

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

March 2020

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. During the construction phase, we will provide updates on the three main construction areas. To receive future newsletters via email, please sign up at bialawindfarm.com/subscription.

Staying safe during the pandemic

Biala Wind Farm construction is currently continuing, subject to strict controls. We're following and monitoring closely all recommendations and advice set forth by the State and Australian Governments. We've also implemented additional measures to reduce the likelihood of transmission, above and beyond the government's requirements. Our number one priority is to keep people safe, including the community and our workers. We're reviewing our mitigation measures and policies daily, as we look for more ways to mitigate risk of COVID-19 transmission. We will abide by any regulations published by the State and Australian Governments. We're also doing our bit to keep the economy moving. For instance, we continue to rent over thirty local hotel rooms and ten local houses, which is making a difference to local business with the reduction in tourists.

For comprehensive information on our COVID-19 response and to see the mitigation measures we have implemented, visit the new COVID-19 page at bialawindfarm.com/covid-19-response.

Text Message Service

If you live nearby and are interested in receiving turbine delivery, construction or project updates by text message to your phone, 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.

Turbine delivery has commenced

Turbine component deliveries commenced on Wednesday 25th March. Up to 20 deliveries per week are expected to occur from Mon-Sat. Deliveries will travel from Port Kembla to Goulburn via the Hume Highway, onwards to Crookwell via Crookwell-Goulburn Road, bypassing the Crookwell town centre via Grange Rd, Cullen St, Kialla Rd and Range Rd through to Grabben Gullen Rd and arriving at site. A route map can be downloaded from bialawindfarm.com. Deliveries of oversize components are expected to arrive in Goulburn at 5:30am. Between 6am and 9am they will travel from Goulburn to the wind farm site. Please consider using alternative routes where possible during these times to avoid delays.

Biala Wind Farm site (Area One)

With the wind turbine components starting to arrive on site, work has commenced on erecting them. Two cranes will be used to perform this work. A smaller, 'pre-installation crane' lifts the first two tower sections. So far, this has occurred at two turbine locations. In early April, the larger 'main crane' will begin lifting the final three tower sections for each turbine, the nacelle and the rotor. The nacelle is the box that sits on top of the tower and houses the electrical generator. The rotor consists of the hub and three blades, which are assembled together on the ground and the full rotor is lifted by the main crane as one component. Approximately one turbine will be erected each week.



Turbine components ready to be erected

The civil and electrical works in this area are almost complete. Approximately 90% of the access tracks and hardstands have been gravelled, with only a small section of the southern access road and crane hardstands at two turbine locations remaining.

All of the underground electrical cabling inside the wind farm site has been installed, and the overhead section of cabling in the south of the project has been installed. As the turbines are erected by the crane, the electrical contractors will arrange for the underground electrical cables to be connected to them. We also have people on site working to tidy up and re-vegetate the civil works.

Extension to Gullen Range Wind Farm substation (Area Two)

An 8-day outage has been completed at the Gullen Range Wind Farm substation in order to allow the Biala Wind Farm to connect to the national electricity grid. You might have noticed all of the Gullen Range Wind Farm turbines were not rotating during this period. All construction works in the substation are now complete and the Gullen Range turbines have returned to service. Minor energisation and commissioning activities in the substation extension will continue in April. The construction compound near the substation will be demobilised by the end of April.



Biala Wind Farm substation completed

Electrical transmission line between Biala Wind Farm and Gullen Range Wind Farm (Area Three)

Cable trenching works on the transmission line are now complete including the underboring of Humes Creek which was undertaken in March. Some further soil and vegetation re-instatement works will continue along the transmission line alignment in April, as well as final cable jointing. It is expected that works will conclude in this area by the end of April, although monitoring of revegetation will be ongoing.

Construction hours on site extended during COVID-19 pandemic

The NSW Government has introduced and made effective a new rule to allow construction sites to operate on weekends and public holidays. The rule is intended to maximise social distancing on construction sites and will continue until the COVID-19 pandemic is over, or the advice of NSW Health changes. In accordance with this rule change, hours of construction on the Biala Wind Farm are now: 7am – 6pm on all days including weekends and public holidays.

Changes to the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meetings

The Biala Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC) continues to function during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we have had to cancel face to face meetings, we are updating the committee regularly via email and the committee can meet via teleconference by request to the Committee's Independent Chair. If you have any questions about the project, members of the CCC can still raise them on your behalf. Minutes of all previous meetings are available on our website to read or download. For more information about CCC meetings please contact the Independent Chair, Nic Carmody on 0429 354 582 or email nic.carmody@bigpond.com

Gunning Arts Festival to celebrate local talent with online events

BJCE Australia is delighted to be a silver sponsor of the online Festival, especially during these tough times for the community and artists. With the theme of 'Celebrating Nature', the community-led 2020 Gunning Arts Festival will feature an impressive line-up of local talent for everyone to enjoy. Events online will include a gala opening and jazz music, together with art and craft online exhibitions and demonstrations, music performances, play and book readings, and more. All events will be online by the original festival start date of April 18. As the organisers announced..."The show must go on-line!" For further information, you can visit gunningartsfestival.com

Current Project Timeline

We update this in each of our monthly newsletters

-	Roadworks to Range Road	Awaiting sign off from Council. BJCE currently completing final seal and road safety measures.
Area 1	Site entrances on Grabben Gullen Road	Complete
	Onsite civil and electrical works	Now to May 2020
	Delivery and erection of wind turbines	March 2020 to December 2020
	Commissioning of wind turbines	April 2020 to November 2020
Area 2	Substation extension	Now to April 2020
Area 3	Installation of underground electrical transmission line	Complete

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