

Dear Community Members of the Seymour & Central Victoria Wind Farm,

We are looking forward to the August 26 community sessions at Ruffy Town Hall and Upton Hill CFA.

- Ruffy Town Hall from 10am to 12pm.
- & Upton Hill CFA from 2pm to 4pm.



In November on Saturday 25th we are planning to have a community session at the Cherry Tree Wind Farm. This will give you an opportunity to visit a working wind farm and see what the turbines look and sound like. Please register for the visit on seymour@feraaustralia.com.au.

The aim of our community meetings and on site meetings is to regularly provide updates on the project and seek community thoughts and inputs for the project.

Community sessions are open to everyone, and we look forward to meeting everyone in attendance. A full copy of the information displayed at the community sessions is posted to the Fera Australia website: <https://feraaustralia.com.au/seymour-2/>.



We have continued to contact and meet with community, local businesses, stakeholders and landowners in the project area who have provided Fera with their contact details.

If anyone would like to contact FERA to organise a meeting in person, online or over the phone. Please email our project email Seymour@feraaustralia.com.au or call or text us on 0481 234 229.

The key communication activities over the last 6 months include:

- Ongoing meetings with the local community, Between February and August we have had 110 site meetings including making contact with each of the community members who registered their details via the project website, phone calls and the sign on sheets.
- Had an initial meeting with Hughes Creek Landcare. We are working to have a project wide session with all Landcare and environmental groups as part of the ecological assessment for the project in early September.
- Cultural Heritage and Project Name: We have met with the Land council and have a series of follow-on discussions – we have asked that they provide suggestions for a new name for the project that is representative of the area. We have also had a number of suggestions from the wider community. We will look to select a new name for the project by the end of the year.
- We met with Ruffy CFA and are schedule meetings with each of the CFA area commands and the District 12 / 22 commanders in coming months.
- We met with local MP's Annabelle Cleeland, and Cindy McLeish to brief them on the project
- Meetings the Euroa Environment groups to discuss and investigate Energy Security in Euroa.

- Presentation for Yea Community Energy on August 17
- Given the start of the ecology monitoring we will have Inka Veltheim (Biosis PM) present a section on ecology and the proposed studies. is providing a briefing at Ruffy and Upton Hill community sessions on August 26.
- The project website continues to be updated with reports as they are available.
- Development of project social media content and information.

Below is photo of Fera's recent Olive picking day below in Upton Hill. The background to this weekend was to replicate a tradition in the Fera company.

In Italy the company comes together and picks olives that are crushed and turned into oil. The oil is then given out as Christmas gifts.

On a weekend late in May the team came together and had a day picking olives. The olives were crushed locally in Yea and the oil is going through a settling period and then will be bottled and shared.



Project Investigations:

We are progressively working on the investigation phase of the wind farm across the Mitchell, Strathbogie & Murrindindi Shires.



The following are the key investigation areas:

- **Ecology** – Desktop Flora & Fauna Assessment completed by Biosis. A copy is available on the project website. Next steps – targeted seasonal surveys to commence in Spring 2023.
- **Cultural Heritage** – Cultural Heritage Assessment being developed, with Biosis / Taungurung Land & Waters Council.
- **Transport and Traffic**– investigation of roads and paths for transport of turbine components and construction
- **Noise, Shadow Flicker...**– following preliminary siting locations of turbines, investigate noise and shadow flicker
- **Project Name**– investigation of the projects name with the intention to rename the project by December 2023

Please don't hesitate to contact us to discuss any element of the project. Please email our project email Seymour@feraaustralia.com.au or call or text us on 0481 234 229.

Kind Regards

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