

Sustainable Living Festival

Hepburn Wind participated at Victoria's premier sustainability festival, the annual Sustainable Living Festival, at Federation Square in Melbourne from 15-17 February.

The Hepburn Wind stall was staffed by directors of Hepburn Wind and representatives from Future Energy. David was conspicuous by his absence on the final day of the Festival, however he had the ultimate excuse. He was required to attend the birth of his first child. (Congratulations from all of us to David and Eva on the birth of their daughter, Esther.)

Hundreds of visitors to the Festival stopped at our stall, chatted about the project, left their contact details and walked away with brochures and other information.

Alignment Session

On 2 February 2008, the board of Hepburn Wind attended a team building session, facilitated by Carol Hulst, a local corporate consultant who provided her services voluntarily. The session gave the board an opportunity to formulate its objectives, develop core values and develop efficient practices.

The board thanks Carol for her significant contribution and intends to continue the process in May.

Public Offer Update

The board has been focussed on preparing the Offer Document to be used for our capital raising process. A document of this nature has to comply with a range of regulations and a great deal of time has been spent in getting it just right. This has required extensive and time-consuming scrutiny by members of the legal fraternity. The process is almost complete and we look forward to publicly celebrating the achievement of this critical milestone with all of you. To that end we will be organising a public launch and would greatly appreciate your help in organising a fitting celebration. Could anyone willing to help with the official launch please contact Scott Kinnear on 0419 881 429 or at scott.kinnear@hepburnwind.com.au

Street Stalls

We have begun holding street stalls on a weekly basis at the various towns and markets around the Shire. We aim

to provide updates on the project, answer any questions and ensure that as many people know about Hepburn Wind as possible. We are seeking the assistance of HREA members to volunteer on one or more of the weekly street stalls that are held on Saturdays and Sundays until the end of July.

Co-op director Koos Hulst reports "So far, I have attended our street stall at the Daylesford Farmers Market and twice at the Daylesford Sunday Market and I found the conversations that I had with the public very inspiring and uplifting. The vast majority of people strongly support HREA's and Hepburn Wind's initiative for a small-scale, community-owned wind park".

Please contact Koos Hulst at (03)5348 4749 or at koos.hulst@hepburnwind.com.au to register your time slot and be part of the team to contribute to the realisation of our Community Wind Park.

Ballarat 2020 Conference

Board member Mim Dineen represented Hepburn Wind at the Ballarat 2020 Conference on Saturday 5 April. This Conference is linked to the Federal Government's 2020 Summit and its aim was to gather practical solutions and policy suggestions that could be submitted to the national event. There were 150 attendees at the Ballarat 2020 Conference invited by Ballarat's Federal Member, Catherine King. Mim participated in the sub group 'Population, Sustainability, Climate Change and Water'. Mim said "It was an honour to be involved. Community projects like this provide a great example to government on how local action can be assisted". As we are sending our ideas to Canberra, delegates are confident that discussions will spur new local initiatives.

Director News

It is with regret that the board of Hepburn Wind has accepted the resignations of Tracey O'Neill and Iska Carmichael. As directors, they both made significant contributions and invested considerable time. The board thanks Iska and Tracey for their incredible work.

The board has invited Brett Dutton to join the board until the next AGM. Brett, the previous HREA Secretary, has considerable wind industry experience and his assistance is both timely and greatly appreciated.