

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

November 2018

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.

Managing Impact

Our Environmental, Biodiversity, Cultural Heritage and Traffic Management plans have all been approved by NSW Department of Planning and Environment. The plans are now available to read and download from our website www.bialawindfarm.com. BJCE Australia is committed to delivering the project under the requirements set out in each plan.

Community Consultative Committee

The next Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 29th of January from 5pm till 7pm at 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.

Celebrating Our Local Area

On Sunday 18th November, local community members gathered for the opening of the Basalt Rock Entrance at Pat Cullen Reserve. Simon Zhao, BJCE Australia, Site Manager for Gullen Range Wind Farm (GRWF) planted a tree to celebrate the opening. GRWF provided a grant for the entrance for \$8,000 to Kiamma Creek (Pat Cullen Reserve) Landcare Group through the Community Enhancement Fund. If you would like to find out more about the GRWF Community Fund, visit www.gullenrangewindfarm.com

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 Development Approval (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. We submitted this additional information to the Council and it was exhibited from 17th April 2018 to 15th May 2018.

Upper Lachlan Shire Council has prepared a supplementary assessment report which has been submitted by Council to the JRPP. This report is now available to download at www.planningpanels.nsw.gov.au. In late October the JRPP requested the report be subject to a peer review by NSW Department of Planning and Environment. A meeting date for the JRPP will be set after the peer review has been completed.

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. We will continue to keep you updated.

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Students Hooked on STEM

On Wednesday the 13th of November, students from Crookwell high school and local primary schools showcased their Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM) Projects. A range of local community leaders and members came along to the special event to view the students' projects. Isabel Nelson and Derek Powell from BJCE Australia attended and were impressed by the student's efforts. Isabel proudly presented the 'Creativity Prize', which was awarded to projects with the most innovative designs. In 2018 BJCE has hosted seven school visits to Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm.



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.

TV Signal Survey

The Biala Wind Farm Conditions of Consent require us to correct any disruptions to television broadcasting services in the area which are impacted by the development. This month, an independent specialist consultant will undertake a digital TV signal survey of the greater Grabben Gullen area to determine the existing condition of the signal and the direction the signal comes from.

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 January 2019
Roadworks to Range Road	February 2019 to April 2019
Onsite civil and electrical work	February 2019 to October 2019
Delivery and erection of wind turbines	October 2019 to March 2020
Commissioning of wind turbines	December 2019 to April 2020