

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 #8 – 7 October 2021

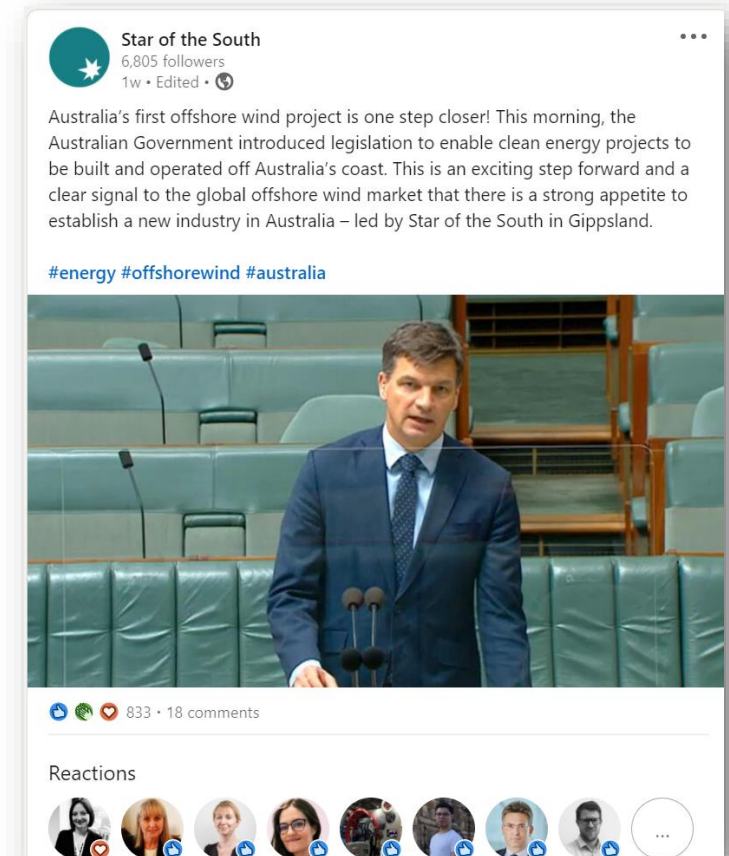
We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we all meet today and pay our respect to their elders past, present and future.

In particular, we recognise the Gunaikurnai people as Traditional Owners of the area in which the Star of the South would be located.

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - Introductions
 - Apologies
2. Standing items and actions from previous meeting
 - Minutes
 - Declaration of potential conflicts
3. What's happening on the project?
4. What's happening in the community?
 - Harry Mitchelson
 - Deb Lucas
 - Others
5. Break
6. Focus on: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
7. Other items
 - Other questions or feedback
 - Suggestions for future agenda items

Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill 2021



The Bill is currently being considered by the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

What's happening on the project – looking back

- Webinar – approx. 150 attendees
- Cultural heritage site walkover
- Business and tourism interviews
- Supply chain meetings
- 3D visualisations – seeking suppliers
- Attended the Traralgon Farmers Market
- Re-opened the Yarram office!
- Made submission and presented to the Senate Committee on Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill



What's happening on the project – consultation

- Community consultation extended to 31 October
 - Online
 - Yarram community hub
 - Yarram small group meetings
 - Market stalls
 - Call out to local groups
 - Ring around
- Newspaper, radio and facebook advertising
- Yarram community hub new hours
 - Wednesday 11am-6pm
 - Thursday 10am-5pm

 Star of the South

Help shape Australia's first offshore wind project

25 technical studies are now underway to assess marine, environment, social, economic, heritage, health and visual aspects of the project.
We're seeking your feedback on these study topics. Which ones are important to you? Do you have local knowledge that could help inform these studies?

Meet us at the market

Come along and talk with our local team.

- **Saturday 16 October 8am – 12pm**
Prom Country Farmers Market, Foster
- **Saturday 23 October 8am – 1pm**
Traralgon Farmers Market, Kay Street Gardens

Attend a small group meeting in Yarram

Book in to hear a project update and talk with our local team during October.

- **Wednesdays 5pm–6pm**
- **Thursdays 11am–12pm**

Bookings essential by calling 1800 340 340.

Get involved online

Visit our consultation website to find information and share your feedback.
getinvolved.starofthesouth.com.au

Visit our Yarram community hub

Drop in anytime or:

- **Wednesdays 11am–6pm**
- **Thursdays 10am–5pm**

Open other days by appointment only.



Got a question? info@starofthesouth.com.au
Get in touch with us: starofthesouth.com.au 1800 340 340

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What's happening on the project – looking ahead

- Ongoing discussions with landholders
- Field work continuing on land and at sea
- 25 technical studies at various stages of getting underway
- Presentations: Women in Maritime, UN Ocean Decade, Australian Wind Energy Conference, Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network
- Building our team – recruiting for a Fishing Liaison Officer
- Heesco Town Festival Yarram 31 October
- Submissions to government inquiries: [Inquiry into renewable energy in Victoria](#) (due 26 Nov) and [Inquiry into the closure of the Hazelwood and Yallourn Power Stations](#) (due 29 Oct)
- Bumper stickers now available from our Yarram community hub!



What's happening in the community

- Harry (5 mins)
- Deb (5 mins)
- 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?

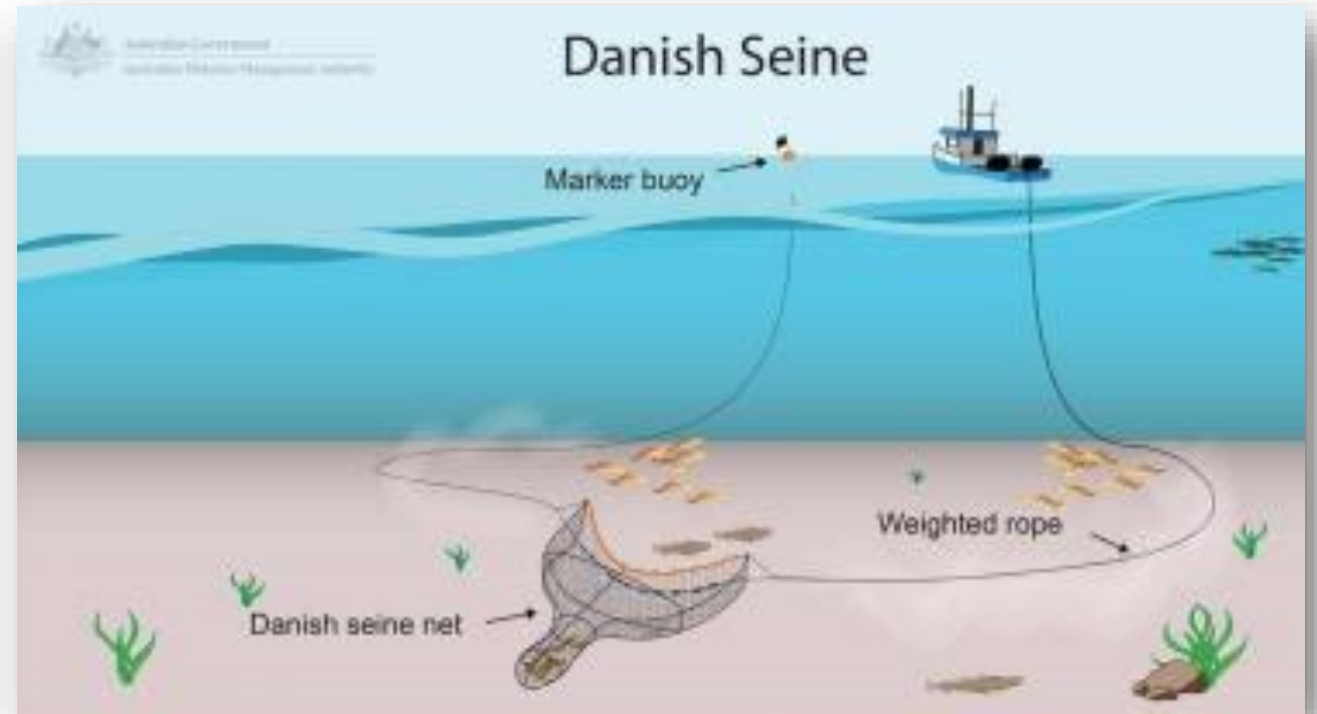
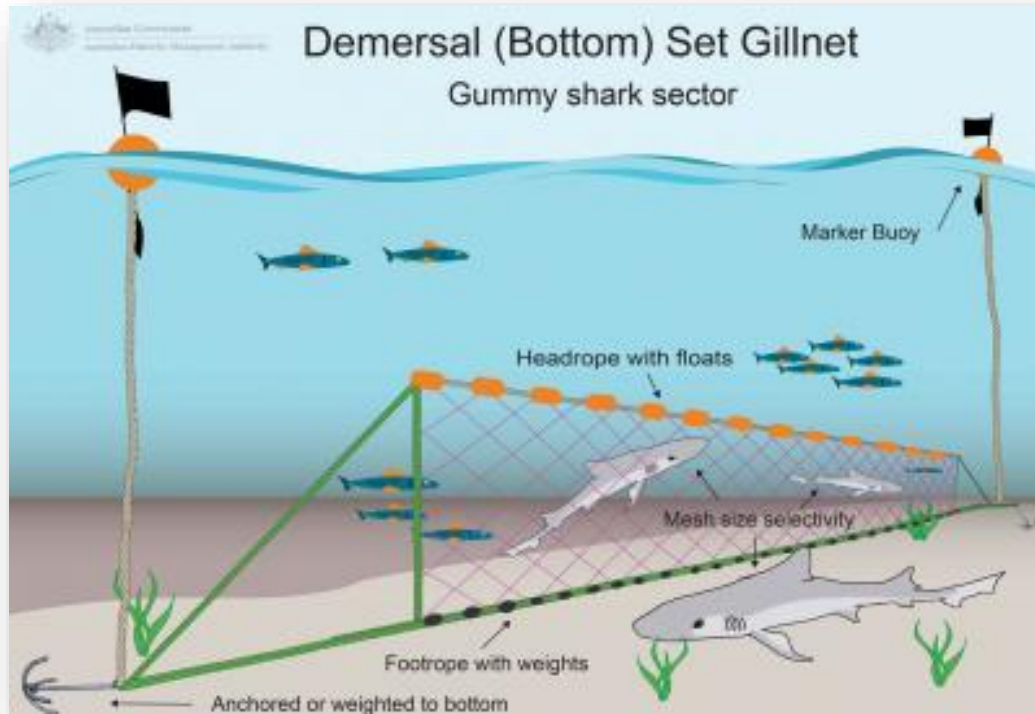


Share what's happening in your community

What's happening in the community - Harry

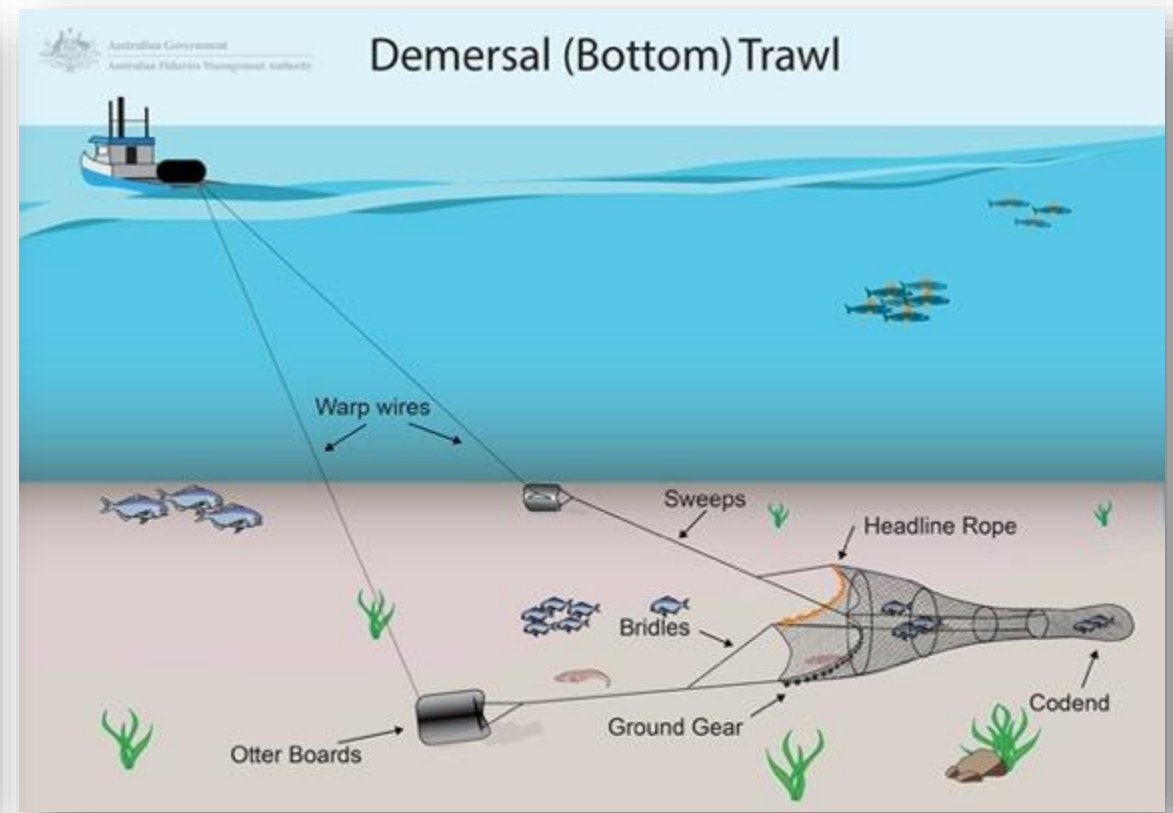
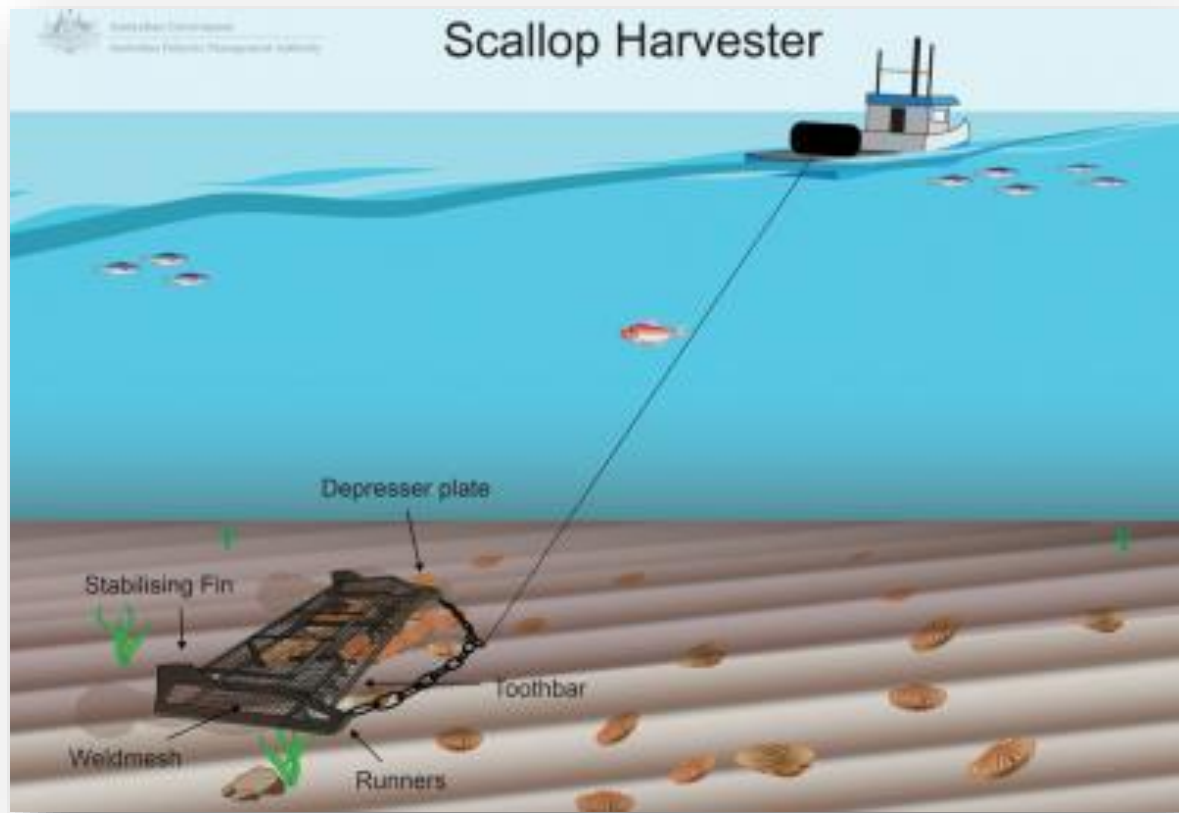


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Source: AFMA

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What's happening in the community - Deb

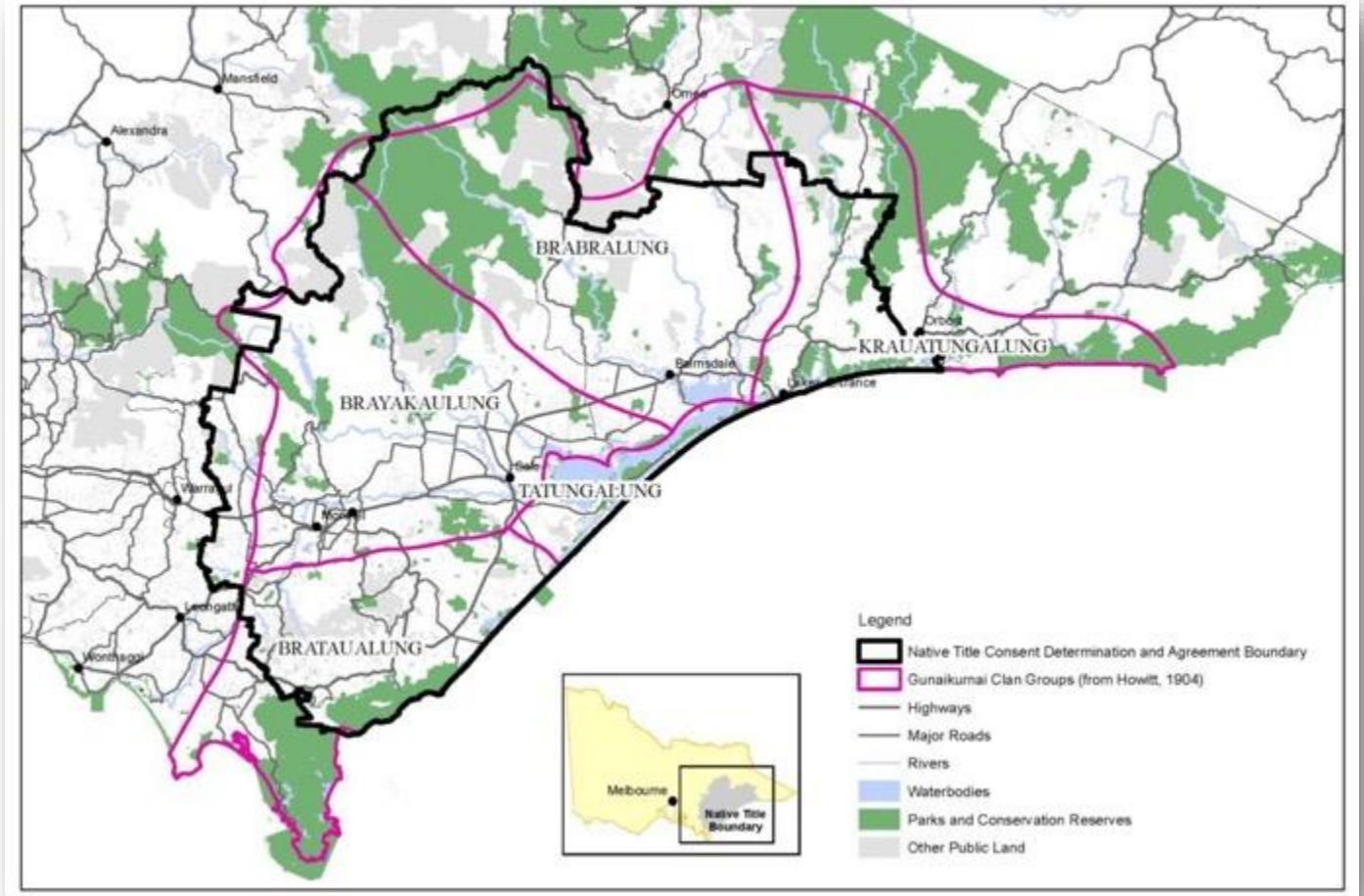




Focus on: Aboriginal cultural heritage

Aboriginal cultural heritage

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage refers to the knowledge and lore, practices and people, objects and places that are valued, culturally meaningful and connected to identity and country.
- The **Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC)** is the Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) that represents Gunaikurnai people.
- This map shows the current area appointed to GLaWAC as the RAP and the traditional land of the five clans of Gunaikurnai.



GLaWAC represents the Gunaikurnai people – the Traditional Owners of the area where Star of the South is proposed

Working with the Traditional Owners

- First met with GLaWAC in 2017
- Dedicated contact point at Star of the South, in regular contact
- Partnership approach
- Cultural engagements
- Procurement and workforce strategy
- Inductions



GLaWAC is a decision maker and important partner

Regulatory requirements

- GLaWAC sit on the Technical Reference Group (TRG) convened to advise on the project's environmental assessments.
- An **Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment**, including a values assessment, will be undertaken and published in our EIS/EES.
- A **Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP)** must be prepared and approved. This is one of five key approvals required.
- GLaWAC is the responsible approval body for the CHMP.



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Field work is underway



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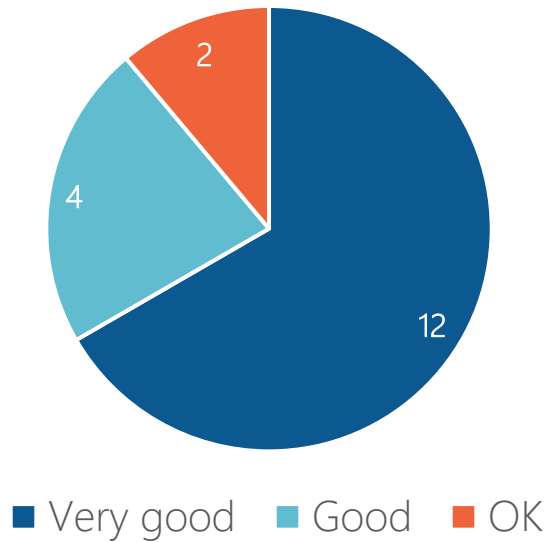


CAG 12-month review

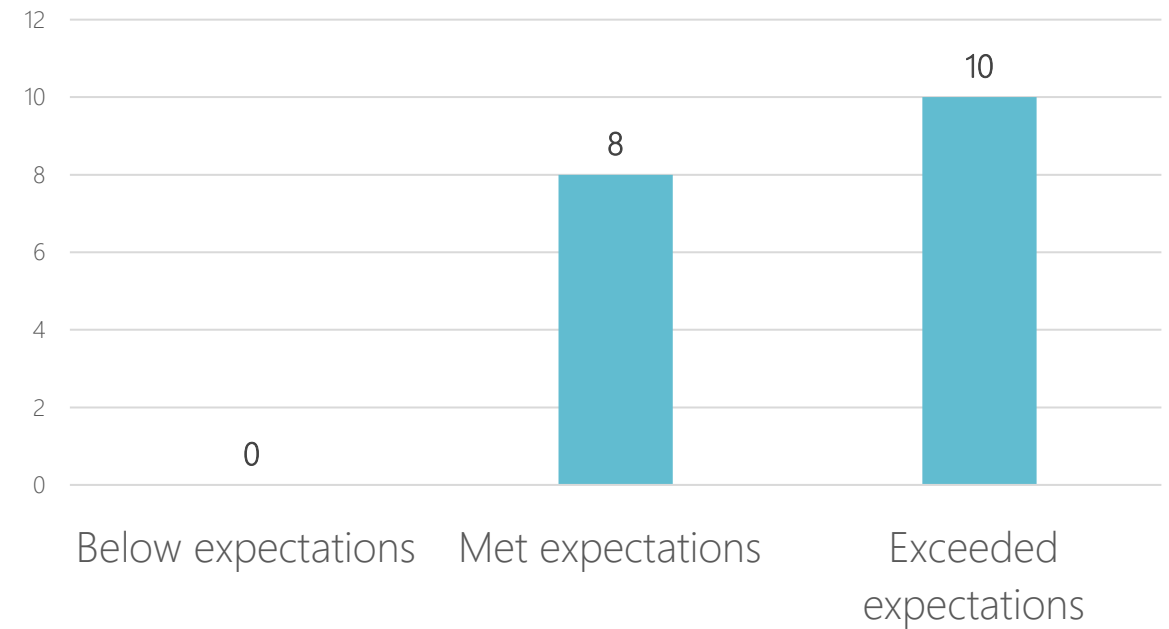
What we've heard and next steps

CAG 12-month review

Overall, how have you found your experience as a CAG member of the last 12 months



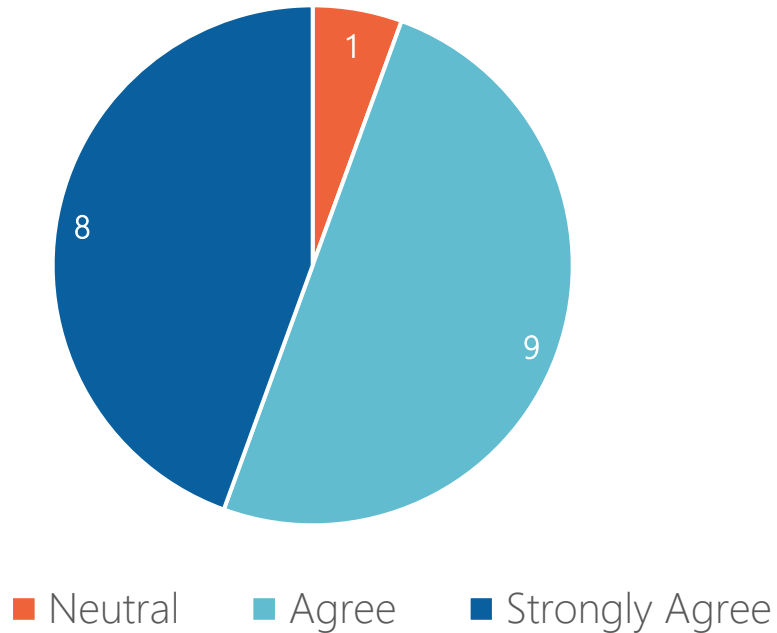
Has your experience met your expectations?



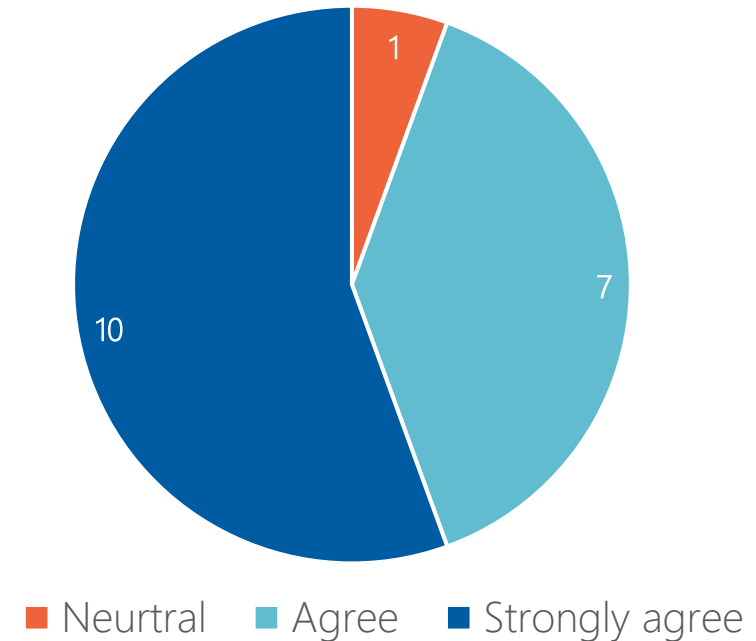
18/23 members (including the Chair) responded to the survey

CAG 12-month review

After 12 months as a CAG member, I feel well informed about the project and offshore wind



My contribution is acknowledged and respected



Feedback was generally positive with some improvements identified

Key take outs

- 18 of 23 members responded (inclusive of the Independent Chairperson).
- 100% of respondents want to continue on the group.
- Respondents are generally satisfied with meeting content, many interested in more technical aspects of the project.
- Respondents feel they're able to contribute and that those contributions are valued.
- Hybrid meetings and moving meeting locations around Gippsland is supported.
- Respondents are satisfied with the Chairperson, with notes to be mindful of keeping discussion on track and ensuring a safe environment for all types of views to be raised in meetings.
- Members are satisfied with communication between and during meetings, with some noting difficulties accessing or using the CAG member webpage.
- Emails and SMS alerts are the most popular ways to receive information.
- There are a mix of views about suitable meeting times and days - no one day/time will work for all, all of the time.
- 10/18 say participation in the CAG has exceeded their expectations, and has met expectations for the remaining 8/18.
- The only significant issue raised is a concern that some members may not feel comfortable raising issues due to many strong supporters in the group.

"I am really enjoying these CAG meetings and the opportunity to be a champion of SOTS"

"The professional approach the team of Star of the South are taking at meetings and within the general community is first class"

"At certain times I have felt that it's more a 'friends of Star of the South group' than an advisory group"

"Less on what the corporate side has to do for government requirements and more accurate info on size, timeframes etc"

"I've learned so much not only from the team but also from other CAG members."

Feedback was generally very positive, with some targeted areas for improvement and further discussion

Key take outs

Stop or do less

- Spending so much time on government processes.
- Meetings running over time.

Keep doing

- Regular communication between meetings using different tools – but investigate alternative to CAG webpage that is easier to use.
- Member 5-min focus presentations.
- Agenda format (standing items + focus topic).
- Informal approach, time for questions, guest presenters, mix of content.
- Record Q&As – but find a better format (e.g. register where all Q&As can be easily accessed and searched).
- Online and in-person options for meetings, moving meeting locations around.
- Thursday late afternoon works for many, but mix up meeting times occasionally.

New or do more

- Tighter management of meetings to keep discussions short, sharp and relevant.
- Develop meeting schedule for 2021 including indicative topics (as much as possible).
- Organise a site visit.
- More technical content in meetings.
- Involve CAG members in Star of the South consultation activities.
- Group discussion on how we can all contribute to an environment where everyone feels comfortable raising different views or issues.
- Enforce attendance requirements (excepting exceptional circumstances).
- Profile (willing) CAG members on project social media, newspaper advertising or through other channels.

CAG workshop

Update on actions and outcomes

Workshop ideas and actions

- ✓ Using local newspapers and radio for updates
- ✓ Lose the acronyms (as much as possible!)
- ✓ Reach out to local interest groups
- ✓ Engage with GLaWAC, Victorian Farmers Federation, Para Park
- ✓ Social media updates and advertising
- ✓ Addressing concerns like jobs, fishing and birdlife
- ✓ Clear and plain English communications
- ✓ Newsletter with link to CAG
- ✓ Involve CAG members in community events
- ✓ Bumper stickers

Meet our Community Advisory Group

We've established a Community Advisory Group with 22 members across Gippsland to share information, answer questions and seek local advice as we plan for the project. Members are regularly briefed on project updates and key topics. You can talk with them about the project and raise questions or concerns to be discussed in meetings. Meeting agendas, presentations, and minutes are available on our website.

Want to talk with your nearest member? Contact us and we can connect you.

Community Advisory Group members

Ian Gibson - Independent chairperson	Jonathan Pintus - Agnes
Allan Rogers - Mcloughlins Beach	Julianne Peavey / Nicole Jennings - Darriam
Allison Spence - Latrobe City Council	Marcus McKenzie - Wellington Shire Council
Caleb Barlow - Foster	Mary-Lou Dixon - Waratah Bay
Dane Heinrich - Committee for Wellington	Matt Langdon - Yarram
Darren McCubbin - Gippsland Climate Change Network	Peter Mooney - Gippsland Trades and Labour Council
Deb Lucas - Woodside	Christine Legg - South Gippsland Shire Council
Glenn Stagg - Sale	Travis Dillow - Woodside Beach
Harry Mitchelson - Lakes Entrance	Tony Cantwell - Committee for Gippsland
Jenny Smith - Port Albert	Tony Wolfe - Warragul
Jessica Young - Traralgon	Wendy Farmer - Voices of the Valley
Jack Winterbottom - Birdlife Australia	




Here's some of your ideas that we've put into action