

## Supporting the Mid North community

TRUenergy raced into 2012 with our backing of the Community Bike Ride, part of the Tour Down Under festivities organised by the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

Held on 15 January, the Community Bike Ride saw 66 people ride between Tarlee and Clare. A number of different routes were offered to participants,

including challenging routes for experienced riders as well as more leisurely rides for families with children.

We'd like to congratulate participants for completing this ride and give a big thanks to all the volunteers who were involved – their time and effort made this ride a great experience for all involved.

## CLARE VALLEY EASTER RACES

### Coming up

We are proud to announce that we will be the major partner of the Clare Valley Easter Races this year,

which takes place on the 7 April 2012. We would like to encourage everyone to attend this great family event and look forward to seeing you there!



## About Waterloo 2

We are looking to build an additional six turbines at our existing Waterloo wind farm. This project will be known as Waterloo Stage 2.

Longer term, this expansion of Waterloo will allow us to increase the clean energy we generate to meet rising customer demand.

### Next steps

We are currently preparing a development application for the project which will be submitted to the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council for assessment in the first half of this year.

If approved, the total cost of the Waterloo Stage 2 project is expected to be \$40 million.

### Community benefits

To ensure that the local community benefits from our project, we will use local suppliers and give preference to employing people from the local community wherever possible.

By taking this approach, we hope that the project will have a positive impact on the Mid North economy as well as providing employment opportunities during the construction phase.



To find out more visit [www.truenergy.com/waterloo](http://www.truenergy.com/waterloo) and [www.truenergy.com/stonygap](http://www.truenergy.com/stonygap)



Grass surrounding the windfarm is kept short to reduce fire risk.



Did you know...

South Australia now generates 26% of its energy using wind.

## Bushfire planning

Although we haven't experienced any fires during the time our Waterloo wind farm has been operating, with the surrounding terrain we believe it's important we manage this risk.

Each year we review our bush fire plans and policies to make sure that we can best protect our Waterloo wind farm, adjoining public land and surrounding private property from fire.

In consultation with the Country Fire Service (CFS), we have developed a plan that includes both preventative measures and support to the CFS, including:

- grass and other vegetation surrounding the wind farm infrastructure is managed so that it cannot be used as a fuel source for any fire
- access roads are regularly checked and maintained to allow use by CFS vehicles
- a water supply point has been located in an easily identifiable, safe and accessible place that can be reached by CFS vehicles
- fire extinguishers are available throughout the Waterloo wind farm site and are regularly maintained, with inspections being carried out every 6 months in line with Australian standards
- all site staff members are required to undertake training on our fire plan, including reporting fires, providing fire fighting assistance and carrying out work on the site in a safe manner to prevent fires.

## Contact us

We welcome your comments and questions. To contact us please email [talktous@trueenergy.com.au](mailto:talktous@trueenergy.com.au).

As mentioned in our last newsletter, residents with a specific interest in our wind farms are also invited to participate in our independently facilitated Community Liaison Group. This group meets regularly to get regular updates on our operations and developments. To join, please email the facilitator, [georgina.house@aurecongroup.com](mailto:georgina.house@aurecongroup.com)



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