



Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund grants \$25,000 to the Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve



Members of the Tarwin Recreation Committee of Management: Kieren O'Loughlin (Treasurer) with Liam, Dean Ellen (Chair), Kathleen Brack (Secretary) with Maggie and community members Tom Williamson with Miles and Vaughan Van Dillon with Reagan and Kiara

Melbourne, Thursday 10 December 2020: The Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund has awarded its 2020 Community Grant to the Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve. The \$25,000 Grant will be used for the installation of a new playground which was recognised as the Recreation Reserve's highest priority in their 2020-2025 Master Plan.

The Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve is of great importance to the local community as a place where people can come together to play sport and socialise. The Recreation Reserve does not have any facilities for young children to play safely, and the new playground is expected to encourage more user groups to utilise the space. Importantly, the project will also encourage more female participation in sport.

Kathleen Brack, Secretary Tarwin Recreation Reserve Committee of Management said, "In what has been a difficult year for everyone, outdoor spaces for recreation and socialisation are more important than ever to reconnect the community.

"This grant allows us to add a long-planned playground that is safe for kids and fun for the whole family," she said.

The application was submitted by the Tarwin Lower Recreation Reserve Committee in partnership with the Tarwin Football Netball Club and the Tarwin Bowls Club. Works are expected to be completed in April 2021 and include modern play equipment suitable for children aged 2 to 12 years old.

James Arthur, Director of Bald Hills Wind Farm, said the application from the Recreation Reserve Committee of Management was selected for its vision of bringing the community together through more play, sport and special gatherings.

"We're very pleased to be able to enhance the area by facilitating the addition of a playground, particularly after the tumultuous events of this year.

"This is the sixth year that the Bald Hills Wind Farm has been able to contribute to the Community Fund and support infrastructure projects for the Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay and Walkerville districts," he said.

About the Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund

The Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund was established in 2015 to provide ongoing support to local community clubs and organisations. The Community Fund is overseen by the Community Fund Committee which is made up of volunteers from the local community, with Bald Hills Wind Farm providing administrative support.

The Community Fund provides money for projects of social, economic or environmental benefit to the Tarwin Lower, Venus Bay, Walkerville districts. This may include funding for local sporting groups, charities, community groups, education, culture, arts and other not-for-profit organisations or other community needs.

Bald Hills Wind Farm will donate \$25,000 to the Community Fund each year that the wind farm is in operation. Any funds not utilised are carried over to the next year.

More information on the Bald Hills Wind Farm Community Fund can be found here:

<https://baldhillswindfarm.com.au/community-fund/>