

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

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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.

Latest Updates

The transmission line **development application** (DA) is progressing. In March 2017, we submitted a DA for an **underground electrical transmission line** linking Biala Wind Farm to our existing substation at Gullen Range Wind Farm. It is required to transmit energy generated by the Biala wind turbines to the electricity grid.

Using the existing Gullen Range Wind Farm substation would avoid having to build a whole new substation in another location. The existing substation would receive some upgrades, which are detailed in the DA.

We've **volunteered** to put this cable underground to **minimise its visual impact** and to ensure minimal restriction on farming activities. To avoid disrupting traffic and damaging the road surface, we're proposing to use directional drilling to install the cable under Grabben Gullen Road.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council referred the DA to the **Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP)** who reviewed the application on the 14th March 2018 and requested more information from us. We submitted the additional information and Upper Lachlan Shire Council placed the updated **DA on public exhibition** from 17th April 2018 to 15th May 2018.

Council received several submissions, which were given to us. We've responded to Council on each submission. The Council will now prepare a report for the JRPP. The JRPP will then organise a date to sit again to consider our application.

Kialla Road upgrades are well underway.

Three of the seven culverts have been completed. This is the first stage of the mandatory local road upgrades to be completed before we can deliver wind turbine components to the wind farm. We have agreed the specification of these works with Upper Lachlan Shire Council and obtained the planning approvals necessary. The second stage is resurfacing Range Road between Kialla and Grabben Gullen Roads.



Kialla Road Upgrade

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Sponsorship

Crookwell Devils Senior Men's and Ladies rugby league teams secured \$5,000 in funding from Biala Wind Farm allowing both teams to run out this season in brand new jerseys. Both teams are currently in 3rd place, **congratulations!**

The Crookwell Devils Rugby League Club initially contacted BJCE Australia in 2016 for sponsorship support. Today we are a major long-term sponsor and club supporter.

Come out and join us to cheer on the Devils in the much-anticipated Crookwell vs Harden match on Sunday 15th July. BJCE will have an information stand and be on hand to answer your questions about Biala Wind Farm or our other renewable energy projects.



Biala Community Enhancement Fund

The Biala Wind Farm **Community Enhancement Fund** will be regulated by a **Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA)** between the Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Biala Wind Farm. The VPA will be on public exhibition at the Council Chambers soon, so keep a look out for more information on www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au. The fund will provide approximately \$90,000 per year for community projects.

Community Consultative Committee

The Biala Wind Farm **Community Consultative Committee (CCC)** meeting took place in the Gunning Council Chambers on the 22nd May to discuss project developments, the JRPP application and comments from the community. The CCC is currently **looking for new members**. If you'd like to apply, please contact Nic Carmody 0429 354 582 or email nic.carmody@bigpond.com.

About the Project

The 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 until end of September 2018
Roadwork to Kialla Road	April 2018 to July 2018
Roadwork to Range Road	TBA
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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