

# CAPTAINS MOUNTAIN WIND FARM

## Project update

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Welcome to the latest Captains Mountain Wind Farm update. Throughout 2022 the project team have undertaken environmental assessments and community engagement in preparation to seek planning approval from the Queensland Government.

### Project status

Over the last year we have been undertaking detailed environmental assessments to support the proposed project design.

These environmental studies are important to avoid and minimise vegetation clearing, reduce noise impacts and identify the optimal layout of turbine locations, access roads and project infrastructure.

Since March 2021, the project team has completed 670 hours of field survey, including six bird and bat surveys and 13 flora and fauna surveys. Recently, our project ecologists completed seasonal habitat and vegetation assessments and bird utilisation surveys. The findings of these assessments will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment report to be submitted as part of the development application for the project.

We have also engaged with the Bigambul people, the Traditional Owners in the project area.

### What is up next?

The Captains Mountain Wind Farm proposal will be referred to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for review and approval under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, early next year. It will then be publicly advertised on the Department's website for 10 days.

In 2023, the project team will seek development approval from the Queensland Government under State code 23.

The Development Application will assess potential environmental impacts to biodiversity, noise, traffic, visual and landscape and other environmental issues, across both construction and operation of the project.

The Development Application will also consider community feedback to ensure the proposed wind farm minimises impacts while optimising benefits to the community and the environment.

### Project progress



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## June community information sessions

During June, community members from Millmerran and surrounds were invited to attend drop-in sessions at the Mill Inn Tavern. At the information sessions on 3 and 4 June 2022, we presented the indicative project layout, estimated project timelines, project benefits, biodiversity, and noise and visual impacts.

Our project team heard from many community members and were able to answer questions and discuss concerns.

We were delighted to welcome 54 people over the two days. Valuable feedback was received across a variety of perspectives and topics. Local jobs, clean energy and economic diversification were noted as project benefits for the community.

A number of attendees enquired about local job opportunities, and the team also received questions about community benefit funding to support local projects and initiatives in the area. See below to learn how we've been supporting the local community.



## Our community sponsorships

The Captains Mountain Wind Farm is committed to investing in the Millmerran community and surrounds as part of its promise to provide ongoing benefits to the region and local communities.



### Millmerran Campdraft

Captains Mountain Wind Farm was proud to provide sponsorship to the Millmerran Campdraft in early September 2022.



### Rocky Creek Hall

In August 2022 Captains Mountain Wind Farm contributed to upgrading the Rocky Creek Mt Emlyn Soldiers Memorial Hall, which has served the local community since it was built in 1935.



### Millmerran Pony Club

Captains Mountain Wind Farm has sponsored the Millmerran Pony Club for the second year in a row.

We are committed to keeping you informed about the project, and we want to hear from you! Visit [captainsmountainwindfarm.com.au](https://captainsmountainwindfarm.com.au) or call 1800 313 095 to learn more.

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