

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

June 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 via email, please sign up at bialawindfarm.com/subscription.

Primary Contractors Announced

We've made a big step forward this month toward construction of the Biala Wind Farm. We have appointed the construction contractors who will complete the work. Three different contractors have been awarded contracts.

Consolidated Power Projects Australia or CPP will complete the electrical works, including installation of the underground high voltage cables on the wind farm and across to BJCE's existing substation at Gullen Range Wind Farm. They will also extend the existing substation so that the electricity from Biala Wind Farm can be passed on to the electricity grid. CPP has completed the electrical works on 35 wind farm projects and 19 wind farm substations. We are confident they will do an excellent job.

CATCON will complete the civil works on the wind farm site. This includes upgrading site junctions on Grabben Gullen road, new unsealed tracks to each of the wind turbines and a concrete foundation for each wind turbine.

The wind turbines will be supplied and maintained by Goldwind, the world's largest wind turbine manufacturer in 2018. Goldwind turbines are also installed at our Gullen Range Wind Farm. Goldwind is headquartered in Beijing and the Australian arm has grown rapidly, employing 212 people nationally. Goldwind Australia employ fourteen locally based maintenance technicians at Gullen Range Wind Farm and when Biala Wind Farm construction is complete, this crew will be expanded to maintain the Biala wind turbines.

If you are a sub-contractor who is interested in taking part in the project, you can register your details on our website. We will pass your details on to our primary contractors.

Construction of Biala Wind Farm will take approximately 18-months to complete. It is expected the wind farm will commence exporting energy to the national grid in July 2020 and will be completed in November 2020.

Mobile Phone Booster

We're aware mobile phone reception is a community priority in Grabben Gullen and surrounding areas. Mobile phone reception is not something we know a lot about, but we understand it is a complicated issue to resolve.

We've agreed to fund the permanent installation of a mobile phone booster at the Albion Hotel in Grabben Gullen and the Grabben Gullen Hall to enhance Telstra reception in the village. The booster had already been installed by another company as a free trial, but somebody needed to pay the bill in order for it to remain permanently. We know this doesn't solve the mobile phone problem, but hopefully it helps a little bit. We thank the Grabben Gullen Community Progress Association and the Albion Hotel for their help with this community initiative.

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Range Road Upgrade

Range Road upgrade work is still underway. So far work has been concentrating on the section of road closest to Grabben Gullen, with 25% now completed. We have now replaced two culverts across Humes Creek. Bitumen sealing of the first two kilometres of the Range Road upgrade will commence in early July.

The upgrade is required under the Biala Wind Farm Development Approval Conditions of Consent and will provide a new and improved road surface, between Grabben Gullen and the Kialla Road junction, for the community for many years to come.

If you would like more information or you have any feedback, please call 1800 370 045 or email info@bialawindfarm.com.

Text Message Service

Biala Wind Farm has implemented 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 replying UNSUBSCRIBE at any time.

Community Consultative Committee (CCC)

The next CCC meeting will be held on the 20th of August 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. Minutes of all previous meetings are available on our website to read or download. If you are interested in observing a meeting, please register your interest with the independent chairperson, Nic Carmody on 0429 354 582 or email 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.



BJCE Australia recently funded the installation of a reverse cycle air-conditioning unit at Grabben Gullen Community Hall.

Pictured: Owen Skelly, Vice President of Grabben Gullen Hall and Recreation Land Managers

Current Project Timeline

We'll update it in each of our monthly newsletters

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