

*“Thanks for your feedback.
Assessments are nearly
complete.”*

*“Here’s what we’ve
been up to”*

Welcome to this Genesis Energy Castle Hill Wind Farm newsletter. The Castle Hill Wind Farm Project Team is now finalising the engineering and environmental assessments to determine the effects of the proposed wind farm. The findings of these assessments were shared at the second public open days which were held at the Alfredton Hall on 1 and 2 April 2011.

The Castle Hill Wind Farm Project

In July 2010, Genesis Energy announced its proposal for a wind farm on a site approximately 20 kilometres east of Eketahuna and Pahiatua and 20 kilometres north east of Masterton. The project will help meet anticipated growth in demand for more electricity in the North Island. The previous two project newsletters are available from the project team and the Genesis Energy website www.genesisenergy.co.nz

Second Castle Hill Wind Farm public open days

Following on from the first open days in September last year, the Castle Hill Wind Farm Project Team returned to the Northern Wairarapa for the second public open days on 1 and 2 April 2011.

The open days, held again in the Alfredton Town Hall, provided another opportunity for the community to find out about the project and to see the progress the project team had made since the first open days were held in September 2010. Around 100 people attended the open days to meet the team responsible for developing and assessing the proposed wind farm, and give feedback on the information presented.

Genesis Energy Schoolgen educator Rob Duff also joined the team and taught some of Wairarapa’s youngest locals all about renewable energy at Alfredton Primary School.

Once again the local Alfredton School Parent Teacher’s Association put on a

fantastic spread to keep visitors and the Genesis Energy team alike very well-fed throughout the two days.

The Genesis Energy team would like to thank those who attended the open days and offered feedback. Local knowledge is invaluable in ensuring that the project is designed responsibly and with regard to local concerns. Your feedback will be incorporated into the Assessment of Environmental Effects.

Feedback forms can still be mailed to Amy Rennell at Genesis Energy and we encourage you to do so (details overleaf).

If you missed the open days, don’t worry! The information presented is available for you to download on the ‘generating energy’ page of the Genesis Energy website www.genesisenergy.co.nz under ‘Our Projects’. Please contact Amy Rennell if you would like copies of the material posted to you.

Genesis Energy in your community

At Genesis Energy we place great value on building mutually beneficial long-term relationships with the communities in which our projects reside. We have been involved in a number of community programmes in the Wairarapa over the last few months.



The second Open Days at Alfredton Town Hall



Energy Expo participants and Genesis Energy volunteers at St Anthony's School in Pahiatua

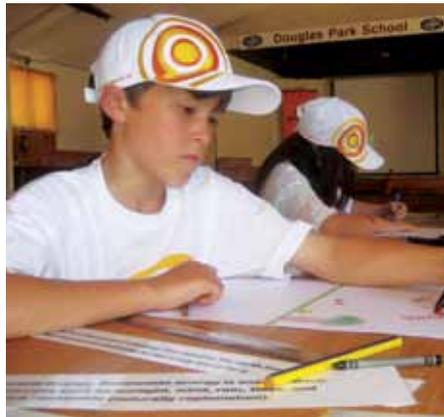
Schoolgen Energy Expo

Students from local primary schools attended the Genesis Energy Schoolgen Energy Expo in March at St Anthony's School in Pahiatua and in November 2010 at Douglas Park School in Masterton.

The students learned about the nuts and bolts of electricity generation from engineers and renewable energy experts from Genesis Energy. The Energy Expos are part of the Schoolgen education programme established by Genesis Energy.

Students undertook activities such as creating an electrical circuit with solar power and building a model wind turbine, through to debating whether New Zealand's electricity generation should be 100% renewable. They were challenged with new concepts while enjoying the opportunity to interact with students from other schools.

Many teachers commented that they were looking forward to going back into their classrooms with new ideas and resources.



Energy Expo students get down to business at Douglas Park School in Masterton

Earth Day dune and forest planting

Genesis Energy celebrated Earth Day on April 22 by helping to plant native coastal plants at the Castlepoint Scenic Reserve along with the Department of Conservation, Tinui School and the Coast Care Group of the Castlepoint Ratepayers and Residence Association.



Volunteers ready for action at Castle Point Scenic Reserve

The Department of Conservation is replanting in the reserve with the support of local environmental groups and volunteers in order to restore native dunes and create wildlife habitat. Over 1200 native coastal plants such as pingao and spinifex were planted on the day.

What's next?

Over the coming months, Genesis Energy will continue consulting with the community and stakeholders and finalising the engineering and environmental assessments for the project. All of this information will then be compiled into an Assessment of Environmental Effects and will form the basis of the Resource Consent applications to be made by Genesis Energy for the Castle Hill Wind Farm project. At this stage we anticipate lodging the resource consent applications in mid 2011.

The Assessment of Environmental Effects will be made publicly available once we have lodged the application. We will let you know when it is uploaded onto our website.

} *“Talk to us about the project...”*

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