

### Change of funding partners for Lal Lal Wind Farms

Macquarie Capital announced in June 2018 that it has closed project financing for the Lal Lal Wind Farms with two experienced global infrastructure investors, Northleaf Capital Partners and InfraRed Capital, each acquiring a 40% interest in the project. Macquarie will retain 20% interest in the project.

Global Renewable Energy Company RES has secured a five year construction and asset management contract with the project, to oversee the works of contractors Zenviron and Vestas through the construction phase and manage the first few years of operations. RES is one of the world's largest independent renewable energy company with a portfolio of over 16 GW and the expertise in engineering, constructing, and operating projects around the globe. RES has worked on a number of renewable energy projects in Australia including the recently completed Ararat Wind Farm.

#### **Construction Continues**

As previously advised Vestas and Zenviron are the principal engineering, procurement and construction contractors for delivering the project. Vestas will supply and install the wind turbines and Zenviron is completing civil and electrical works.

#### When will Construction finish?

Construction is expected to be completed around July/August 2019. Following commissioning in September 2019, Lal Lal Wind Farms will be operational towards the end of 2019.

### What works will be taking place in July and August 2018?

Civil works will continue in July and August.

These works will include :-

- Laying access tracks in preparation for turbine assembly.
- Constructing crane hardstands at each tower location.
- Preparation of concrete batching plant in Duggan Lane.
- Placing crushed rock on internal roads/tracks.
- Installation of drainage lines.
- Excavating down 3.5 meters to create turbine hard stands. In the next 2 months 12 turbine hardstands will be excavated.
- Road works, widening on Duggan Lane in preparation for turbine component arrival at the end of the year.
  Some intersection works at Duggan Lane and Yendon Mt Egerton Road.
- Install conduits and construct transformer pads on sub- station.

Jul 2018

Access roads, sub station construction commences

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- First foundation pour
- Cable installation

#### What will I notice happening in the area during July and August 2018?

- Road works around Duggan Lane.
- Concrete batch plant works will be visible from the corner of Yendon Mt Egerton Road and Duggan Lane.
- More plant onsite around Lal Lal Estate.

## **Community Benefit Fund for 2018, Applications**

The next round of funding for 2018 is now available. Application forms and details are available through the website.

A total of \$100,000 (plus annual CPI increases) will be made available each year, for the life of the project. Applications close on 31 July 2018.

### Lal Lal Wind Farms, Community Information Centre

Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms) is available on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays between 8.30am and 12.30pm, to answer questions about the project. We are located in the Old Library/Information Centre, 408 Warrenheip Street Buninyong.

### **Voluntary Landscape Screening Program**

We are continuing to book in appointments for the voluntary landscape screening program. These appointments take about 20 minutes and we have recently introduced the option of appointments on Saturdays, for those who work outside the area during the week.

The voluntary landscape screening program will strategically use vegetation (i.e. trees and shrubs) to screen visible turbines from affected dwellings located within 4km of a turbine. The program involves a site visit and meeting with a landscape architect, and the preparation of a dwelling landscape plan.

The full cost of the design, implementation and maintenance of the landscaping under the program is to be met by Lal Lal Wind Farms, as agreed between Lal Lal Wind Farms and the landowner.

At the moment, as a planning permit requirement, each individual landscape plan has to be signed off by the Minister for Planning's office. We are working on some alternatives to expedite the approval process.

There is a voluntary landscape application form on our website if you would like apply for this program. Please call Tracey Ward if you have any questions.

# Lal Lal Wind Farms, Open Day

The open day has now been delayed until Spring, until the weather is warmer. We will keep you updated about the details.



#### For more information

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