



Welcome to the twentieth edition of the ACCIONA Energy Waubra Wind Farm newsletter. This newsletter provides information updates about the Waubra Wind Farm project approximately 35km North West of Ballarat. The newsletter is produced quarterly. Copies of the newsletter are delivered to local residents and are available at local shops and the offices of the Pyrenees Shire and the City of Ballarat.

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Neighbours BBQ – March 7 2013, Waubra Maintenance Facility

We held our first neighbours BBQ last year in September which was a great opportunity for some of our Waubra neighbours to meet with ACCIONA staff and learn more about the operations of the Waubra Wind Farm.

Once again this year we would like to invite Waubra Wind Farm neighbours along for a BBQ at the Waubra Maintenance Facility from 5.30 – 7.30pm on 7 March 2013.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by calling our free call community hotline on 1800 283 550.



Come along to the Neighbours BBQ and meet Chris Brennan, Melanie Robertson and Cameron Stowe from the Waubra maintenance facility team



Production Report for 2012

The Waubra Wind Farm generated 662,490 MWh¹ of renewable electricity from 1 January 2012 to 31st December 2012. This is enough to power approximately 110,000 households² for a year.

1. A MWh is a megawatt hour.
1 MWh=1000 kilowatt hours (KWh).
2. Based on each household consuming and average of 6 MWh per annum.

Waubra community website

The Waubra community is working to establish the Waubra community website. The aim of the website is for the Waubra community to showcase all the positive aspects of Waubra and surrounding district. ACCIONA Energy is pleased to be involved.

Thank you to the community groups that have elected to be involved and for supplying information and photos for the new website.

Green Graphics is assisting with the design and layout. At the time of printing this newsletter the website is not yet operational. It is expected the website will be launched within the next few months.

Site Report



Melanie Robertson
Site Manager

I was the novice on site and once I conquered my nerves it was a fantastic experience and what a view from up there! During December 2012 we also undertook an in situ gearbox repair. This involved changing out one of the shafts and this was all conducted in the tower with the aid of a very large crane.

This was the first in situ gearbox repair that has been undertaken by ACCIONA

Energy and was an outstanding success. Community consultation will remain a focus in 2013 and we will hold another Waubra neighbours BBQ in March. From all at the Waubra Maintenance Facility, I wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2013.

The sun shone and the winds continued to blow for the last quarter of 2012.

One of our most significant training exercise – height safety training was conducted in December. This refresher training is crucial for everyone on site and is critical in managing the risks when working at heights.

The refresher training involved a rooftop rescue in which a dummy was rescued from the nacelle roof as well as a rope descent from the back of the turbine. The roof rescue involves rigging a pulley system to be able to attach and leverage the dummy back to safety.

With all training, we think about worst case scenario and plan for that. But we may need these skills in the event if someone was injured in a turbine and could not climb into the lift i.e. badly sprained wrist/ankle. The training has a serious component to it but it is generally enjoyed by all.



Scott Unstad and Richard Clements, completing their heights training and undertaking a rescue from the side of the nacelle



The top of the nacelle was temporarily removed for this gear box change on turbine 3A2

TV reception

There have been some recent disruptions to TV reception in the Learmonth area. We are currently undertaking an assessment to establish exactly what is causing these disruptions to TV reception and also determine whether these disturbances can be attributed to the Waubra Wind Farm.

If you have issues with your TV reception and believe these are related to the operations of the Waubra Wind Farm please contact Chris Brennan at the Waubra Maintenance Facility on 5343 1311 or call our free call community hotline on 1800 283 550.

STEPS TO TAKE IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH TV RECEPTION

1. If there is storm in the area, wait two hours or until it passes to see if your TV reception returns to normal.
2. Don't retune your TV at this stage.
3. If TV reception has not been restored after two hours or there is no storm in the area, contact ACCIONA Energy on the free call community hotline 1800 283 550.
4. ACCIONA Energy will then determine if a TV technician needs to investigate your complaint.

Sometimes the problem relating to TV transmission may not be related to the tuning of the actual TV. For instance, the issue could relate to extreme weather conditions or problems with the TV transmission tower.

It is important that you report any issues with TV reception as soon as possible, so we can establish whether or not the problem is wind farm related. If the problem is wind farm related we will endeavour to assess the situation and fix the problem as soon as possible.

Waubra Community Reference Group

The next Waubra Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting will be held on 27 February 2013 at the Waubra Maintenance Facility. These meetings provide a great opportunity to meet with ACCIONA Energy staff and ask any questions you may have about the operations of the Waubra Wind Farm. Please call Tracey Ward (Community Relations Co-ordinator) on 1800 283 550 if you would like to attend.

Sponsorship Update

ACCIONA Energy is currently taking expressions of interests from community organisations based in Waubra area.

If you would like to apply for sponsorship funding in 2013 please contact our community relations team on 1800 283 550 or by email waubra@acciona.com.au

Waubra Community Benefit Fund

ACCIONA Energy is continuing to support the Waubra Community by providing \$64,000 per annum (\$500 per turbine, indexed annually) to the Waubra Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. The next Community Benefit Fund meeting will take place on 27 February 2012, following the Waubra CRG meeting.

If you would like more information about the Community Benefit Fund or would like enquire about how to apply for funds, please contact the fund's Executive Officer, David Clark by email (garvagh@bigpond.com).



Community Benefit Fund Committee

MAN OF THE MONTH

Heath Anderson

CONTROL ROOM OPERATOR

In the previous editions of the Waubra Wind Farm newsletter, we have included some information regarding the turbine technicians working at Waubra. In this edition we are including an update on one of the control room operators, Heath Anderson, who is based in our head office in Melbourne.

The role of control room operators includes overseeing the operations of the turbines at both our Waubra and Gunning Wind Farms and respond to turbine and electrical infrastructure faults.

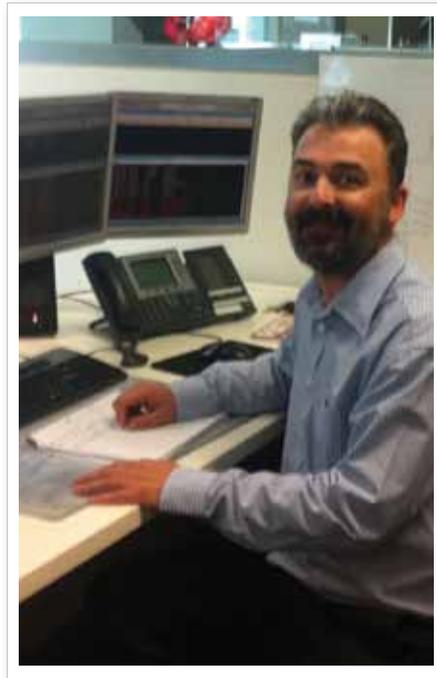
All of our control room operators have a trades background, with some having previously worked as turbine technicians at the Waubra Wind Farm.

How long have you been working at ACCIONA Energy? What were you doing before you joined ACCIONA?

I have been working for ACCIONA Energy since May 2009 in the control room, before that I was working at Waubra Wind Farm during the construction and commissioning for a company called RUN ENERGY.

What is role/job title at ACCIONA? What is involved in a normal work day for you?

My job title is a control room operator. In a normal day the challenges of a shift are varied from day to day, dealing with faults on turbines, liaising with site technicians and external control rooms, checking the weather for wind lightning and bushfires, so we know where everybody is to keep them safe and without incidents.



Heath at work, at our Southbank office in Melbourne

What do you like about your current role?

I like the shift work as this gives me more time at home with my family.

Tell us a bit about your family, where do you live, how many children, what do you do for fun in your spare time?

I have a wife Megan and two boys Darcy 4 years old and Archer has just turned 1. We moved to Frankston last year. I like taking the family camping, fishing and boating and love cooking and entertaining.

What would be your dream holiday destination and why?

Fishing in the Northern Territory and China for the food.

Waubra Oaks Day, November 2012

ACCIONA Energy supported the Waubra Oaks Day function in Waubra in November 2012. Several ACCIONA staff attended the day.

It was a great day and thanks to the Waubra Primary School organising committee for a really successful event.

Special thanks to our Waubra Maintenance Facility crew, Rohan Hodson and Cameron Stowe for being such good sports and agreeing to judge the 'fashions on the field'.



Cameron Stowe, Melanie Robertson and Rohan Hodson at the Oaks Day lunch. Both Cameron and Rohan are enjoying some dessert after their judging duties had finished.

CONTACT US

We welcome your contact for information or feedback about any of our activities. Please call the free-call number **1800 283 550**, fax **9027 1001** or email **Waubra@acciona.com.au**. Visit our website to find out more about other ACCIONA projects **www.acciona.com.au**.



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