

Geotechnical investigations commenced early this year.



STOCKYARD HILL WIND FARM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the 20th edition of the Stockyard Hill newsletter. This newsletter provides information to the communities involved in the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm development. More copies are available by either contacting us, or downloading from our website.



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Managing Director
Goldwind Australia

PROJECT FINANCE SECURED

Goldwind Australia has executed finance documents for project financing for construction of Australia’s largest wind farm, the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm.

The National Australia Bank (NAB) led the nine-member domestic and international bank syndicate which includes three Australian banks, three Japanese banks, two European banks and one Chinese bank.

Alongside NAB, the bank syndicate consists of ABN AMRO, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. (MUFG), Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA), Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), Mizuho Bank, Societe Generale, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) and Westpac Banking Corporation.

Managing Director of Goldwind Australia John Titchen said the nearly AUD\$700 million project financing for the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm is the result of significant effort from the banks, advisors and our team.

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COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM *delivers for our community*



Upper Mt Emu Creek LandCare has been supported with their program to provide native trees to community members.

The community benefits of the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm are starting to roll out, with more than \$55,000 of support approved for local community groups.

Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Senior Community Relations Advisor, Ian Courtney, said he was delighted to confirm 11 grants under the Community Investment Program.

Mr Courtney said the wind farm aims to share the benefits of the project in the local area.

“This is just the start of what I believe will be a long and rewarding partnership between the local communities and the owners of Stockyard Hill Wind Farm,” he said.

Skipton Memorial Pool received funding for 3 years for a new pool blanket.



We supported the Skipton Progress Association annual Christmas party.



Skipton Tennis Club will update their four asphalt tennis courts over a 10 year period through our funding.



For more information or to apply, head to the project website:
www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au/communityinvestment/

GROUPS TO BE FUNDED ARE:

- **Skipton Memorial Pool** – funding to replace old damaged pool blankets.
- **Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria West Region Rural Championships Committee** – sponsorship of the 2018 Championships.
- **Skipton Tennis Club** – funding towards a new surface on 4 asphalt tennis courts.
- **Beaufort Bowling Club** – funding towards a retractable UV shade system across the rear of the playing rinks.
- **World Challenge Organisation** – financial assistance for Beaufort Secondary College students Milli Smith and Bronte Christian, who are currently volunteering with World Challenge Organisation in Vietnam.
- **Upper Mount Emu Creek Landcare Network** – funding to increase the Network's Free Tree Planting Program to areas around the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm.
- **Beaufort Football Netball Club** – funding to purchase goal post nets to improve player safety.
- **Skipton Recreation Reserve** – half the cost of a new ride-on mower.
- **Beaufort Agricultural Society** - major naming-rights sponsor of the Beaufort Show.
- **Skipton Progress Association** – financial support for Skipton's annual community gathering.
- **Beaufort Apex Club** – funding towards the construction of a catering van/mobile kitchen.



Skipton Recreation Reserve will keep their ovals in pristine condition with their new ride on mower supported by the project.

Respected locals appointed to Reference Group

A diverse group of local residents has been selected to act as a further liaison point within the local community for the project and help determine the distribution of grants for the Community Investment Fund for the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm.

Raglan resident Douglas Ball has been appointed Chairman of the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Community Reference Group.

Douglas is a well-known identity around Beaufort and comes from a military and business management background.

Other Reference Group members include Jim Mahony, David Bain, Ian Homan, Michael Murphy, John Kavanagh, Douglas Smith, Pat Gabb, Nick Shady, James Kirkpatrick as well as Stockyard Hill Wind Farm representatives Ian Courtney and Trish Collins.

“This is an excellent selection of people who are passionate about their local community. I'm sure they will help us relay important information regarding project progress, select grants recipients from groups and causes across the district, and also help us further understand community concerns,” said Senior Community Relations Advisor, Ian Courtney.

Best in Class by Windpower Monthly

Goldwind Australia will use its new generation GW3(s) turbines as part of the Stockyard Hill project. The 3s turbine recently won Windpower Monthly Best in Class model of the year.

The Technology features include an in-house outer-rotor PMG with integrated cooling system, a single rotor bearing and an ingenious patented pitch control system with toothed belt drive.

The original drivetrain design on the Vensys 90/100 was aimed at substantially reducing head mass (nacelle and rotor), and bringing that mass in line with its new geared multi-megawatt competitors.

Two 3.4MW prototypes are currently operating in China, and 1.6GW in orders are reported for the turbine globally.



WIND FARM INFORMATION CENTRE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Stockyard Hill Wind Farm continues to extend its community relations activities by opening a new information centre in Beaufort December 2017.

The information centre at 70 Neill Street has undergone a transformation in recent weeks. Stockyard Hill Wind Farm's Senior Community Relations Advisor Ian Courtney said the information hub will provide information to the community about the project which is set to commence construction early next year.

"The shop front in the middle of town and will be a convenient way for the community to find out first hand, about the project," Mr Courtney said.

The Stockyard Hill Wind Farm recently employed Beaufort resident Trish Collins, as a Community Relations Officer, to provide information on the project to the community.

The Stockyard Hill Wind Farm information centre is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 2pm.

The shop front will complement the project's other community relations activities which include community presentations, newsletters, advertising and community investment program.



Congratulations to Kianie Hyde who won the project quiz at the Beaufort Show, she nominated the Guwarra Wildlife Shelter as her preferred community group who received \$200.



Helping beat the summer heat

Being properly hydrated is so important, especially for kids.

That's who we've provided over 300 re-useable drink bottles to local schools including Beaufort Primary, Skipton Primary, Buangor Primary, Lismore Primary and Trawalla Primary.

And it doesn't stop there. We've also provided another 100 bottles to Skipton Memorial Pool and 50 for competitors in the Waterloo Endurance Cup.

Contact us if your school or organisation would like to take advantage of this great initiative from Stockyard Hill Wind Farm.

PICTURED: Beaufort Primary School students making use of their water bottles.

Preferred contractor appointed

Goldwind Australia has appointed a preferred joint venture between SNC-Lavalin and WBHO for the construction of the wind farm civil and electrical works, commonly referred to as the 'balance of plant'.

Stockyard Hill Project Director Mr John Smith said we are very pleased to appoint the SNC-Lavalin WBHO Joint Venture as the preferred contractor.

Preliminary work has commenced on site and we anticipate full construction will be underway in the first quarter of 2018." said Mr Smith.

Stockyard Hill Wind Farm, located near Beaufort and Skipton in Western Victoria, is set to be the largest wind farm (by capacity) in the southern hemisphere.

**POSITIONS
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Looking for work?

Complete Staff Solutions is a national labour hire firm. We are organising staff for the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm project and are looking for construction labourers to commence on project.

To express your interest please email your resume to Jamie Grant at Complete Staff Solutions: jgrant@completestaff.com.au. Alternatively you can call Jamie for a chat on **0432 235 360**.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information visit
www.stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au
or call our project hotline on **1800 753 730**.

