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Hepburn Wind Celebrates its Founding Members

The Board of the Hepburn Community Wind Park Co-operative Ltd has announced that it will present the 24 foundation members of the Co-operative with a special Foundation Certificate. This is to mark their role in the establishment of the body that is overseeing the construction and management of Australia's first community-owned wind farm. These certificates also recognise the foundation members for their longstanding commitment to the cooperative and the project.

After presenting the certificates to founding members, inaugural Chairman Simon Holmes à Court reflected on the meaning behind the certificates. "We firmly believe that the foundation members deserve special recognition for putting up their hands so early in the process. Furthermore, we wanted to recognise the sheer volume of volunteer hours that these people have given, and continue to give, to this worthwhile project."

Certificate recipient and Board member Tracey O'Neill was delighted by her certificate. "It's great to be recognised for what you're doing but the most important thing is to get what you set out to achieve." With a long history of community involvement Tracey deserves such recognition. As President of the Daylesford Kindergarten in 2006, Board member of the Mineral Springs Pre-School Association, the Daylesford Pre-school committee and the Education Board of St Michael's School in 2007, and Secretary of the Daylesford and District Business Group, Tracey knows what community work means. "It's great being part of this community project. We set out to achieve something that hadn't been done in this country and we've done it. Hepburn should be proud that we'll be the first town in Australia to have a community owned wind farm."

The Hepburn Community Wind Park Co-operative Ltd is the official owner and manager of the Hepburn Wind Park, which has passed all approval and appeal processes and is about to embark on the capital raising stage of the project.

For more information about the Hepburn Community Wind Park visit www.hepburnwind.com.au.

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