

Lal Lal Wind Farms

Project Update July 2019



Construction Continues

Works to take place in July to September 2019

- Turbine construction commences in Elaine.
- Turbines progressively 'turned on' at Yendon. At the time of printing 34 out of the 38 turbines at Yendon have been constructed.
- There are three cranes on site to complete turbine construction, these cranes relocate from Yendon to Elaine to commence turbine construction once the final four turbines are constructed at Yendon.
- New meteorological masts (metmasts) to be constructed in Yendon and Elaine. Metmasts measure wind speed. The existing metmasts will be decommissioned.
- Rehabilitation works will continue at Yendon and Elaine.
- Fit out works and finalisation of a 'punch list' for the overall completion of the operations and maintenance building at Yendon, continues.
- Turbine reliability testing and commissioning will continue at Yendon and commence at Elaine once the turbines have been constructed.
- Turbine component delivery will continue until August 2019 at Elaine. Even though there have been delays due to the weather, construction is still forecasted to be completed in September 2019.

Noise investigation response plan (NCIRP), endorsed by DELWP

The Noise Investigation response plan (NCIRP) or noise complaints procedure has been endorsed by DELWP and is now available on the website. The existing complaints procedure will remain on the website for all other complaints.

Aviation lights, radar activated

Lal Lal Wind Farms is the first wind farm project in Australia to operate with the most advanced radar technology to activate aviation lights.

There are 46 turbines fitted with aviation lights across both sites (Yendon and Elaine). These aviation lights are radar activated, which means they will operate when a light aircraft is in the area.

The aviation lights will be activated as the light plane enters the warning zone and will then switch off as soon as the plane exits this zone. Only aviation lights, closest to the light aircraft will be activated.

Lal Lal Wind Farms will be added to aviation maps as an 'obstructive object'. Generally, light aircraft submit a flight plan in advance of their flight to CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) and will avoid areas where there are 'obstructive objects'. Light aircraft, for safety reasons, generally do not fly at night or in foggy conditions. The exception here would be with emergency aircraft that would operate in these conditions with bush fires etc.



Vestas will conduct a test flight over Lal Lal Wind Farms (Yendon) in July/August 2019 (with CASA witnessing) to test out the technology in use. There will be aviation lights activated during this test flight.

Night works at Elaine

Night works will commence in Elaine from start of July until turbine construction completion in September 2019. The night works involve relocating crane components to expedite turbine construction works during daylight hours.

Construction hours for these night works are 6pm to 6am. Diffused balloon lights will be in use, directing light towards the works and away from nearby houses and roads. Light and noise emissions will be monitored throughout these works.

Temporary road closure of Horsehill Road, Elaine

Horsehill Road will be closed periodically during July to allow for crane component movements. Detours will be down Narmbool Road. This road will only be closed when crane component movements are required and will remain open when these works are not taking place.

New arrangements to meet with community, site office Duggans Lane Lal Lal

The operations and maintenance building in Duggans Lane will soon be completed. When the fit out has been completed and safe access has been secured for parking, the community is welcome to 'drop in' for project enquiries. This will be the main physical contact point, for community enquiries. The arrangements with the Buninyong Information Centre were temporary, while waiting for the operations and maintenance facility to be completed.

Landscape Screening Program, have you applied for a payment or landscaping?

Application forms are now loaded on the website for both landscaping payments and actual landscaping. People that have registered their previous interest in the landscaping program, also need to complete an application form for either a payment or landscaping. Follow the link for information <http://www.lallalwindfarms.com.au/landscaping-program-forms/>

All applications will also need to include a copy of a recent rates notice as proof of ownership of the dwelling. Signatures are required on the application form, from everyone named on the rates notice. Application forms can also be collected from Buninyong Information Centre. Dwelling owners, located within 4kms of the nearest turbine, qualify for the program. Check the 'program or works', on the website for qualification details.

Community Benefit Fund, applications closed for 2019

Community benefit fund applications closed on 19 June 2019. Allocations will be discussed at the July community reference group meeting. We received 12 applications this year and there is over \$104,000 on offer, inclusive of some money left over from last year and the annual CPI rate increase. There will be a community event on Wednesday 7 August at 6.30pm, at the Lal Lal Soldiers Memorial Hall to celebrate the 2018 and 2019 recipients.



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