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## Welcome to the second newsletter of Granite Hills Wind Farm

Granite Hills Wind Farm Pty Ltd is developing a wind farm at Steeple Flat approximately 12 kilometers South East of Nimmitabel.

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### The Project

The proposed Granite Hills Wind Farm, currently being assessed by Planning NSW, comprises 30 to 35 wind turbines. Several studies over years have shown the wind resource is suitable at this location to develop a wind farm which will assist Australia in meeting its 2020 Renewable Energy Target. The total output capacity of the wind farm would stand between 100 and 120 MW, representing enough energy to power up to 80,000 households and save up to 325,000 tons of CO2 annually. The project is being developed as a result of a partnership between the French company **Akuo Energy** and the Australian company **Willy Willy**.

### Last Community Meeting

Discussions are continuing with the Public School to provide a new greenhouse with an open classroom.

Granite Hills Wind Farm hosted their first open table information evening on 27 April at the Federal Hotel.

Many topics were discussed relating to the proposed wind farm, which included traffic management during the development, possible fire issues, birds and bats and noise.

A copy of the preliminary environmental survey report is available online on Planning NSW's website and a bound copy is also available at the Federal Hotel for viewing.

### The Planning Process

Granite Hills Wind Farm is currently seeking proposals from environmental consultants, in order to conduct additional environmental studies to meet the Environmental Assessment Requirements. The length of these additional surveys will be determined following discussions with, among others, the Office of Environment and Heritage and with Planning NSW.

### Wind measurement masts

Two wind measurement masts are currently being installed on the site. They are 110 metres tall and will be measuring the wind (wind speed and wind direction) for the whole development period. They are likely to be moved to another part of the site or removed once construction starts.



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## Community

The Nimmitabel Advancement Group has also provided their suggestions of improvements for the town along with ideas from the Nimmitabel Men's Shed. Over the following months Granite Hills will be discussing improvement ideas, which will be subject to the wind farm progressing to construction stage. If you have any other ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us and let us know.

## Let's keep in touch!

Our next community meeting will be held on Thursday 25 May at 5:30, at the Nimmitabel Country Bowling Club. Representatives from Granite Hills will be available to answer your questions and hear any input or comments you may have.

Updated information will be posted on our website: [www.granitehillswindfarm.com.au](http://www.granitehillswindfarm.com.au) which also provides a section to contact us online.

You can also contact Antony Shingler at [antony.shingler@willywilly.com.au](mailto:antony.shingler@willywilly.com.au) or by phone on (02) 8999 1988.

## Save the Date

Granite Hills Community Meeting,  
Thursday 13th July, 5:30pm – details to follow  
in the next newsletter.

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### Location of the proposed project site

