

An aerial view of an offshore wind farm in the ocean. Several white wind turbines with yellow bases are visible. A blue and white service vessel is moving across the water in the foreground, leaving a white wake. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

Community Advisory Group

Meeting #12 – 18 May 2022

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we all meet today and pay our respect to their elders past, present and future.

We recognise the Gunaikurnai people as Traditional Owners of the area in which the Star of the South would be located.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Standing items and actions from previous meeting
 - Apologies
 - Minutes
 - Declaration of potential conflicts
3. What's happening on the project?
4. What's happening in the community
 - Nicki Jennings
 - Jack Winterbottom
6. Workshop - Social Impact Assessment
7. Other business
 - Questions, feedback, suggestions
 - Next meeting

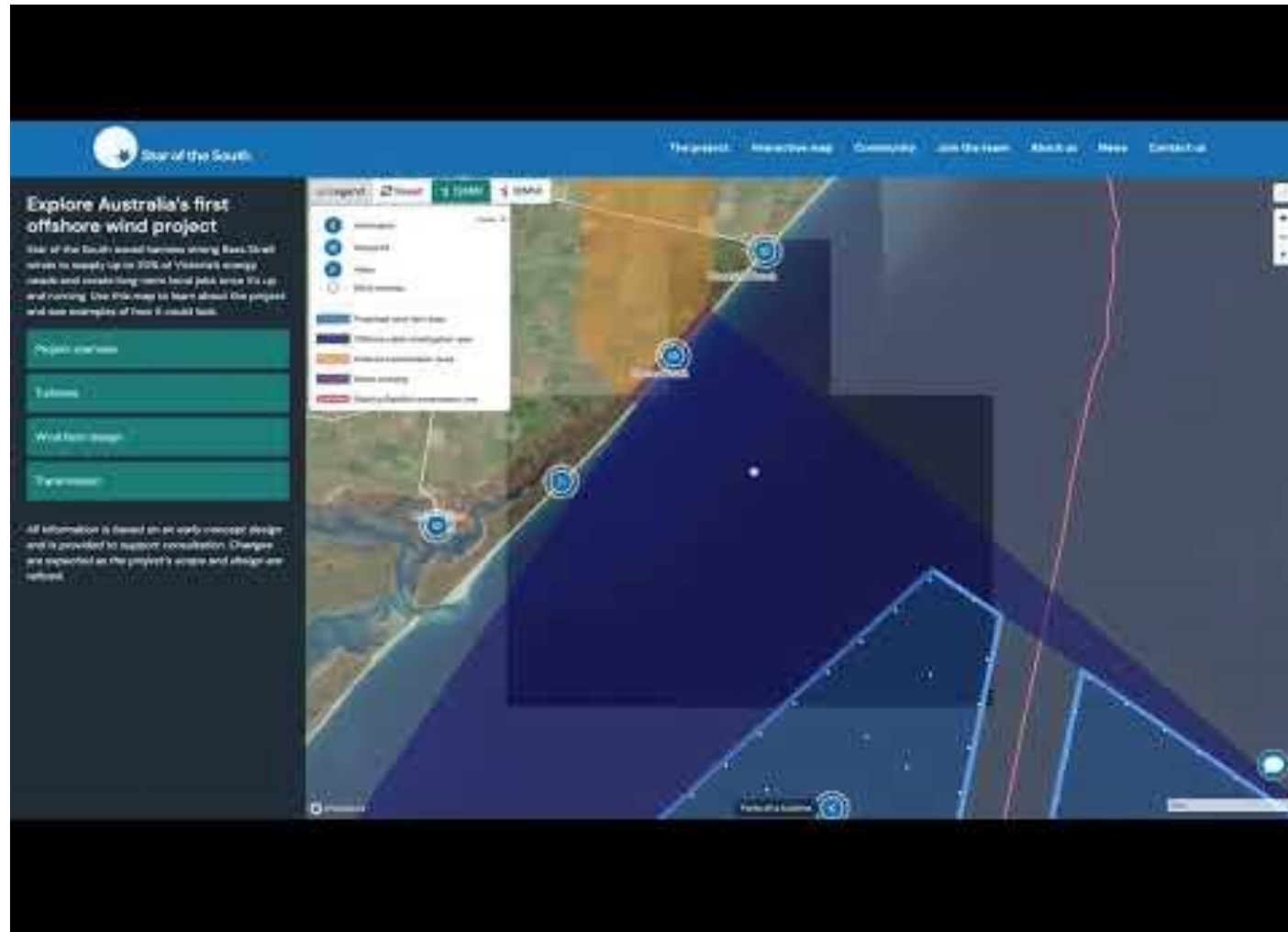
What's been happening

- Pop up info stalls at Yarram, McLoughlins and Port Albert in April
- Community presentations to U3A, Metung Science Forum
- Melbourne Knowledge Week event
- Engineers Australia Gippsland event
- Geotechnical investigations underway
- 3D model and interactive map now available to all online and in Yarram office
- Vic Government looking for **feedback** on offshore wind – have your say!



We've run and attended lots of events and presentations over the past month

Interactive map



The screenshot displays a web-based interactive map for the Star of the South offshore wind project. The interface includes a navigation menu at the top with links for 'The project', 'Interactive map', 'Community', 'Join the team', 'About us', 'News', and 'Contact us'. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a central map view.

Left Sidebar:

- Star of the South** logo and navigation links.
- Explore Australia's first offshore wind project** - A brief introduction to the project.
- Project overview** - A section with a green header.
- Timeline** - A section with a green header.
- Wind farm design** - A section with a green header.
- Transmission** - A section with a green header.
- Disclaimer:** "All information is based on an early concept design and is provided to support consultation. Changes are expected as the project's scope and design are refined."

Map View:

- Shows a satellite-style map of the coastal region.
- Overlaid on the map are various colored zones and lines representing project components: a large dark blue area for the wind farm, a red line for the transmission route, and other colored areas for infrastructure.
- A legend in the top-left of the map area lists categories: 'Transmission', 'Wind farm', 'Other', and 'Wind resource', with corresponding color swatches.
- Map controls like zoom in/out buttons and a scale bar are visible in the bottom-right corner.

What's coming up

- Onshore geotechnical investigations continuing
- Continuing to refine transmission route in response to landholder feedback and ecology survey findings
- Marine ecology surveys for baseline data are now complete
- Investigating offshore jobs, skills and transition pathways
- Ports assessment to determine suitable port options for project construction and operations
- Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act comes into effect on 2 June



Example drill rig



Example test pit site

Community events

We're continuing to plan our calendar of events to make ourselves available in the community this year.

We'd love to hear ideas from the CAG!

- What events are happening in your area that would be worthwhile attending?
- What are topics do people want to hear more from us about?

We're working towards important approval and licensing requirements in 2022

What's happening in the community

- Nicki Jennings
- Jack Winterbottom
- Everyone
 - What are you hearing?
 - What are the hot topics in your local area?

Would you like to give an update at the next meeting?



Workshop

Social Impact Assessment

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Glenn is a director of Public Place and has 15 years' experience working in the public and private sector, conducting impact assessment, evaluation, quantitative and qualitative research, service and facility planning and program design and management.

What is a Social Impact Assessment (SIA)?

SIA is a social research process to identify potential social effects from planned interventions, and to assess the likely impact of these effects for individuals and social groups.

- **Social effects** - objectively verifiable changes to the social profile of a community or the resources it relies on resulting from a project.
- **Social impacts** - the consequences (positive or negative) of a social effect for individuals or groups.

Social impacts and effects are different because people can experience them differently, depending on their circumstances.



The assessment process

Scoping: determine potential impact pathways, spatial range of effects, resources & receptors.

Profiling: gather information about existing conditions and potential sensitivities

Prediction: identify the nature and magnitude of changes to the social profile of communities and community resources, and potential consequences for social receptors.

Evaluation: Determine significance, considering the nature and magnitude of predicted changes and sensitivity of affected receptors.

Mitigation: Where material impacts are identified develop mitigation strategies.

Identifying social impacts



Visual changes are the main potential source of social effects for the Star of the South project

Workshop questions

1. What do people value about this location / what resources does it offer?

2. Who holds these values or uses the resources?

3. In your opinion, how could the Star of the South affect these values or resources?

a) Positively

b) Negatively

4. Is there anything we could do to reduce negative effects or bolster positive effects?

Are there other individuals or social groups we should consider speaking with for this assessment?

Other business

- Other questions and feedback?
- Suggestions for future agenda items?
 - Transmission and grid connection
 - Birds
 - Ecology / vegetation
 - Jobs and local manufacturing

Forward meeting schedule

Date
Thu 23 Jun
Wed 10 Aug
Thu 6 Oct
Wed 16 Nov
December

Thank you for your participation