

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Community benefits from wind power**

Just two months after beginning generation, the Hepburn Wind Community Fund opened its first funding round on Tuesday 16 August. With a pool of \$15,000 available, the Hepburn Wind Community Fund is open to community groups and organisations that are working to make a positive and lasting contribution to community sustainability.

The Chairperson of the community fund, Vicki Horrigan said ‘this is a great opportunity for our community to benefit from the profits of the wind farm and we are excited to see the projects that emerge’.

The Hepburn Wind Community Fund is the most generous community fund of any wind farm in the country, on a per turbine basis, and is part of project’s long commitment to sharing the benefits of the wind farm with the whole community, especially those who live closest. The community fund seeks to strengthen and build local resilience and will have two rounds per year and is committed to sharing at least \$1 million over the next 25 years.

The fund will support organisations that operate or are based within the Hepburn Shire and in the parts of the Moorabool Shire within 20 km of the wind farm at Leonards Hill. Applications for the first funding round will close on Friday 14 October at 5pm, with the grants to be announced in early November.

For further information please visit [hepburnwind.com.au/fund](http://hepburnwind.com.au/fund) or call Community Officer Taryn Lane on 0458 048 287.

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