

MEDIA RELEASE

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DEVELOPERS JOIN TOGETHER FOR ‘OFFSHORE WIND DAYS’

Gippsland locals are invited to attend one of four information sessions being held in November to explore the next steps for the region’s proposed offshore wind projects.

Sessions will be hosted at Seaspray, Foster, Traralgon and Yarram, and will be a great opportunity for people to view the latest maps, seek answers, and to meet developers.

The Gippsland Offshore Wind Alliance (GOWA) said the events are an opportunity to learn more about offshore wind energy, upcoming project plans, long-term opportunities and to share feedback.

Led by Gippsland Climate Change Network and Committee for Gippsland, the Alliance aims to provide a local platform for collaborative action to create an offshore wind industry that benefits Gippsland.

GOWA Co-Chair, Darren McCubbin encouraged the Gippsland community to get involved.

“It’s important to us that the community has a chance to have their voices heard, and these sessions are a perfect one-stop shop to get the information they need about the projects that interest them.”

“Gippsland is leading the way as Australia’s first offshore wind zone, and we have a range of developers looking to build projects here. By working together, we aim to ensure the success of this industry, as well as positive long-term benefits for the region.”

Each of the following developers will attend at least two of the four sessions:

- Star of the South and Kut-Wut Brataualung (Southerly Ten)
- Great Eastern Offshore Wind (Corio Generation)
- Gippsland Dawn (Bluefloat Energy)
- Navigator North (Origin and RES)
- Gippsland Skies (AGL, Direct Infrastructure, Mainstream Renewable Power and Reventus Power)
- Gippsland 01 and 02 (Orsted)
- Aurora Green (Iberdrola Australia)
- Blue Mackerel (JERA Nex/Parkwind)

- Kent Offshore Wind (RWE)
- High Sea Wind (Ocean Winds)

Government agencies VicGrid, Offshore Wind Energy Victoria and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water will also be attending to answer questions about transmission and energy plans.

Session details:

Seaspray - Friday 8 November, 4:30pm - 6:30pm, Seaspray Surf Life Saving Club. **Free bus from the Golden Beach General Store, leaving at 5 pm and returning at 6:30 pm. To book your seat contact erin.lord@origin.com.au or 0400 074 678.*

Foster - Wednesday 13 November, 3:00pm - 6:00pm, Manna Gum Community House.

Traralgon - Thursday 14 November, 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Meeting Room 1+2.

Yarram - Saturday 23 November, 8:30am - 3:30pm, Yarram Agricultural Show.

To find out which projects will be attending each event, please contact each project directly, visit their website or social media platforms.

Gippsland declared area and licence holders (credit – Victorian Government). To view the larger version of the map visit www.energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/offshore-wind-energy.

