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### Climate Run Highlights Community Solution

Saturday 28 November 2009 – Leonards Hill, near Daylesford

This morning at 10:30am a team of emergency service personnel will visit the site of Australia's first community owned wind park as they run through Leonards Hill on the second last day of their 6000 km run from Cooktown to Melbourne.

The team of front line fire fighters, police officers & emergency service workers is raising the alarm for the impact of more frequent and severe natural disasters if we fail to respond to climate change.

*"Hepburn Wind applauds the emergency services runners for raising awareness of climate change solutions."* Simon Holmes à Court, Chairman of Hepburn Wind said.

Hepburn Wind is a community initiative that will build a wind park on Leonards Hill in 2010. The two turbine wind park will generate electricity equivalent to more than 90% of the homes in Daylesford and Hepburn Springs.

*"Communities around the country are watching our project closely, and we expect many to follow with their own renewable energy projects."* Simon added.

The runners will enjoy a well earned break at a reception in their honour at the Leonards Hill fire shed before they make their way to Kilmore to prepare for their final leg to Melbourne on Sunday.

One runner who will be pleased to arrive is Jake Brown, a member of the Ringwood Metropolitan Fire Brigade, whose family live in the Hepburn Shire and have invested in Hepburn Wind.

*"I joined the run in Newcastle 12 days ago and have probably run 250 km so far."* Jake said. *"We're all tired and have blisters but it has been an incredibly positive experience."*

*"I joined because I wanted to take some positive action rather than just debate the issues. I wasn't sure how we would be received, but it has been very positive, everyone we have come across has been supportive and helpful."* Jake said.

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Update 30 Nov: photos now available <http://www.flickr.com/photos/hepburnwind>

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## Event Details

10:30am Saturday, 28 November, Leonards Hill CFA Fire Shed.

Location: 10 km south of Daylesford on the east side of the Ballan-Daylesford Road, 500 m south of the Leonards Hill Hall which is at the intersection of Ballan-Daylesford Road and Leonards Hill-South Bullarto Road.

The Reception will be addressed by:

- Cr Bill McClenaghan, Hepburn Shire Mayor
- Cr Sebastian Klein
- Dr Kate Auty, Victorian Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability
- Simon Holmes à Court, Chairman, Hepburn Wind
- Sue Waters, Captain, Leonards Hill CFA
- Brendan Condon, Director, Safe Climate Australia

As well as the above, there will be opportunity for media to speak to participating runners including fire fighter Jake Brown.

## Background information

### *Run for a Safe Climate*

Website: <http://runforasafeclimate.org/>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/Run4SafeClimate>

Melissa Fyfe Blog: <http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/blog/climate-run>

### *Hepburn Wind*

<http://www.hepburnwind.com.au/>

### *Leonards Hill CFA*

For additional background on Leonards Hill CFA and the Daylesford fires see our previous media release: <http://www.hepburnwind.com.au/news/hw-media-20091114.pdf>