

# Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm

- Location: The Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm is located 25 kilometres east of Colac and 17km west of Winchelsea in the Colac Otway Shire on Victoria's Western Plains
- Project Configuration: 44 x 3MW turbines
- Capacity: Up to 132 MW
- Energy Production: Equivalent up to 90,000 households
- Project Value: Approximately \$258 million
- Tip Height: 150 metres.

The \$258m project generates significant economic activity in the region and over 100 construction jobs with 8 full time



#### LEADERS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

With over 30 years of experience in the field of renewable energy, ACCIONA Energía provides reliable and efficient solutions leveraging cutting-edge technologies. In Australia, ACCIONA Energía develops, constructs, owns and operates wind farms and locally we have delivered four wind farms and a 20 MW solar farm. Through the projects the company owns, ACCIONA Energía currently generates enough clean energy to power 280,000 households. Construction of ACCIONA Energía's fifth wind farm is almost complete and building of our sixth wind farm will commence in 2022, which will be our biggest project yet, a 1,026 MW wind farm in Queensland.

The company works exclusively with renewable technologies, specifically across wind, solar PV, solar thermal, hydro and biomass. ACCIONA Energía has 11 GW capacity in operation and under construction globally and has nearly installed 2,000MW for third parties.

#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm is located 25 kilometres east of Colac and 17km west of Winchelsea in the Colac Otway Shire on Victoria's Western Plains. The wind farm has been constructed around the southern and western sides of Mt Gellibrand itself. These open and partly elevated plains make the site an ideal location for a wind farm. ACCIONA Energía obtained final Development Plan approval from the State Government in 2012, allowing construction to commence. In July 2016, ACCIONA Energía successfully won the tender held by the Victorian State Government for the purchase of green energy certificates linked to renewable energy generated in Victoria. Following on from this, construction commenced in April 2017. The first electricity generation was achieved in June 2018, producing green energy for Victorian households.

# Presence in more than 60 countries

Over 100 years of experience



## EXPERTS IN DESIGNING A BETTER PLANET

#### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

ACCIONA Energía through the Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm brings significant economic activity and benefits to the Colac region:

- The project provides a substantial additional economic focus in the Colac Otway Shire, independent of, but complementary to ongoing agricultural, forestry, light industry, tourism and service activities of the shire
- Generated a construction peak workforce of 100-150 jobs
- Provides approximately 8 full-time positions plus seasonal contracting
- Delivers a diversified income for host landowners
- Provides a substantial increase in Colac Otway Shire rates base
- Clean energy equivalent to the consumption of around 90,000 homes annually
- Continued support of the local community through a Shared Benefits Program for the operational life of the project

#### SPONSORSHIP

ACCIONA Energía continues to support the local community through major sponsorship of local sporting teams and donations to schools, pre-schools, charity groups and other community groups. At the Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm, ACCIONA Energía awards funding to local community groups in collaboration with a Committee of community representatives. In 2021, ACCIONA Energía allocated more than \$100,000 in support of events and initiatives that contribute to sustainability, education, health and cultural development in the region around the wind farm. Some of the successful recipients this year include:

- Birregurra Community Markets
- Irrewarra Cricket Club
- Colac Otways Arts Trail
- Colac Otway Residents Action Group Inc
- Colac Area Health Foundation
- Dairy Australia
- Birregurra Primary School
- Warrowie Recreation Reserve

#### **EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

ACCIONA Energía through the Mt Gellibrand Wind Farm, provides an annual scholarship of up to \$5000 for a local student wishing to undertake study at University or TAFE. Preference is given to those studying Engineering, Science or Agricultural based courses. Since the Program kicked off in 2018, ACCIONA Energía has supported six students with scholarship funding, to a total value of \$30,000.

### **CONTACT US**

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