

# Taralga Wind Farm Newsletter

November 2017

## Taralga Community Enhancement Fund

The 2017 Community Enhancement Fund was selected by the Committee earlier this year, with \$124,667.50 in grants provided to eight local projects.

- Taralga War Memorial Hall – Heating (\$43,700)
- Taralga Bowling Club – Turf Aerator and Scarifier (\$16,380)
- Taralga Community Medical Association – Refurbishment and repairs to the medical centre (\$6,200)
- Taralga Anglican Parish – Regeneration of wooden floor in Jamieson Hall (\$9,812)
- Golspie Progress Association – Upgrade of Golspie Hall (\$10,000)
- Taralga Cooperative – Upgrade of amenities at Taralga Showground (\$20,000)
- Taralga Australia Day Committee – Taralga Showground Front Fencing (\$9,250)
- Taralga AP&H Society – Food service benches (\$9,250)



## Community Investment Program

Across Australia, Pacific Hydro has provided more than \$400,000 to over 50 projects through our Community Investment Program (CIP) so far this year.

The Program is the key part of Pacific Hydro's community investment and support strategy. An Australian wind industry first, it has delivered a portion of revenue back into local communities each year since 2004. The **Community Enhancement Fund** is the primary method used in the areas around Taralga.

At its core, the Program aims to empower local communities to identify the initiatives and projects that Pacific Hydro should support. This year's projects were selected by the Community Fund Section 355 Committee, comprised of members of the local community, council, and Pacific Hydro staff.

As a leading renewable energy developer, we are proud to support the communities that host our clean energy projects. Including this year's grants, Pacific Hydro has now provided more than \$2.7 million to over 680 projects across Australia since 2004.

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- Clements Gap SA  
\$56,000, 11 projects
- Taralga NSW:  
Approx. \$124,000, 8 projects
- Yaloak South VIC  
Approx. \$28,000, 7 projects.
- Great South West VIC  
Over \$160,000, 30 projects.
- Ararat VIC  
Approx \$34,000, 6 projects.

## Local Good – A decade of community investment

While Pacific Hydro will shortly celebrate two years of engagement with the community of Taralga, another milestone was recently celebrated in some of our other host communities with the launch of **Local Good**, our latest publication celebrating over a decade of support for its host communities across regional Australia.

The launch coincided with the 5 year milestone celebration of the Basalt to Bay Landcare Group's St Helens Flora Reserve project near Yambuk in Victoria, which has been supported by Pacific Hydro and highlighted in the book.

Pacific Hydro's CEO, Mike Fuge, said that the company is thrilled to see the enduring benefits and positive outcomes realised.

"This conservation work initiated by The Basalt to Bay Landcare Group is a great example of what can be achieved when local business, community groups, landholders and government collaborate. It also demonstrates Pacific Hydro's genuine and long-term commitment to engaging and supporting our local communities, and is a testament to the passion of the local people," he said.

Pacific Hydro is looking forward to seeing projects from Taralga featured in future editions of this book. If your group is interested, please contact the External Affairs and Engagement Team on 1800 730 734 or email [enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au](mailto:enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au)



## Television Reception

The TV re-transmitter at Taralga Wind Farm has been operating since November 2015. Since commissioning, there have been occasional outages due to the re-transmitter losing power, or stations dropping out.

Following investigations, a number of changes have been made. The re-transmitter is now able to reset itself automatically when electricity is restored; and to further improve the reliability of the service, a backup power supply has been sourced and provided by Pacific Hydro.

The backup power supply will provide around 24 hours of electricity in the event of a power interruption. This is scheduled for installation on November 28. On this day there may be a short interruption to the re-transmitter service (approximately 10 minutes) due to the upgrade.

Reception should restore itself normally once the planned outage is completed.

Any issues with reception can normally be resolved by re-tuning your TV using the auto-scan function.

Most residents should have now been switched over to the new re-transmitter service and had their antenna re-positioned to take advantage of the new signals.

Anyone in the Taralga area still requiring assistance to reconfigure their antenna and to connect to the re-transmitter should contact Pacific Hydro directly on 1800 730 734.

While some neighbours chose to retain their VAST boxes, please note that these are no longer supported by Pacific Hydro and future maintenance or technical costs will be at your expense.

## Contacting Us

Pacific Hydro's Engagement and External Affairs team can be contacted at any time for any complaints, enquiries, or feedback about Taralga Wind Farm, including TV reception. Contact us on 1800 730 734 or email [enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au](mailto:enquiries@pacifichydro.com.au)