

# BIALA WIND FARM

## Newsletter

January 2019

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

### Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) decision

Approval for the Biala Wind Farm transmission line was granted at the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) public meeting, which took place at the Goulburn Mulwaree Council Chambers on 17th January 2019.

The 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. A minor extension will occur at the substation as part of the approved works.

The approved transmission line route is approximately half the length of the original proposed route. The cabling will be underground rather than overhead, which will reduce visual impact, as well as bushfire and other safety risks. The extension of the existing substation will preserve 8.5ha of agricultural land, which would have been disrupted if we were to have constructed a new substation.

BJCE is committed to ensuring the transmission line is installed in accordance with the development approval and that the impacts and any inconvenience to nearby residents is minimised.

We would like to thank everyone who has attended the public meetings throughout the determination process. BJCE is now finalising plans for construction of the wind farm. More details will be in our February and March newsletters.

### BJCE Australia helping inspire the next STEM generation

BJCE Australia is investing in renewable energy, as well as in the future of young Australians, through its educational initiatives and interactive tours for local schools and university students.

Well-known for being Australia's first co-located project, Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm is also becoming recognised as a hub for ideas and creativity. During 2018, BJCE Australia hosted five local schools including Crookwell, Laggan, Binda and Bigga Public Schools and Crookwell High School.

At the end of 2018, BJCE Australia partnered with Regional Development Australia Southern Inland (RDA Southern Inland), in a pilot program funded by the NSW Department of Education, which aimed to provide students with age appropriate Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) skills.

Isabel Nelson, Community Engagement Officer at BJCE Australia, said, "We really enjoy hosting students at Gullen Range; they ask thought-provoking questions and are genuinely interested in STEM technologies, which is exciting."

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## Come say hello at the Crookwell Show!

Following the success of last year's event, we will be attending the Crookwell Show over 9th and 10th February and will have a face painter on our information stall. This will be a great opportunity for the community to ask questions or collect information on the project. Children can also have their face painted under the shady tree! BJCE Australia is delighted to be a sponsor of the 141st Crookwell Show.

## Met mast installation to commence this week

As noted in our previous monthly newsletters, we will be installing four met masts at Biala Wind Farm in order to assist with performance testing of the turbines. Installation will begin this week and is expected to be completed by the end of February.

## Subcontractor and Employment Opportunities

Biala Wind Farm will be constructed by 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 the Biala Wind Farm, you can register your interest on our website. This information will be provided to the main construction contractor when appointed.

## Crookwell Soccer Club Sponsorship

Biala Wind Farm is proud to be a sponsor of the Crookwell Soccer Club 2019 season. We are committed to investing in local sports and community initiatives where we operate projects and look forward to the club having a successful season.

## Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The last Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting was held on Tuesday the 29th of January Gunning Council Chambers. We welcomed two new members to the committee. If you have any questions about the project, members of the CCC can raise them on your behalf. Member details are available on our website. The next CCC meeting will be held in May, the date is to be confirmed. 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](mailto:nic.carmody@bigpond.com).

## 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. It will connect to the electricity grid via underground electricity cables from the Gullen Range Wind Farm substation at Bannister.

## 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 February 2019
Met Mast installation	Now until end of February 2019
Roadworks to Range Road	Now until April 2019
Onsite civil and electrical work	May 2019 to January 2020
Delivery and erection of wind turbines	November 2019 to April 2020
Commissioning of wind turbines	Now to June 2020