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Hepburn Wind Creating Local Green Jobs

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Hepburn Wind is creating green jobs in the local community with the employment of two new staff members who will help build Australia's first community-owned wind farm at Leonards Hill.

“Since we signed the construction contracts for the wind farm we have been overwhelmed by the interest in our project, both locally and throughout Victoria. We're now in a position to employ additional staff, another sign of the growing success of Hepburn Wind.” Director Vicki Horrigan said.

Both Janet Wheatley and Tracy Anthony are local to Daylesford and are passionate about community ownership of renewable energy.

Janet, filling the role of Membership Officer, has extensive experience in environmental and union activities but is best known locally as one of the friendly faces at the Daylesford Library.

Tracy, filling the role of Project Officer, has a business systems development background in the electricity retailing industry. She is well known in the local business community through her work on Lost magazine.

Janet and Tracy join Executive Officer Jack Gilding, forming a dynamic local team demonstrating that renewable energy projects not only reduce our carbon footprint but also provide local employment. In addition to employing three locals, Hepburn Wind has a local purchasing policy whereby a preference is given to local businesses when sourcing services.

“Everyone in our community can be proud of Hepburn Wind. I would encourage all local residents to take advantage of the \$100 local offer to join the co-operative.” Vicki Horrigan said. Further details can be provided by contacting our staff on (03) 5348 6760 or via our website www.hepburnwind.com.au

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Photo caption: New additions to the team Tracy Anthony (left) and Janet Wheatley (right) join Executive Officer Jack Gilding. Photo by Koos Hulst.

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