



Skipton v Beaufort
Courtesy of the Pyrenees Advocate

STOCKYARD HILL WIND FARM

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Welcome to the 12th 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.

Skipton v Beaufort – John Fraser Shield

The Beaufort and Skipton football and netball clubs met in late June and continued their friendly local football and netball rivalry while competing for the John Fraser Challenge Shield.

Although Beaufort walked away winners once again, ties between the two clubs were celebrated at a joint post-game fundraising dinner, which was proudly supported by Origin.

Money raised from the event will be shared amongst both clubs and directed to fund new sports equipment for the junior sections of the clubs and help cover the costs of junior accreditation coaching training.



Origin kicks a goal for Skipton footy club

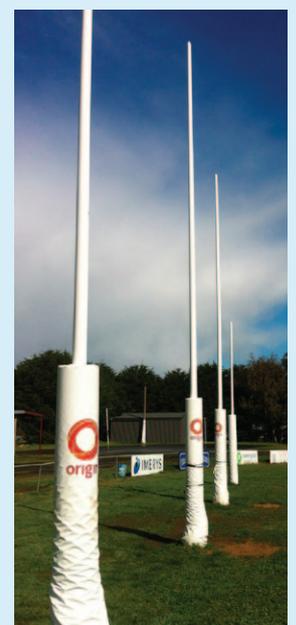
Origin has kicked a goal this season with the Skipton Football and Netball Club (FNC) by supporting the club with its purchase of the new goal posts and safety padding.

Skipton FNC President Graham Layley said the new goal posts and padding will benefit all players that play at Skipton, by being up to date with safety regulations. It also assisted the club in its vision to become a more professional outfit.

“Our old posts were just about falling over, so to be able to invest in new posts with the support of Origin was fantastic,” Graham said.

“We really appreciate Origin coming on board and assisting us improve our facilities. These improvements will benefit the whole community for years to come.”

Origin’s Community Relations Advisor Ian Courtney said Origin’s aim through the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm community investment program was to assist local clubs and groups develop and become more sustainable.





Gorse control Thompsons Road

Landcare network gets a helping hand

Last year the Upper Mount Emu Creek Landcare Network received support from Origin that assisted it in controlling weeds along Stockyard Hill, Thompsons, Racecourse and Trawalla - Waterloo roads.

Origin will continue its support this year for the network to work with landholders who have weeds adjoining areas where Council has targeted control works, to achieve control on their land.

Network Facilitator David Clark said by acting together we will be much more effective in ongoing weed control.

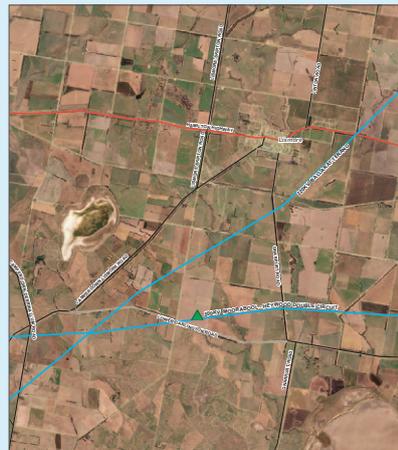
“Of particular focus this year is a significant Pattersons curse infestation on Settlement Rd in Stoneleigh, and various woody weeds like gorse, broom and blackberry in the Nerring area south east of Beaufort.”

Powerline route and terminal station investigation

On 30 October, Origin lodged a planning permit application with Corangamite Shire Council for the Lismore Terminal Station. The proposed Terminal Station is located on Lower Darlington Road, approximately 6km south of Lismore. If approved and when constructed, the Terminal Station will enable Origin to deliver renewable energy generated at the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm into the national electricity grid via the existing 500kV Moorabool to Heywood transmission line.

The planning application is supported by a range of studies including geotechnical, noise, flora & fauna, visual and landscape and cultural heritage assessments.

As part of the formal assessment process, Corangamite Shire Council will place the planning application on public exhibition following their initial review of the documentation. It is also anticipated that Council will publicly advertise this exhibition phase as part of its routine planning process.



Proposed terminal station location near the crossover of the 500 kV and 220 kV powerlines (powerlines in blue, Terminal station site as green triangle)

Origin has prepared a short summary guide to the planning application. This guide and other information regarding the on-going powerline investigation can be viewed and downloaded from our website at <http://stockyardhillwindfarm.com.au/network-connection> or by contacting us on 1800 753 730.

Wind Farm Development Update

Earlier this year, Origin commenced discussions with a number of companies to explore the best way to develop Stockyard Hill Wind Farm.

These discussions have focused on how other companies might construct the wind farm on Origin's behalf or provide equity and financing options for the project's development. In the event that these discussion result in another company purchasing the project, Origin would continue to support the wind farm's development by agreeing to

purchase all the energy it eventually generates.

While these discussions are expected to continue for some months, the project team is very focused on development activities that ensure the wind farm complies with the conditions set down in the planning permit.

We will continue to provide the community with updates regarding both Stockyard Hill Wind Farm's development and commercial activities in future editions of this newsletter.

Noise Monitoring

Following its approval earlier this year (as reported in edition 11), Origin has been busy implementing the Stockyard Hill Wind Farm Noise Monitoring Plan.

Five additional wind monitoring masts were installed around the wind farm site in May, while noise loggers have been installed at over 40 residences local to the wind farm.

Once the background noise monitoring has been completed, the collected noise and wind speed data will be correlated to establish background noise levels.

The data will form part of the Monitoring Plan that will be, once approved by the Minister for Planning, made publicly available.



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