

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

March 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.

Project Developments

The next key step for this project is to place the two major contracts for the supply and installation of the wind turbines and for the civil and electrical works. We hope to settle these contracts in the next month or so. Once they are placed we will make an announcement on our website.

We intend to begin construction of the wind farm in 2019 with electricity being generated in the first quarter of 2020.

We plan to start the upgrade works to Range Road in April and expect this will take approximately ten weeks to complete. We've finished the final road design plans and they are currently being reviewed by Upper Lachlan Shire Council. We require their approval before the road work can commence.

Text Message Service

Biala Wind Farm will implement a text messaging service to communicate with nearby neighbours about any work we are doing on public roads and to give advance notice of large deliveries on their way to the site. If you live nearby and are interested in receiving construction updates please email us on info@bialawindfarm.com or call 1800 370 045 to leave a message and we will call you back to subscribe you for this service. You can opt out of receiving future SMS communication by texting UNSUBSCRIBE at anytime.

Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The next CCC meeting will be held on the 28th of May 2019 from 5pm. If you have any questions about the project, members of the CCC can raise them on your behalf at these meetings. Member contact details are available on our website. 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.

Proposed Project Timeline

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

Approvals, design work and surveys	Now until March 2019
Roadwork to Range Road	April 2019 to June 2019
Onsite civil and electrical work	July 2019 to April 2020
Delivery and erection of wind turbines	January 2020 to July 2020
Commissioning of wind turbines	March 2019 to July 2020

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BJCE Australia is proud to be part of the STEM Industry Schools Partnership Program (SISP)

BJCE Australia is excited to be back as an Industry Partner for the STEM Industry Schools Partnership Program (SISP) in 2019. Funded by the Department of Education and coordinated locally by Regional Development Australia Southern Inland, the program aims to provide primary and high school students (years 5-8) with age appropriate Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) skills and pathways to STEM careers.

As part of the pilot SISP Program in 2018, BJCE Australia hosted five local schools at Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm and assisted students with their STEM projects during school visits.

You can check out the Upper Lachlan video of the 2018 project and the overview of the SISP program in different regions of NSW, including the Upper Lachlan Shire on our website.

We'll keep you updated on the upcoming 2019 SISP events!



Gullen Range Community Enhancement Fund Workshop – a Major Hit

The 2019 Community Fund Workshop, held on Monday 25th of March at the CWA Rooms in Crookwell, was well attended and popular. The workshop was launched in 2018 to provide community organisations with an opportunity to develop and improve their grant writing skills. Good quality applications not only make it easier for the Community Fund Committee to evaluate the benefits of each community project, it also empowers community groups to seek grants from other sources. Applications for the 2019/2020 Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund Funding Round opened on Thursday the 7th of March 2019 and will close on Thursday the 2nd of May 2019. For more information about the Community Fund, including how to apply, please visit www.gullenrangewindfarm.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.