

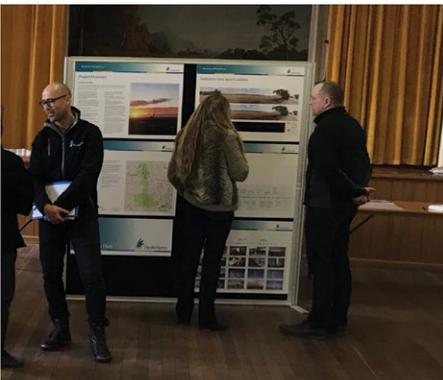


Keyneton Wind Farm

Dear Community Member

Over the past few months we have had the opportunity to speak directly with dozens of neighbours, local community members and representatives of local community groups about the Keyneton Wind Farm project and Pacific Hydro's Community Investment Program. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to meet with us individually or attend our *Open House Conversations* at Keyneton and Cambrai.

While we don't have any further plans for on-the-ground engagement activities this year, we are committed to continuing the conversation with you and encourage you to contact us on 1800 730 734 or via enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au to discuss any matters related to the project.



August Open House Conversations

More than 40 people attended our Open House Conversations in Keyneton and Cambrai on Sunday August 19. We were very pleased with the turn out and with the respectful nature of the discussions.

The Open House Conversations provided an opportunity for our team to provide updated information about the project and to gather feedback from the community about the over-dimensional (OD) transport route options for our wind turbines. We also began to gather ideas on the opportunities for community investment through our Community Investment Program and expressions of interest for local job opportunities.



What we heard

Transport

Three OD transport options were considered:

- **Route 1** via Stockwell Road, Mt Pleasant – Angaston Rd and Rhine Park Road is an **existing route for OD loads** and was proposed as part of Pacific Hydro's development application.
- **Route 2** via Halfway House Road and Blanchetown Road **avoids Angaston**, but would see OD trucks travel through Keyneton and add 100km to each journey.
- **Route 3** uses Halfway House Road (also required for OD access to the northern section) and Blanchetown Road but Pacific Hydro would create a **purpose-built access track** from Angaston-Sedan Road to access the southern cluster of wind turbines.

Participants expressed a strong desire to minimise the impact on native vegetation on transport routes and there was a preference to avoid the township of Keyneton. We heard that the community would like to see transportation impacts minimised where possible, including providing ample notification about movements; transporting oversized loads in convoy; and upgrading roads used for transportation, particularly dirt roads.



Community investment

Pacific Hydro's Community Investment Program is an Australian wind industry first and delivers a portion of revenue from each project back into our local communities each year.

There was strong interest about the Community Investment Program, most notably in Cambrai. We heard that the community would prefer that Keyneton and Cambrai see the most benefit from the program as they will be the ones most impacted by the development.

Some of the constructive ideas collected during the Open House Conversation included:

- A community bus
- Upgrades to Keyneton Park
- Projects at Meldanda
- Support for the Cambrai Agricultural Museum
- Support for the Cambrai Pool.

These ideas are just a starting point to help us to shape the format of the Community Investment Program for the Keyneton Wind Farm. The program will be developed with further community input in late 2019/early 2020, with funds available once the project begins operating.

Other themes

A number of local suppliers expressed an interest in working with the project and there was interest from some locals in working on the project both during construction and once the wind farm is operating.

Other themes raised included perceived impacts on property values, noise, visual impact, perceived impacts on health and community division as a result of the project.

We will continue to address these issues with the individual community members who have raised them with us.

Project next steps

We have now engaged a traffic expert to undertake a formal route assessment and the feedback we received through the Open House Conversations is informing this work. This assessment will feed into a Traffic Management and Monitoring Plan for the project.

The Traffic Management and Monitoring Plan is just one of a suite of management plans that we are required to submit to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) before work on the project can begin. Work will shortly begin on the other plans required as part of the secondary consent process including a cultural heritage management plan, native vegetation management plan, fire and emergency management plan and pollution prevention plan. We will also be preparing a bird and bat management plan, although this is not a requirement of the development consent. These plans are expected to be submitted to the DPTI for approval in early 2019.

We are also expecting to select our construction contractor and turbine supplier in early 2019.

About Pacific Hydro

Pacific Hydro is a global renewable energy owner, operator and developer. Active in Australia since the early 1990s, it now operates over 450MW of installed wind and hydro capacity.

Further Information

For project updates, please register your details with us via:

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