

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

30 August 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.

Lending a helping hand

On Saturday 28th of July, Biala Wind Farm and Crookwell Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) hosted an information stand and fundraising BBQ outside the Crookwell IGA.

The information stand provided a face-to-face opportunity for the local community to discuss renewable energy and ask questions about the proposed wind farm. BJCE Australia distributed brochures about the new project and provided information about their established operations and community support programs in the district. The **profits from the BBQ were donated to the CNC** which offers mobile long day care, playgroup, information and referral services, Centrelink assistance and respite for the Crookwell community.

Reports are underway

We recently submitted our Environmental, Biodiversity and Cultural Heritage Management plans for our project. These detailed plans are designed to **ensure minimal disruption** to the Project area and have been subjected to detailed individual assessments. The reports are currently under review with approval likely in coming weeks. Once they are approved, they will be available on our website.

Subcontractors and employment opportunities

The main contractor for the Biala Wind Farm will be a large civil and electrical construction company. The process of selecting this company is still underway. If you are a local contractor or a local tradesperson who would like to **be involved in Biala Wind Farm** as a subcontractor, you can register your interest on our website. We will pass your details on to our main contractor after they are selected.

Road upgrades

The roadworks on **Kialla Road have been completed**, other than a final seal to be undertaken when the weather is warmer. The next stage is to **upgrade Range Road** between Kialla Road junction and Grabben Gullen. This is scheduled to start in October 2018. We will keep you updated about this upgrade as it progresses.



Recognised for our excellence

Earlier this month BJCE Australia was a **top three finalist** in the Australian Clean Energy Council **Business Community Engagement awards**. We were **recognised for excellence** with our innovative Clean Energy Program which enables people within five kilometres of Gullen Range Wind Farm to apply for grants to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes and businesses.

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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 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.

Update on Met Masts

You may be wondering how we're progressing with the four meteorological masts we mentioned in our previous newsletters. These are likely to be installed in late 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.

Traffic Management Plan

We recently submitted our Traffic Management Plan to the Roads and Maritime Services and the Upper Lachlan Shire. This report defines the measures to be implemented to **ensure traffic safety** throughout the project.

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 attending as an observer 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 until end of September 2018
Roadwork to Kialla Road	Complete
Roadwork to Range Road	October to December 2018
Onsite civil and electrical work	December 2018 to July 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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