



# WIMMERA AND CENTRAL HIGHLANDS BIOENERGY PROJECT

## BIOENERGY PROJECT UPDATE 4, December 2012

The Bioenergy Project (Building Community Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change through Distributed Bioenergy) is reaching an important phase. Specifications for the Beaufort Hospital boiler have been finalised and the Project Control Group will be inviting tenders to supply the boiler system in the near future.

Two Investment Logic Map workshops facilitated by Jeremy Smart have been held in Horsham and the participants have discussed how the Wimmera Southern Mallee part of the project could proceed. Work has begun on implementing the workshop recommendations.

A draft of the Regional Supply Chain Study has also been developed and this is already showing opportunities for bioenergy in the region. It's showing businesses and institutions that need constant levels of heat energy twenty four hours a day are prime candidates for bioenergy. More information will be added to the Study over the course of the project.

The Project Manager, Daryl Scherger, is working with potential boiler feedstock suppliers in the Beaufort area to finalise supply for the Beaufort Hospital. Local supply options are the key to successful bioenergy installations.

As part of a broader communication plan, Daryl took part in the Bioenergy Expo held in Ballarat on the 5th of October. The Expo included a display on the Regional Project and information about bioenergy. Around one hundred people attended the Expo and the Central Highlands Agribusiness Forum (CHAF) is collecting feedback from people who attended which will help inform the Regional Bioenergy Project.

This month Daryl will take part in the Maryborough Energy Breakthrough with a similar display. Held from the 22nd to the 24th of November, the event attracts over ten thousand people. With renewable energy a major theme of the event, it's a valuable opportunity to deliver the project's message on bioenergy to a large number of people.

A meeting of the Central Highlands Project Reference Group was held at the Beaufort Hospital on the 2nd November. Reference Group members from State and Local Government, Waste Management, DPI, and the University of Ballarat heard about bioenergy around the world from Andrew Lang and reviewed the specifications and feedstock options for the Hospital installation.

Work is progressing on a web page for the project which be added to the Pyrenees Shire Website. By the end of the year people will be able to access information about the project and bioenergy directly from the web.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the project please contact Daryl on (03) 5349 1100 or email: [daryl.scherger@pyrenees.vic.gov.au](mailto:daryl.scherger@pyrenees.vic.gov.au).

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