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Welcome to the Mortlake South Wind Farm Newsletter!

In this edition of 2026, we share all the latest news from the site, as well as a range of initiatives we have supported in the community.

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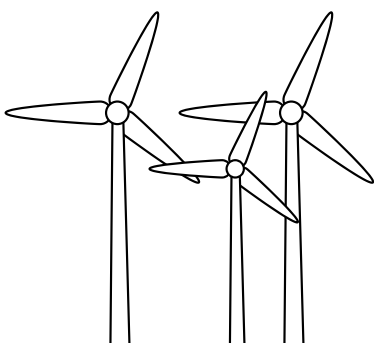
2025 saw Mortlake South complete its first full year under the full control of operations. This includes the removal of all infrastructure from the construction compound, installation of new fencing and beginning of final stages of rectification for the landowner.

During the year, contractors have been repairing blades while the onsite technicians have been busy doing preventative maintenance and rectifying the occasional fault.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Maths and Science @ Work

For the second year in a row, Sara Church, Erin Mulquiny & Leah Kinman from ACCIONA Energía attended the annual Maths & Science @ Work event that is facilitated by the Neil Porter Legacy. Four groups of year 7–8 students from 5 local Corangamite Shire schools attended a 30min workshop where we demonstrated how wind power works. Following the brief presentation & discussion time the students were challenged to a turbine building race and their knowledge was tested to see what they remembered from the start of the workshop. This is a wonderful initiative that we look forward to each year.



TAPping into ACCIONA at Timboon P-12 School



We were delighted to join Timboon P-12 School as part of their renowned Timboon Agriculture Project (TAP). Leah Kinman and Sara Church spent two one-hour sessions with Year 7 Science classes, discussing renewable energy and the wide variety of careers available in the sector.

Taking advantage of ACCIONA's recent Turbine Made initiative, Leah and Sara engaged the students in a brainstorming session to explore new ideas for repurposing decommissioned turbine materials. The students showed great interest and shared some wonderfully creative concepts.

Warrnambool & District Careers Expo

The ACCIONA team, including Chris Egan, Leah Kinman, Sara Church, and Shriya Chawla, had a fantastic day at the Warrnambool & District Careers Expo on Tuesday, 3rd March 2026. We were among approximately 80 stall holders, engaging with over 1,000 students from more than 20 local schools.

Our team showcased what ACCIONA is all about, highlighting opportunities for young people and careers in renewables. Students had the chance to speak with team members from different areas of the business, asking questions about career pathways and our scholarship and sponsorship programs. We were excited to once again support the Neil Porter Legacy by attending this annual event.



SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

This year marks the 8th consecutive year of the Small Grants Program. The program has delivered over \$300,000 in grants so far.

Last year, 17 local organisations and two university students received over \$55,000 in funding. Victoria State Emergency Service Mortlake Unit put their grant towards an upgrade to their outdoor lighting, creating a safer environment for local volunteers. Neil Porter Legacy used their grant to support a Trades Expo for Mortlake and Hawkesdale Year 7 & 8 students on 15 May 2025.

In **2026**, 19 local organisations received over \$60,000 in funding. Congratulations to all the recipients! The list of successful recipients for 2025 and 2026 can be found below.

This program isn't just about funding, it's about fostering strong connections, supporting important local initiatives, and ensuring that our community continues to thrive. We're proud to be part of that journey.



2025 Small Grants Program Recipients

Music Homestead Inc. Music Homestead Festival \$2,500	Victoria State Emergency Service Mortlake Unit Outdoor lighting upgrade \$2,500	Neil Porter Legacy Mortlake & Hawkesdale Yrs 7&8 Trade Expo \$1,600	South West Working Equitation Club - Dressage Arena \$2,500
Terang Mortlake Football Netball Club - Female footballer breast protection \$2,700	Volcanic Plains Community Choir Music Library \$500	Mortlake Golf Club Golf course & irrigation upgrades \$5,000	Terang Olympic Basketball Association - Enhancing Community Sports Facilities \$3,100
St Colman's School - Mortlake Rejuvenated STEAM Learning Space \$5,000	Woorndoo Chatsworth Landcare Group - Community Day \$1,600	Mortlake P12 College Plastics Shredder and Extruder Project \$5,000	Warrnambool Breastfeeding Centre - Parent lounge upgrades \$1,000
Great South Coast Eventing Association - Upgrades and additional equipment \$4,000	Noorat & District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc - Noorat Show Day \$2,000	Terang Kindergarten PAG Playground improvement project \$5,000	Terang RSL Sub - Branch Inc Terang RSL Morning Melodies \$1,000

2026 Small Grants Program Recipients

Terang Harness Racing Club Stable Upgrades \$1,386	Mortlake Kindergarten Furniture Upgrades \$5,970	Road Safety Education Limited – Road Safety Education \$2,000	Terang and District Lions Club Kerrin Leslie McKenzie \$1,357
Mortlake Community Development Committee – Mortlake Info Board \$7,821	Cobden Miniature Railway/SW Model Engineers Inc -Playground Softfall \$466	Western Victorian Axeman's Association – Mt Shadwell Hotel Knock Out challenge \$5,500	Volcanic Plains Community Choir Music scores and sound files \$750
Western Plains Spinners, Weavers & Craft Group – Replace Zipboil heater in Club room \$1,300	Darlington Mechanics Institute & Recreation Reserve COM Inc Trish Wynd \$4,000	School For Student Leadership – Gnurad-Gundidj Campus – Lighting up on Country \$7,500	LETS TALK Mortlake Mental Health Football Netball Round \$1,700
The Lions Club of Mortlake Inc. Christmas Carols \$3,000	Mortlake Men's Shed Inc Common area upgrade \$2,250	Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria – Upskilling Patient Transport Staff Member \$5,000	Victoria State Emergency Service Mortlake Unit – Training & Change Room Upgrade \$2,000
Mortlake Golf Course Irrigation Upgrade \$4,000	Terang Progress Association Colour Terang Festival \$4,000	Great South Coast Eventing Association – Showjumping Equipment Upgrade \$3,000	



Small Grants Program Applications

Applications for the 2026 Small Grants Program were open from February to March. All successful applicants have been notified. The annual awards ceremony and morning tea will be held in May.

For information about the **2027 Small Grants Program** application process, please refer to the Community Hub at <https://community.acciona.com.au/mortlake>.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

We are also proud to support local students through our scholarship program which has awarded two local students with a \$5,000 scholarship each in the previous two years. This program is focused on helping to foster the next generation of talent in our region. We congratulate the following scholarship recipients-

- Letitia Howat
- Ben Henderson



Letitia Howat Federation University Mt Helen

Ben has recently completed a 12-credit-point intensive course in Mumbai. "A large portion of the scholarship was used to fund this trip, which was extensively beneficial to the completion of my overall course. I have also used the remaining portion of the scholarship to fund my everyday necessities, such as food, while living in Melbourne. This has taken much of the pressure off, as it meant I could focus more on studying as opposed to working."



Ben Henderson, Monash University

TURBINE MADE

Last year, we unveiled the world's first surfboards made from decommissioned wind turbine blades. In collaboration with professional surfer Josh Kerr and his surfboard brand, Draft Surf. The result was 10 high performance board prototypes made from recycled fiberglass and turbine particulate.

This year, we've partnered with Australian surf brand Bolero Surf to create the first commercially available surfboard fins made from 100% recycled wind turbine blades. These fins show how wind turbine recycling can create high performance products for everyday use.

These projects are part of our [Turbine Made](#) initiative, which explores innovative ways to repurpose retired wind turbine blades into new materials and products.

Find out more at <https://www.accionna.com.au/turbine-made>.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

We value your feedback and are here to answer any questions you may have.



Environmental monitoring

During the high-risk fire period, our site worked closely with the CFA command, shutting down turbines when required to ensure safe firefighting activities could be performed.

This collaboration is a key part of our commitment to community safety.

More detailed environmental monitoring updates, including information on noise and other topics, will be provided in the next edition.

Employment opportunities

ACCIONA Energía established an online employment hub during the construction of the project as a way of helping local people and contractors find work opportunities. We will keep you posted here with any future opportunities for operational roles.



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