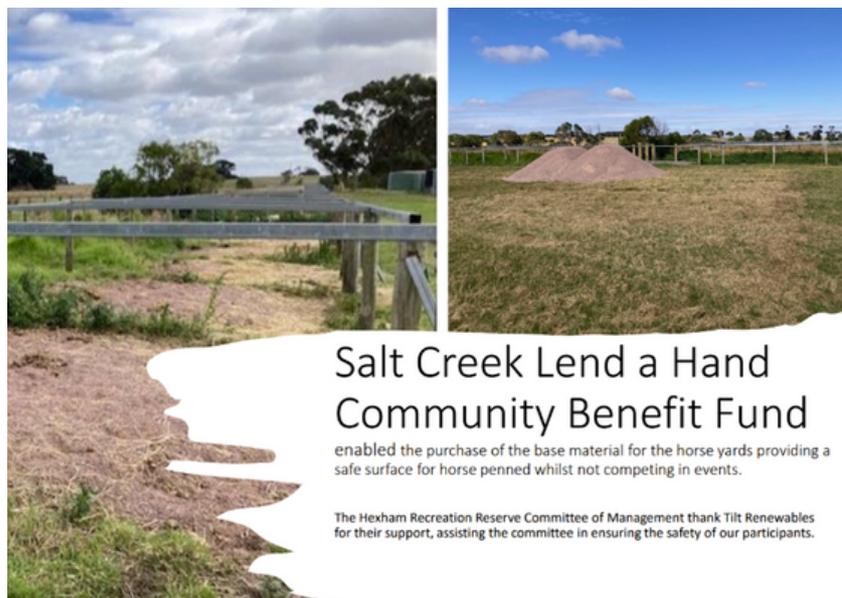


Figure 1: Hexham Recreation Reserve.



Salt Creek Scholarship

Earlier in the year we attended the presentation of the fifth Salt Creek Scholarship at the Salt Creek Merino Farm Woolshed. We congratulate Zoe Wilkinson from Camperdown in South West Victoria for winning the Salt Creek Scholarship!

Zoe was appointed as the Social Justice Captain and Student Voice Captain at Camperdown College in 2019 and 2020, respectively. She also served as the student representative for the School Council during both years.

Zoe commenced a double degree at Monash University in February 2023, undertaking a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Global Studies. With interests in politics, history, and social justice, Zoe has a desire to contribute to a fairer and more just world. Although she is uncertain about where her passions and studies will lead her, Zoe hopes to work in the field of human rights and can envision herself having a career in diplomacy, politics, or humanitarian aid.

The annual Salt Creek Scholarship was the idea of Salt Creek Wind Farm landholder, Peter Coy, who annually contributes \$15,000 towards the scholarship combined with \$15,000 from Tilt Renewables.

Rural students face additional accommodation costs compared to metropolitan students. The scholarship goes towards accommodation costs so that they have more time to study, have a balanced lifestyle and not have to work long hours to support themselves.

To find out more about the Salt Creek Scholarship, visit: www.saltcreekscholarship.com.au



Figure 2: L to R Ian Smith (Mayor, Moyne Shire Council), Zoe Wilkinson (Scholarship recipient), Peter Coy (Salt Creek Wind Farm Landholder and initiator of the scholarship) and Barend van der Poll (Tilt Renewables).



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Applications for the Salt Creek Scholarship open on 21st October 2023, and close at 5pm (AEST), Monday, 1st January 2024



Closure of the Salt Creek Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

On September 26th, 2023, the Salt Creek Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee (CEC) held its final meeting. Over the course of six years, from 2017 to 2023, the CEC convened 18 times and proved to be an incredibly productive committee. Tilt Renewables warmly thanks all members for their time over the years.

Previous meeting minutes are available to view or download via Moyne Shire Council's website: www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Counciland-Councillors/Committees/Advisory-Committees

Carey Grammar site visit

In August 2023, we had the pleasure of hosting 45 Year 8 students from Carey Baptist Grammar School for a second time. In 2022, we hosted them at Salt Creek Wind Farm, however this year we hosted them at our Dundonnell Wind Farm. During the visit, the students learned about wind turbine operations and the significance of clean, renewable energy. They were also surprised to learn that wind energy is the most efficient energy source and that wind energy projects are helping the economy by creating jobs and lowering electricity prices.

The highlight of the visit was a tour inside a turbine, which gave the students a unique perspective on how wind turbines work. The students also noted the need for turbine blade recycling in the future and were pleased to learn that researchers have made incredibly positive advancements on this issue.

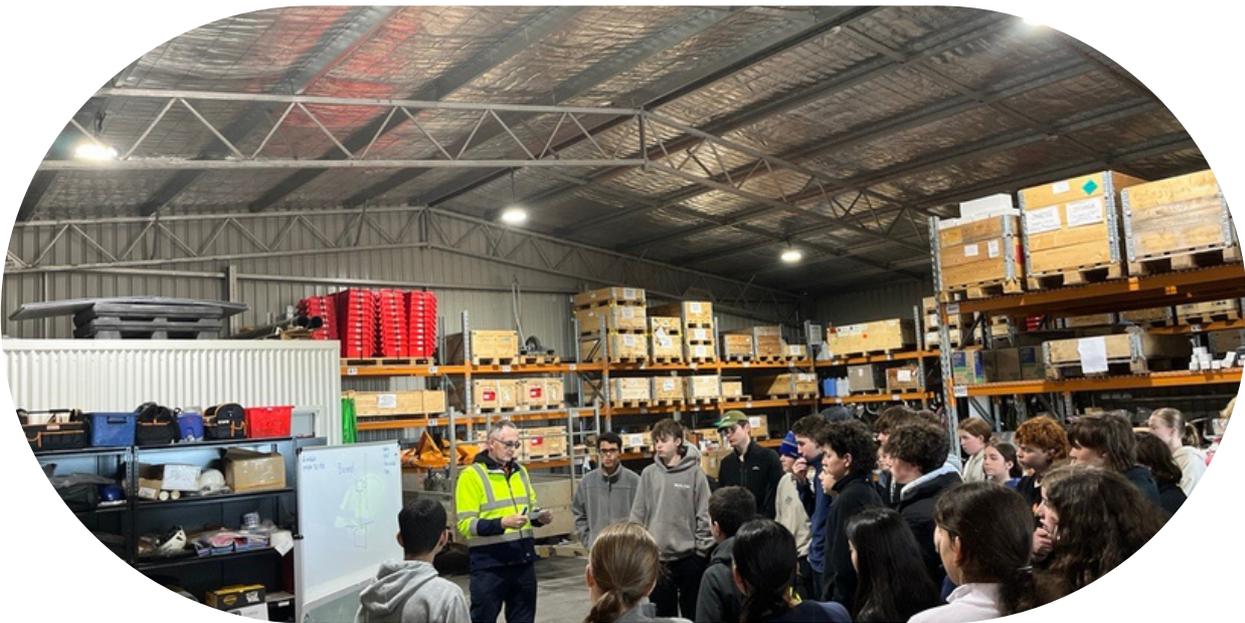


Figure 3: Carey Grammar students site visit

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