



AVONBANK PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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PROJECT UPDATE

WIM Resource Pty Ltd (WIM) continues to work and progress several environmental and socio-economic studies as part of the Environment Effects Statement (EES) process, as well as progress the definitive feasibility study for the Avonbank Mineral Sands Project (Avonbank Project).

During the last quarter, major EES studies, including Air Quality, Radiation, and Visual Amenity studies have been completed.

WIM continued to hold several webinars that discuss these studies. The webinars are held as part of WIM's continued approach to seek feedback from stakeholders.

The Avonbank Project test pit rehabilitation study is ongoing with the crop continuing to grow well over the rehabilitated areas.



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Next community information session:
Horsham Plaza on 5th November

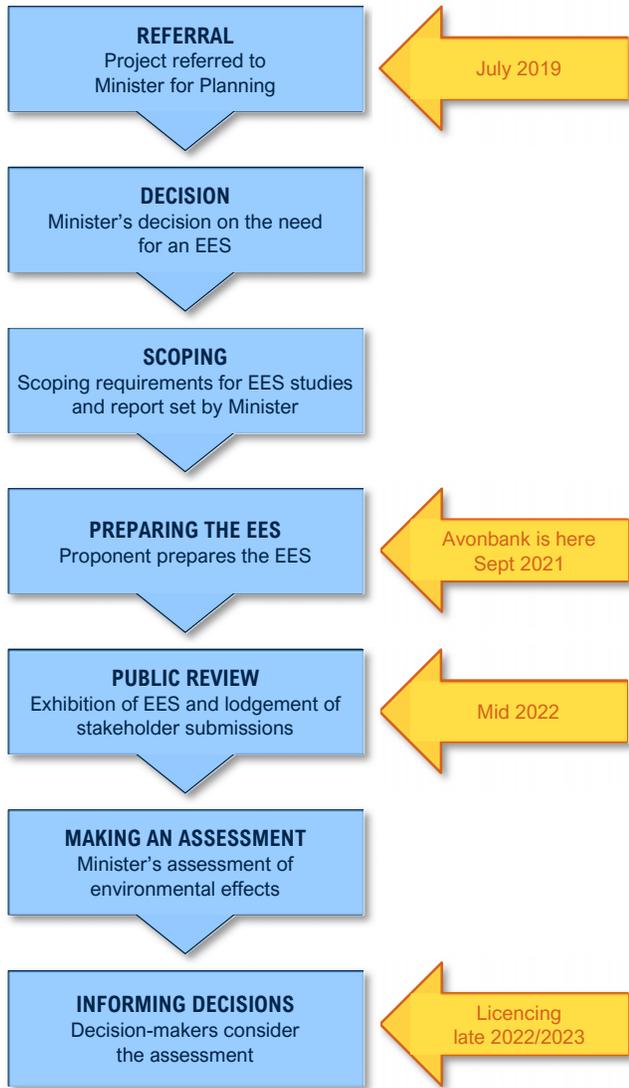
Next webinar: 17th November



CONTACT US

WIM invites you to contact us with any questions or comments on any aspect of our project as we continue to progress through the approvals and development phases.

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EES UPDATE

A range of environmental and socio-economic studies continue to be completed for the Avonbank EES.

Radiation – Impact Study

During the last quarter WIM has delivered a Radiation study that investigated the radiological impacts of the proposed operation on the environment and members of the public.

A specialist health physicists experienced in these types of assessments was engaged by WIM and has undertaken a very thorough and detailed assessment.

The radiation study found that there would not be a significant impact on the environment, nor members of the public. A webinar recording is available on our website.

Landscape and Visual Amenity – Impact Study

WIM also delivered a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, investigating the potential impacts from the project on visual and landscape amenity.

A specialist landform architect, experienced in these types of assessments, was engaged by WIM, and has undertaken a very thorough and detailed assessment.



Figure 1: Visual Impact – Years 1-6 Mine Site View (from Wimmera Highway).



Figure 2: Visual Impact – Avonbank Processing Plant in the WIFT Precinct (from Wimmera Highway).

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

WIM values the opportunity to create partnerships with and give back to the community. As a part of this, WIM provided support for Murtoa Big Weekend 2021 as a gold sponsor. The Big Weekend did not go ahead this year due to COVID-19, but we will proudly continue our support in 2022.

‘Light Up Murtoa’

Although the Murtoa Big Weekend 2021 did not proceed this year, WIM was proud to be able to provide support to the recent community mini event ‘Light Up Murtoa’.

Light Up Murtoa was held on Friday, 1st and Saturday, 2nd of October. It was a huge success for the town and saw local historic and significant landmarks undergo a magnificent colourful transformation. WIM congratulates the organising committee and all those involved.

If you missed this event, photos and videos from ‘Light Up Murtoa’ are available on the Murtoa Big Weekend Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MurtoaBigWeekend).

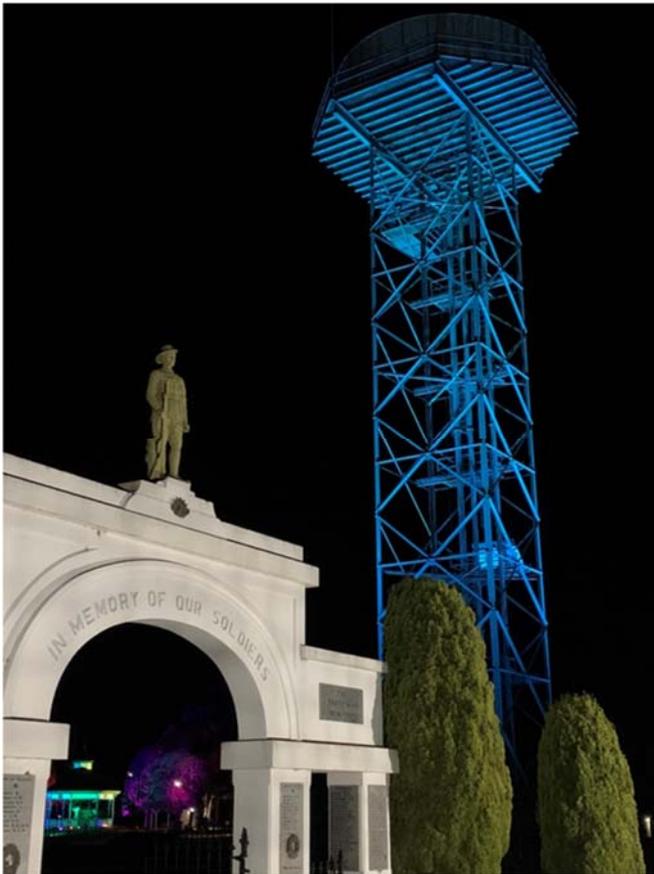


Figure 3: Arch, GWM Water Tower and Lake Marra Rec Reserve under lights (Photo: Natasha Pietsch Design).



Figure 4: Historic Water Tower (Photo: Natasha Pietsch Design).



Figure 5: Thomas Mill Silos (Photo: Natasha Pietsch Design).



COMMUNITY POP-IN INFORMATION SESSIONS

We plan to continue our community pop up information booths in November, subject to COVID-19 restrictions, at several regional locations including Dooen and Murtoa, and the Haven and Jung markets.

On Friday, 5th November we also intend to be at the Horsham Plaza.



LONGERENONG COLLEGE UPDATE

The Longerenong College student research project on the trial crop in the test pit area will finish in November and we look forward to seeing the results.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Regular engagement with stakeholders is important to WIM. We ensure that channels for communication are open, and stakeholders and the broader community have opportunities to discuss our project and provide constructive feedback that will assist WIM to move forward with effective planning.

Activities

WEBINARS

Webinars were held in September and October, covering the findings from impact assessment studies concerning radiation and air quality. The next webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, 17th November and will focus on the visual impact assessment studies of the project. To participate, you can pre-register through the link provided on the webinar page of our website under the [Avonbank EES – Documents and Presentations](#) submenu, or Facebook event page. All webinars are recorded, which can be found on our website, YouTube channel, or Facebook page. A PDF of the questions and answers from each session can also be found on our website in the same location.

COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP (CRG)

Our most recent CRG meeting was held on the 9th September via a video conference link. It is planned to hold our next CRG meeting online on Thursday 28th October, and this will be the last meeting for 2021.

LANDHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

On 8th October WIM held a meeting in Horsham with directly impacted project landholders, who were presented with key project updates and the opportunity to engage in open forum discussions. It was a successful day, constructive and well received, and was an important opportunity to keep engagement and communications open and ongoing.

PRESENTATIONS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

WIM recently held discussions and presented to local government including Horsham Rural City Council, Southern Grampians Shire, and Glenelg Shire. We value our ongoing relationships with these municipalities. Along with local government briefings WIM has also had the chance to discuss the Avonbank Project with Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy.

If you would like WIM to make a presentation and provide a project overview to your club or organisation, please contact Murray Wilson or Michael Davies.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

WIM's Facebook page is now available, search for [@WIMResource](#) to see our posts, watch videos and register for upcoming events. Please like, follow, and share our page to keep up to date with the latest news.

HORSHAM OFFICE

The Horsham office at the Wimmera Business Centre in Darlot Street is aiming to be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and on other days by appointment. Members of the public are welcome to drop in for a chat.

FEEDBACK PROCEDURE

WIM invites you to contact us with any questions or comments on any aspect of our project as we continue to progress through the approvals and development phases. The *Guidelines for Stakeholder Feedback* are available on our website to provide guidance on how you may provide feedback to WIM on the Avonbank Project.