



NEWSLETTER

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Woolnorth are at the early planning stage of the Mt Fyans Wind Farm, located in Victoria's western plains in an area to the north of Mortlake.

It is our intention to keep everyone in the community up-to-date with progress and events as they occur.

We trust that you will find these newsletters helpful and informative.



Renewable Energy & Wind Farms

Wind energy will form a key element in meeting Renewable Energy Targets throughout Australia.

Achieving the Federal Renewable Energy Target, will require around 6000MW of additional generation capacity and will create around \$10billion in new investment and hundreds of jobs in regional and rural areas.

To ensure Victoria plays a leading role in the renewable energy industry and secures its share of investment and jobs, in mid-2016 the Victorian Government announced its own target for renewable energy.

Mt Fyans - What's been happening?

The Mt Fyans wind farm has been at a preliminary planning stage for several years.

The design of the project has evolved over time to enable it to have a sufficient level of wind generation and to comply with environmental and planning requirements.

Wind turbine technology has improved considerably over the last five years. This has added significantly to the expected energy output of the Mt Fyans project.

Land Access Agreements have been established between 14 adjoining properties which will host 80-85 turbines and have a capacity of approximately 250 megawatts (MW).

Introducing Stephen Ross



It is with great pleasure that I introduce Woolnorth Wind Farms to the Mortlake community. Building wind farms is my passion. My team has worked hard to incorporate the latest knowledge and technology into plans for the Mt Fyans project.

Woolnorth have successfully built and operated three wind farms in Tasmania since 2002, generating 9 % of Tasmania's energy needs. I look forward to developing this project and to working closely with the Moyne Shire Council and the local communty and to achieving a positive outcome.

S Ross, General Manager

Key information about the Mt Fyans Wind Farm process:

- During March / April 2017 meetings will be arranged with surrounding neighbours / house owners to discuss the project.
- Following neighbour consultation an open day displaying information about the project will be held as the first opportunity for the local community to provide feedback on and gain information about the project.
- The formal planning approval process will commence in mid-2017 with an application to the State Environment Minister for a decision on whether an Environmental Effects Statement is required.

Project location







FAST FACTS

number of wind farms operating across australia

90%

of energy in Victoria & **NSW** comes from fossil fuels

66%

reduction in the cost of wind energy sience 2009

MOUNT FYANS WIND FARM PROJECT

he Mt Fyans wind farm project is comprised of privately owned cleared grazing and cropping land across 14 properties.

The site lies to the north of Mortlake, with Mount Shadwell creating a geographical barrier between the town and the wind farm.

The site was chosen because of the strong and reliable wind resources, low density housing,

and proximity to state highways and the Mortlake substation. The Mortlake-Ararat road runs through the center of the farm and the Hamilton Highway forms part of its southern boundary.

We have conducted multiple environmental and heritage surveys to assist in determining the most suitable locations for turbines.

Currently the project area

covers a total area of 136 sq kms. The large site has enabled us to design the project to avoid and minimise impacts on surrounding neighbours, heritage sites and the local environment.

The wind farm will have an 18km long overhead power line that will connect at the Mortlake substation, adjacent to the Origin gas power plant.

We want your feedback, have your say...

- If you would like to provide some feedback or arrange a time to meet one of our team, please feel free to contact us on the 1800 number or email address below
- We will be providing regular updates about the Mt Fyans Project. Please contact us if you would like to be on our mailing list



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