



WIMMERA AND CENTRAL HIGHLANDS BIOENERGY PROJECT

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The second milestone for the Bioenergy Project (Building Community Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change through Distributed Bioenergy) has been achieved with DSE signing off on the Milestone 2 report. The Pyrenees Shire has now sought tenders to supply the boiler system for the Beaufort Hospital. Tenders close on the 8th of March. Anyone seeking more information on the tender should contact the Project Manager Daryl Scherger on (03) 5349 1100.

The tender is for the supply of a 100kW wood chip fired boiler to heat the hospital and possibly provide hot water as well. It also includes the supply of a relocatable boiler house and fuel bunker which will be located away from the hospital. The successful tenderer will have 15 weeks to complete the installation which will have little impact on hospital operations due to the stand alone nature of the installation.

The Project Control Group has appointed Jen Lilburn from Kismet Forward to develop the project evaluation program and undertake the baseline survey. This will establish the current understanding of bioenergy and the project amongst project stakeholders and ensure the benefits of the project are captured in the final reports

A draft of the Regional Supply Chain Study has also been circulated to all economic development staff within the region for comment. Council staff are invited to nominate potential sources/suppliers of biomass, potential processors and transporters and any potential bioenergy users within their municipality. Businesses and institutions needing 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.

Daryl is working with a local sawmill to be the feedstock supplier for the Beaufort Hospital. He is also investigating other potential sources including green waste pellets from a proposed pellet mill in Ballarat. These local fuel supplies will ensure the success of the bioenergy installation.

A Wimmera Reference Group meeting is planned for mid March to refine the list of possible projects developed at the Investment Logic Map workshops held last year. A preferred project for the Wimmera Southern Mallee will be recommended to the Project Control Group.

The project web page is now on the Pyrenees Shire Website. Anyone interested in accessing information about the project and bioenergy can now do so directly from the web

Go to: http://www.pyrenees.vic.gov.au/What_We_Do/Environment/Regional_Bioenergy_Project

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.

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