



↘ Tall Tree Wind Farm

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS SUMMARY REPORT – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2025





The Tall Tree Wind Farm is a proposed renewable energy project located in the Golden Plains Shire, West of Lethbridge, North of Teesdale and South of Meredith in Central West Victoria.

The project, which is situated in the Central Highlands Renewable Energy Zone (REZ), has the potential to generate enough energy to power up to 250,000 homes annually, with up to 53 wind turbines on site, and could create up to 270 jobs during peak construction, as well as 10-12 ongoing jobs during operations.

The project is currently in the environmental assessment and approvals phase, with referral documentation submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning on 6 June 2025 and currently awaiting a ministerial decision.

More information about the project is available on the Tall Tree Community Engagement Hub: community.acciona.com.au/talltree.





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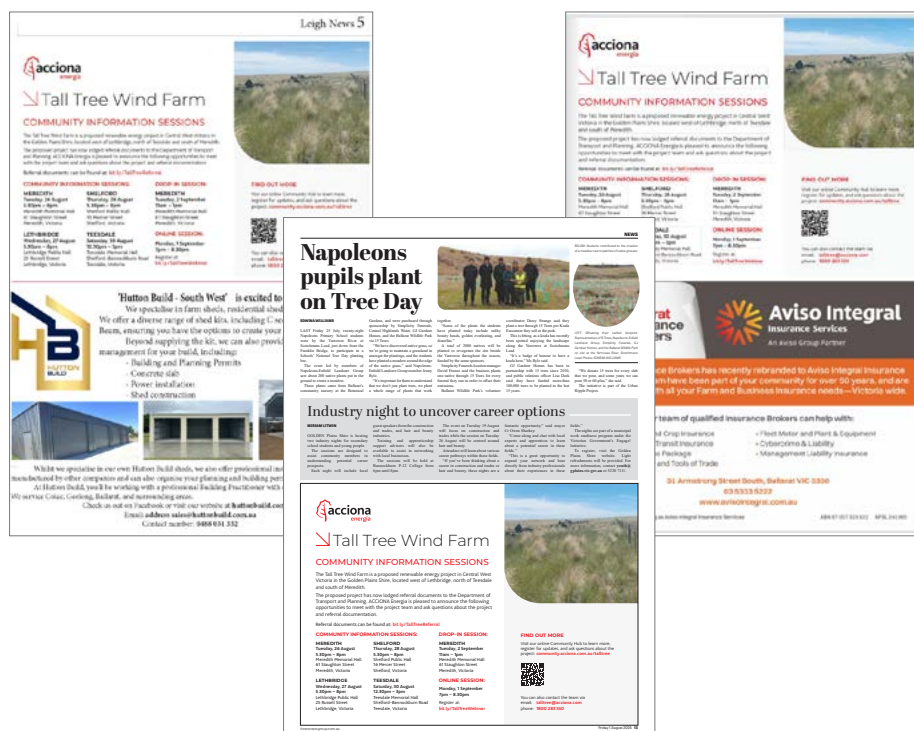
EVENTS SUMMARY

ACCIONA Energía hosted five face-to-face Community Information Sessions and one webinar during August and September 2025.

The event format replicated the November 2024 information sessions, which incorporated both a panel-style Q&A followed by a drop-in session – this format was developed in response to community feedback following the March 2024 drop-in sessions. ACCIONA held four panel-style sessions (one each in Meredith, Lethbridge, Shelford and Teesdale) and one drop-in only session (in Meredith). Panel sessions included a brief presentation from the project team, followed by a panel Q&A where community members could pose questions to the project team. The panel was followed by a brief drop-in format that allowed community members to have one-on-one or smaller group discussions with the project team if they wished to do so. The drop-in session featured a less formal format with no presentation. Rather, attendees could ‘drop in’ at any time during the two-hour window, peruse the project collateral and ask the project team questions.

Panel sessions were scheduled predominantly in the evenings, with one during the daytime and one at the weekend. These session timings were offered in response to feedback received from the community following the March and November 2024 Community Information Sessions.

The events were publicised through a range of communications channels including:



NEWSPAPERS:

GOLDEN PLAINS TIMES

19 July; 1, 8 and 22
August (half-page ads)

LEIGH NEWS

Included in the August
Edition (half-page ad)

MEREDITH AND DISTRICT NEWS

Included in the August
Edition (half-page ad)

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Social media posts were published on the following Facebook pages:

- Teesdale and Inverleigh Locals
- Bannockburn Locals
- Lethbridge and Surrounds
- Meredith Residents
- Elaine Community

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN:

Social media adverts were placed between August 20 and September 2 in the lead up to the sessions to raise awareness in the Meredith, Bannockburn, Lethbridge, Shelford, and Teesdale communities.



MAILOUTS BY AUSTRALIA POST:

Flyers were mailed by AusPost to the Teesdale, Lethbridge, Meredith and Shelford areas during the week beginning 21 July and the week beginning 25 July.

PHYSICAL FLYERS ON NOTICEBOARDS:

Physical flyers were posted on community noticeboards and displayed in shopfront windows in Teesdale, Lethbridge, Meredith and Shelford on 15 July.



EMAILS TO SUBSCRIBERS:

Emails were sent to Tall Tree Community Hub subscribers on 14 July and 5 August 2025.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Project Updates were published on the Tall Tree Community Hub on 14 July and 22 August.



The sessions took place at the following locations. There were approximately **225** attendees in total, with the number of attendees for each session:

IN-PERSON:

Tuesday 26 August	5:30-8pm	Meredith Memorial Hall	45 attendees
Wednesday 27 August	5:30-8pm	Lethbridge Public Hall	84 attendees
Thursday 28 August	5:30-8pm	Shelford Public Hall	41 attendees
Saturday 30 August	12:30-3pm	Teesdale Memorial Hall	48 attendees
Tuesday 2 September	11am-1pm	Meredith Memorial Hall	3 attendees

ONLINE:

Monday 1 September	7-8.30pm	Webinar	4 attendees
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

SUMMARY OF THEMES

Based on questions asked and comments made during the sessions, the key themes have been summarised below*.

Key theme	Sub-theme
Project location, layout and timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appropriateness of the project's location • Upcoming key project milestones and timelines. • Proximity to four towns and neighbours
Shadow flicker and buffer zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadow flicker regulations in Victoria and compliance • Shadow flicker impacts on neighbouring properties • Shadow flicker impacts on roads and vehicles • Shadow flicker impacts on health and wellbeing • Updated Shadow flicker distances • Appropriateness of the use of current guidelines

Current guidelines are outdated.

There's widespread frustration and we don't feel acknowledged.

Why can't shadow flicker impacts be contained within the project boundary?

I'm concerned about climate change.

*Please note that the following table does not capture all the themes raised at the Community Information Sessions. All questions raised will be reflected in an updated version of the Tall Tree Wind Farm – Answering Your Questions document.

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Noise and vibration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise regulations in Victoria and compliance Turbine design impacts on noise to neighbours
Environmental and ecological concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts on ecology, endangered species and native birds Buffer zones and compliance from fauna, flora and waterways Turbine blade erosion and environmental impacts Survey/ study results and public availability Brolga studies not sufficiently detailed Geological survey not been conducted
Aviation safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turbulence impacts Impacts on aerial firefighting Impacts on Lethbridge airport operations
Visual impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual impacts on neighbouring properties and the community Lifestyle impacts
Project design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turbine make and model Associated infrastructure within the project footprint Blasting impacts
Decommissioning and recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decommissioning responsibilities
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local job opportunities during construction and operations Local businesses and procurement during construction
Neighbours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setbacks to dwellings, property boundaries Impacts on neighbours' ability to build
The planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details included in Referral Interest in why not all studies have been completed yet When is the minister's decision expected?

⚡ *We have strict conservation overlays and can't even remove trees, yet this project could cause major environmental impacts.*

The current strategies seem unsustainable for raptor populations in Victoria, especially with the rapid expansion of wind farms.

Welcome the idea of a wind farm. It's a step toward addressing climate change and supporting more sustainable energy solutions.



NEXT STEPS

ACCIONA Energía will publish a document outlining all the questions and answers that were taken on notice during the August and September Community Information Sessions. An updated version of the 'Tall Tree Wind Farm – Answering Your Questions' document will also be published to reflect all of the new questions received.

ACCIONA Energía is awaiting the Minister's decision regarding the proposed planning pathway for the Tall Tree Wind Farm project. Once the decision has been made, ACCIONA will communicate the outcome to community members and project stakeholders along with the next steps.

ACCIONA Energía would like to sincerely thank all of the community members who attended the August and September Community Information Sessions and provided their honest feedback on the proposed Tall Tree Wind Farm project. As ever, please feel free to get in touch with ACCIONA Energía with your feedback and questions through one of the channels.

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