

Crowlands and Challicum Hills sustainable communities fund

Community Information Session

Tuesday 26 September 2023

Welcome and Introduction

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Acknowledgement of Country

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction
- Overview of Pacific Blue and the community fund
- Community fund application process
- Tips for a successful application
- Next steps
- Q&A



Overview of Pacific Blue and the community fund

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Pacific Blue

Pacific Blue

Who we are

Pacific Blue is a 100% renewable energy generator. For over 30 years, we have generated 100% of our electricity from renewable sources - the sun, wind, and water - and have never invested in fossil fuel or coal-fired energy generation.

Our commitment to action

Pacific Blue is committed to tripling our clean energy production within five years and share the economic benefits of our renewable energy generation projects with local communities, including indigenous communities.

Our Community Benefits Sharing Program, an Australian first, has provided over \$5 million to support communities where our renewable energy projects are located.

The program aims to empower local communities to identify their priorities and decide on the initiatives and projects that Pacific Blue should support in their area.

Community Benefits Sharing Program

The fund aims to:

- Give back to the communities that host our clean energy projects.
- Support and strengthen communities.
- Empower communities to identify their priorities and decide on initiatives for support.
- Encourage innovative solutions to local issues.
- Foster partnerships among organisations to deliver community-based services.
- Promote long-term positive outcomes and capabilities within communities.
- Work towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which Pacific Blue operates, in accordance with Pacific Blue's Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Promote awareness and commitment to sustainable community ideals.

Crowlands and Challicum Hills

Project overview

- Challicum Hills
 - 35 Wind Turbines (1.5MW)
 - Generates 52.5MW (26,000 homes)
 - Located just east of Ararat
- Crowlands
 - 39 Wind Turbines (2.05MW)
 - Generates 80MW (50,000 homes)
 - 25km NE of Ararat



About the Crowlands and Challicum Hills sustainable communities fund

- Operates on a biannual model, which means eligible community groups and not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to apply for project funding from a **pool of \$236,000 every second year**.
- We have **removed the \$10,000 cap** to provide opportunities for community organisations to partner and work together on projects that deliver greater community impact.
- A proximity weighting system will be applied to funding requests so that communities and projects closest to the Challicum Hills wind farm and the Crowlands wind farm are prioritised.
- This recognises the communities that are closest to a project, as they experience the greatest impacts. (0-5km 15% weighting, 5km – 10km 10% weighting, 10km – 15km 5% weighting).

Why the fund is important

- Our Community Benefit Sharing Program is the key component of Pacific Blue's community support strategy. An Australian wind industry first, the Program shares the benefits of our renewable energy projects with the communities that host them.



Application Process

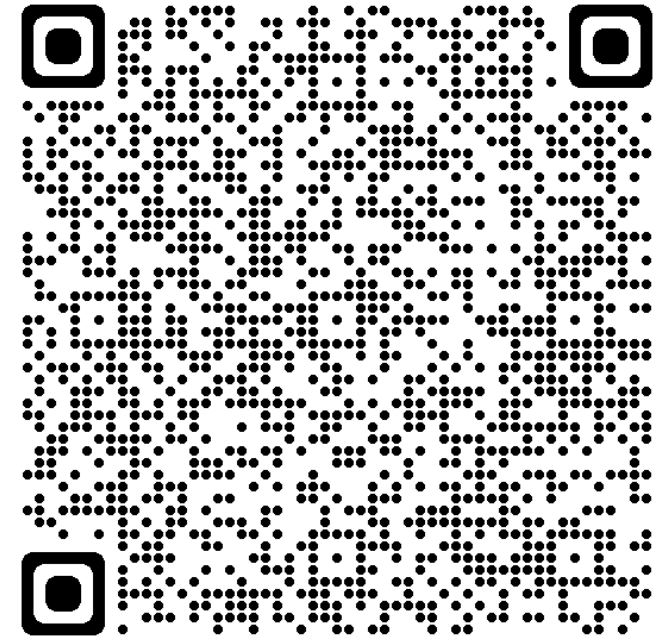
Key deadlines and important dates

- Applications open: Monday 2 October 2023
- Applications close: Friday 10 November 2023

Second information session (face-to-face):
6pm – 7pm Thursday 12 October 2023
Alexandra Oval Community Centre

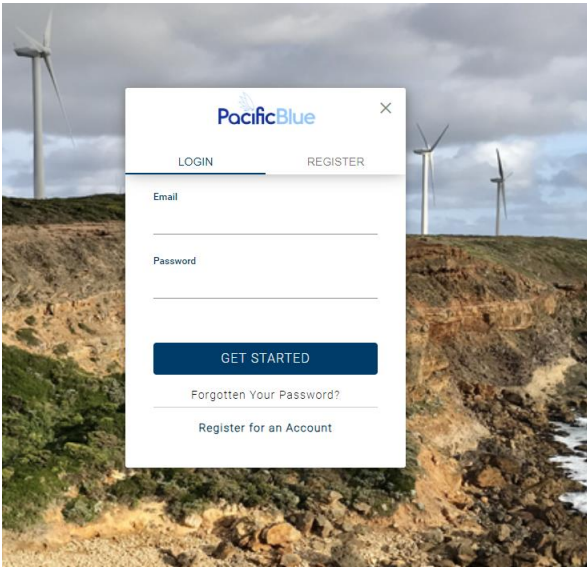
How to register:

Visit: <https://www.pacificblue.com.au>



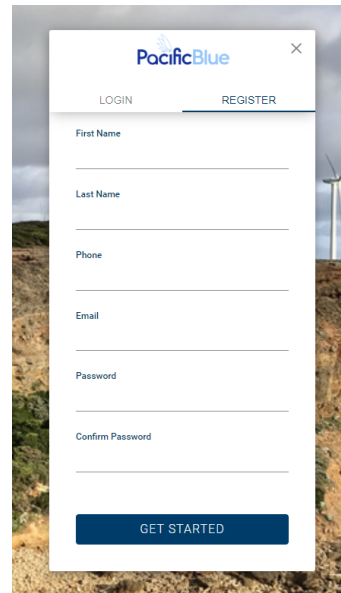
Applications open 9am Monday 2 October via Pacific Blue website

If you have previously applied
for funding and have an
existing login

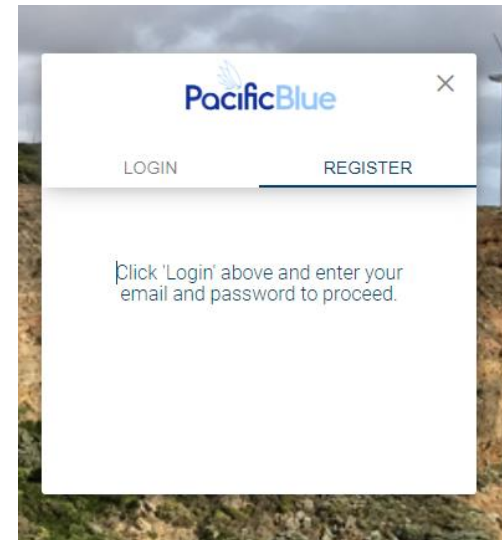


A screenshot of the PacificBlue login page. The page has a white background with the PacificBlue logo at the top. Below the logo are two tabs: 'LOGIN' and 'REGISTER'. The 'LOGIN' tab is selected. There are two input fields for 'Email' and 'Password'. Below these fields is a blue button labeled 'GET STARTED'. At the bottom, there are two links: 'Forgotten Your Password?' and 'Register for an Account'. The background of the page shows a coastal landscape with wind turbines.

If you're a new applicant, you'll need to register



A screenshot of the PacificBlue registration page. The page has a white background with the PacificBlue logo at the top. Below the logo are two tabs: 'LOGIN' and 'REGISTER'. The 'REGISTER' tab is selected. There are five input fields: 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Phone', 'Email', and 'Password'. Below the 'Password' field is a 'Confirm Password' field. At the bottom is a blue button labeled 'GET STARTED'. The background of the page shows a coastal landscape with wind turbines.



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Check your organisation's account registration details are correct

Organisation Account Registration

Organisation Registration

Organisation Name *

Primary Email *

Primary Phone *

Please include area of code for telephone numbers

Website

ABN *

Registered for GST

Key Contact

Ms Jane Jones

Position Title

Primary Address

Address

Postal Address

Address

Save

Select Account Type

Individual Account

Register for an individual account – for Fund Allocation Panel members and Community Partnership Group only

Register

Organisation Account

Register for an organisation account – for community groups submitting a grant application

If you are an eligible Organisation and **DONT** have an ABN please contact Pacific Blue on +61 3 8621 6000

Register

Eligibility Criteria

Read the Community Benefit Fund Program Guidelines online

To be eligible, any proposed project or initiative must:

- Directly benefit the local community (in at least one of the Program areas)
- Not be for the private gain of particular individuals
- Have the support of the community (shown by endorsement from prominent members of the community)
- Have necessary approvals and permissions in place prior to applying, such as council approval (if required)
- Meet the Community Benefit Fund Program's aims and objectives

Selection Criteria

1. Align with the aims of Community Benefit Fund Program
2. Identify community needs
3. Have a clear, realistic, and feasible plan
4. Outline a budget, prices, and alternatives
5. Outline a management plan
6. Innovation

Tips for a successful application

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What we're looking for

- Are eligible and meet the selection criteria
- Support the region
- Show collaboration in the community
- Provide a legacy





Next steps

What happens next

Register for second Workshop

6pm, Thursday 12 October 2023

Alexandra Oval Community Centre

Read the guidelines and start to get your application ready ahead of the fund opening:

www.pacificblue.com.au



Need help? Contact us

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Q&A

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Thank you

