

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

April 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.

Biala Wind Farm site (Area One)

We achieved a major project milestone this month, the first two turbines are now fully installed at Biala Wind Farm. These turbines will now undergo mechanical and electrical commissioning before being ready to start generating electricity. At this stage, we expect to start generating electricity with our first turbines at the end of May 2020.

Wind turbine components continue to arrive onsite. To date, we have delivered nine full sets of turbine components. The delivery trucks are leaving Crookwell at 6am and generally arriving by 8am at the Biala Wind Farm site, on Monday to Saturday. There are no deliveries on Sunday. The smaller crane has completed pre-installation (first two of five tower sections) at nine turbine locations.

The civil and electrical works within the wind farm site are predominantly complete including access tracks, hardstands, and internal electrical cabling. There will be minor tidy up and re-vegetation works continuing over the next month.



Turbine fully erected at Biala Wind Farm

Extension to Gullen Range Wind Farm substation (Area Two)

As mentioned in last month's newsletter the substation extension construction works have been completed. Minor commissioning activities were completed in the substation this month in order to get ready for energisation and connection to the grid. The smaller construction compound in this location is now largely demobilised.

Biala Wind Farm increases the total amount of wind energy passing on to the electricity grid at the Gullen Range substation by 65%, for only a 5% increase in land take compared to the original substation and switching station area.



Biala Wind Farm substation extension completed

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

Further soil and vegetation re-instatement works continued along the transmission line alignment this month. There is some final cable jointing that will be completed shortly. Monitoring of revegetation will remain ongoing in this area.

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.

Staying safe during the pandemic

Biala Wind Farm construction is currently continuing, subject to strict controls. We're following and monitoring all recommendations and advice set forth by the State and Australian Governments. For comprehensive information on our COVID-19 response visit www.bialawindfarm.com/covid-19-response



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Enter your inspired Ag cake creations in the Australian Agriculture Centre's on-line competition

Here at Biala Wind Farm, we appreciate a tasty cake! That's one reason we've provided \$1,000 towards prize money for the Australian Agriculture Centre's home baking competition. Entrants are tasked with baking a cake to match a photo of their favourite farm animal, fruit or vegetable. Great fun during these challenging times of COVID-19 lockdown for adults or children! To enter the amateur Ag bake-off, visit www.australianagriculturecentre.com and upload your baking photos by 15th May. You could win some great adult or kid's prizes. One of the judges will be Adriano Zumbo, a well-known Australian pâtissier. So, let's get baking!

Third shipment of wind turbines has arrived at Port Kembla

In mid-April, the third shipment of Goldwind wind turbines arrived at Port Kembla. The cargo included eight complete wind turbines, including 24 blades - each 70m long, with a combined weight of almost 575 tonnes. The fourth and final shipment is scheduled to arrive in late May 2020.

BJCE Australia lends a helping hand to local charities during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many local charity groups worried about funding and future fundraising initiatives. BJCE Australia is providing a helping hand through donations of \$1,000 to several Crookwell charities including Crookwell Meals on Wheels, Crookwell CWA Day Branch and Crookwell/Taralga Aged Care/Upper Lachlan Community Care. These local charities are helping the Upper Lachlan Shire community through the pandemic.



Turbine components arriving at Port Kembla

Changes to the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meetings

The Biala Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC) continues to function during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are updating the committee regularly via email and a meeting via video conference is being organised. 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.

About the Project

Biala Wind Farm is located approx. 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. Construction of Biala Wind Farm will take approx. 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.

Current Project Timeline

We update this in each of our monthly newsletters

-	Roadworks to Range Road	Awaiting final sign off from Council. Final road seal has been completed. BJCE currently installing additional road safety measures
Area One	Onsite civil and electrical work	Now to May 2020
	Delivery and erection of wind turbines	March 2020 to December 2020
	Commissioning of wind turbines	May 2020 to November 2020
Area Two	Substation extension	Complete
Area Three	Installation of underground electrical transmission line	Complete

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