

Share Offer Launch

On Friday 25 July, over 150 local residents and media crowded into Daylesford Town Hall for the launch of the Hepburn Wind Share Offer. Hepburn Wind is aiming to fund the total project by raising over \$9m from investors in addition to a \$1m grant, which has been committed by Sustainability Victoria from the Renewable Energy Support Fund.



Chairman of Hepburn Wind, Simon Holmes à Court, explained: “We believe in celebrating milestones, and this is certainly a milestone. It is an opportunity to thank our members and supporters for the years of hard work, and take pride in how far we have come.”



It is time to become a member and encourage your friends and family to invest. The Share Offer document is now available for download from the cooperative’s web site at www.hepburnwind.com.au. The offer closes no later than the end of October 2008, however may close earlier if oversubscribed.

Bus Tours

Hepburn Wind is currently organising another round of bus tours to a wind park. Some of you may have been on one of the tours to Chalicum Hills that we ran more than a year ago. You may even have been one of the people whose preconceived notion of wind parks was turned on its head.

The bus tours will be free and they provide people with the opportunity to see and hear wind turbines in action. The feedback we received last time was overwhelmingly positive.

Please register your interest in attending by email at david.wait@hepburnwind.com.au, or by phoning David Wait on 0402 890 552.



Coming Events

Hepburn Sustainability Day: HREA are coordinating a day on 14 September for all things sustainable.

Children’s Festival: Hepburn Wind has been asked to contribute to the Hepburn Health Service’s Children’s Festival coming up in October. This year’s theme is Science.

Watch this space for further information on both these events. Again, anyone who would like to help can contact Koos on 5348 4749 or email koos.hulst@hepburnwind.com.au.



Introducing ... Jack Gilding

We believe it's good to highlight the work of those behind the scenes of the wind park. Jack Gilding has been a keen supporter of this project virtually since its outset. We asked him a few questions about why he became involved and how he sees the wind park contributing to the area.



Why did you feel the need to become involved with Hepburn Wind?

It just seemed like a great project, and the proposed site was only a couple of kilometres from where I live in Korweinguboorra. Although most of my work life has been involved with information technology projects, I have had an interest in energy policy ever since I was the Alternative Energy Coordinator at Friends of the Earth in the late 1970s. I had the privilege of working with the Seeds for Change group who developed a sophisticated model that saw local community development as the key to both improving quality of life and moving away from the unsustainable use of fossil fuels.

What qualities do you think you bring to the project?

I have a good understanding of the effective use of information technology to enhance communication and participation in community activities. I also have a knowledge of both local community action and the broader technical, policy and political processes that shape our response to the challenges of climate change. And I am stickler for detail.

What is your vision for the Hepburn area in 2020?

A caring and sustainable community that has managed to successfully integrate traditional rural values of self-reliance and mutual support with the smart use of modern technology to address the interlocking challenges of climate change and social equity.

Hepburn Wind wishes to thank Jack for his substantial work in assisting with our website and newsletter mail outs. His contribution, like that from so many others, is essential to running an organisation like ours.

Frequently Asked Questions

We have updated the Frequently Asked Questions section of our website in response to questions we have received following the release of the Share Offer document. It is available at

www.hepburnwind.com.au/faq.htm



Street Stalls

Hepburn Wind plans to continue conducting street stalls to invite new investors and promote the project. We are searching for enthusiastic people who want to help with attending the street stalls that will happen on a regular basis until December 2008. If you can contribute a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday please call Koos on 5348 4749 or email koos.hulst@hepburnwind.com.au.

