

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

26 July 2018

We're keen to keep you informed on what's happening with Biala Wind Farm. We will be issuing newsletters monthly, or more frequently if there is important news to share. To receive **future newsletters**, sign up at bialawindfarm.com/subscription.

Devils Information Stand & A Community BBQ

On Sunday 15th of July, we were happy to support the Crookwell Devils against the Harden Hawks. Between cheering for the three teams, we discussed the Biala Wind Farm development and renewable energy with other Devils' fans on the sideline.

If we didn't see you at the game, perhaps we will catch up on Saturday the 28th of July at our **community BBQ stall** outside the IGA on Crookwell's Main Street. BJCE Australia will be hosting the BBQ. Crookwell Community Neighbourhood Centre will be doing the cooking and funds raised will support their excellent work, such as their community garden project.

We have plenty of colouring-in competition sheets and information brochures still available. We look forward to seeing you there.

Community Enhancement Fund

Biala Wind Farm will provide \$90,000 per annum for community projects, commencing when the wind farm enters operation. This money forms a Community Enhancement Fund.

It is a requirement of the wind farm's development approval that the Community Enhancement Fund is managed by Upper Lachlan Shire Council, as a Section 355 committee. In our last newsletter, we discussed that this committee would be governed by a Voluntary Planning Agreement, or VPA. We mentioned the VPA would be on public exhibition on the council website. This has now taken place, and the agreement is due to be discussed at the next council meeting.

We have worked with council to ensure feedback received during our discussions with the community has been incorporated into the VPA.

A Fond Farewell To Alice Patterson

At the end of this month, we farewell Alice Patterson who has been a terrific team member as the Assistant Project Manager for Biala Wind Farm. Alice is moving back to Coffs Harbour to be closer to her family and we wish her all the best.

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Joe Cummins keeping his eye on the tryline.



Transmission Line Update

In November 2017 we submitted a development application for an underground transmission line between Biala Wind Farm and Gullen Range Wind Farm. The DA for the underground transmission line was referred to the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) by Upper Lachlan Shire Council. The JRPP reviewed the application on 14 March 2018 and requested more information from us. We submitted this additional information to the Council and it was exhibited from 17th April 2018 to 15th May 2018.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is now preparing a final report to be submitted to the JRPP. Once the JRPP has received this report, they will arrange a date to sit to further consider the transmission line development application. We will continue to keep you updated.

The proposed underground transmission line will transmit the electricity generated by Biala Wind Farm across to our existing substation at Gullen Range Wind Farm where it will be placed onto the electricity grid.

Road Upgrades

We are pleased to announce the **completion of the Kialla Road upgrades**. Seven culverts between Crookwell and Range Road have been replaced, **increasing road safety** for all users. We want to thank the community for their patience during this process.

Update on Met Masts

You may be wondering how we're progressing with the four meteorological masts we mentioned in our previous newsletters. We are finalising the details of these masts and plan to install them in October. The masts are used to test the performance of the wind turbines after the turbines have been installed. We'd be happy to explain the process if you are interested.

Community Consultative Committee

The next **Community Consultative Committee (CCC)** meeting is scheduled for the Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 1pm in the Gunning Council Chambers. If you are interested in observing please register your interest with the independent chairperson, Nic Carmody, on 0429 354 582 or email nic.carmody@bigpond.com. The CCC is currently looking for new members. If you'd like to apply, please contact Nic.

About the Project

Biala Wind Farm is located approximately 6km south of Grabben Gullen on Grabben Gullen Road. It is owned by BJCE Australia, who also own Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm. Biala Wind Farm is proposed to have 31 turbines and was awarded a Development Approval in April 2017 by the NSW Planning Assessment Commission.

Proposed Project Timeline

**Here is our current schedule.
We'll update it in each
of our monthly newsletters.**

Approvals, design work, surveys	Now to October 2018
Roadwork to Kialla Road	April to July 2018
Roadwork to Range Road	September 2018 to November 2018
Onsite civil and electrical work	November 2018 to June 2019
Delivery and erection of wind turbines	April 2019 to August 2019
Commissioning of wind turbines	June 2019 to September 2019

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