

Community Engagement Summary 2019

Beyond delivering clean energy to around 125,000 Victorian homes, OSMI is committed to a holistic benefit sharing model that is based around sharing the profits of the wind farm fairly and creating a positive long term legacy in the region. OSMI values the contribution from the community to the development of the Delburn Wind Farm benefit sharing options.

The community engagement phase began at public announcement in March – more than 12 months prior to planning permit submission. A detailed community engagement and benefit sharing plan was created to ensure that there was time and genuine opportunities created for community feedback into the proposed wind farm and co-design for the benefit sharing model.

OSMI is a signatory to the Clean Energy Council's Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Developments.

Highlights

- mailouts to neighbourhood
- media announcement of project with public survey available
- Presentation to councils, MPs, interest groups and sustainability groups
- Preparation of website material, survey, e-news
- Community Engagement Officer employed
- Office/shop front opened in Boolarra for drop in and by appointment
- Technical document transparently made available as they are completed
- Complaints process transparent
- Organised open days and bus tours to wind farm
- Home visits to neighbours
- Wind farm tours and open days

Overview

Activity	2019 statistic
# social media updates	50 for year
# community members reached via enewsletter	826
# of shop drop ins and face-to-face engagement	90 shop only
# media articles	3 media releases, and 2 specific articles written on request
# of home visits	40
# of visual assessments	29
# Facebook followers	155
# of enews	3
# of fact sheets / summary sheets	5

# website updates	8
# community open days	3 (plus 4 wind farm tours)
# community members at events (open days and wind farm tours etc)	Wind farm tour – 63 Open days ~170
# community group presentations	10
# neighbourhood mail outs	3
# participants in OSMI community survey	335

Benefit Sharing Model

The following aspects are the high level approach and options being developed:

- co-developed benefit-sharing model with a neighbourhood program for residents within 2km and a community development fund
- opportunity for community co-investment
- local long-term employees and local procurement process
- three councils benefiting directly from rates

For further information, please see the OSMI Summary Sheet on Community Benefits.