

# BIALA WIND FARM

## Newsletter

May 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](http://bialawindfarm.com/subscription).

### Biala Wind Farm site (Area One)

We have fully erected seven turbines at Biala Wind Farm. These turbines are now undergoing mechanical and electrical commissioning to be ready to start generating electricity. We expect our first turbines will start generating electricity by mid-June 2020.

We have delivered 17 full sets of wind turbine components to site. The delivery trucks are leaving Crookwell at 6am and generally arriving by 7:30am at the Biala Wind Farm site, every Monday to Saturday. Turbine component deliveries are expected to finish by the end of July 2020. The smaller of our two cranes has now completed pre-installation (first two of five wind turbine tower sections) at 17 wind turbine locations.

Minor tidy up and re-vegetation works for the civil and electrical contractors will continue in June. Civil works for the Biala operations and maintenance building will also commence in June.



Turbine components being delivered to Biala Wind Farm



Turbines with pre-installation completed

### Extension to Gullen Range Wind Farm substation (Area Two)

In order to prepare for energisation and connection to the grid, we completed the final electrical commissioning activities in the substation. The construction compound at Gullen Range Wind Farm has been demobilised.

We received final approval in May from the Australian Energy Market Operator to connect Biala Wind Farm to the electricity grid.

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

This month, final cable jointing was completed along the transmission line. Minor soil and vegetation re-instatement works continued. Revegetation monitoring will be ongoing in this area.

### Construction hours to be extended

The wind turbines for Biala Wind Farm are being delivered and installed by Goldwind Australia. Goldwind can only lift the large wind turbine components in low wind conditions. In order to maximise the suitable time periods for lifting, Goldwind intends to extend site working hours into the night from mid June 2020. Longer hours will also assist with managing COVID-19 social distancing requirements. For more information about the extended work hours, please call 1800 370 045.



## BJCE Australia impressed by winning Ag inspired cake creations

Biala Wind Farm wishes to congratulate the winners of the Australian Agricultural Centre's (AAC) Bake-off competition. Biala Wind Farm was proud to be a major sponsor of this fun online competition, especially during the challenging times of COVID-19 restrictions. Entrants were tasked with baking a cake to match a photo of their favourite farm animal, fruit or vegetable. Check out the cake masterpieces that captured the tastes of judges, Jo Marshall from AAC and well known Australian pâtissier, Adriano Zumbo. First prize in the adult section went to the "Bullhorn Chilli" cake and the child section winner was this "Seed to Carrot" cake. For all of the results and some more fantastic cake photos, you can visit the AAC's Facebook page. Well done to all the participants. We're sure the cakes taste as amazing as they look!



Seed to Carrot



Bullhorn Chilli

## Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting date announced

The next CCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2020 from 5pm, the location has not yet been confirmed. The meeting location will be published on our website. If you have any questions about the project, members of the CCC can 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](mailto:nic.carmody@bigpond.com).

## 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](http://www.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](mailto:info@bialawindfarm.com) or call 1800 370 045 to leave a message and we will call you back to subscribe you for this service.

## 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 will 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 by early 2021.

## Current Project Timeline

We update this in each of our monthly newsletters

-	Roadworks to Range Road	Awaiting final sign off from Council. Additional road safety measures will be completed by mid-June 2020.
Area One	Onsite civil and electrical work	Now to June 2020
	Delivery and erection of wind turbines	March 2020 to December 2020
	Commissioning of wind turbines	June 2020 to January 2021
	Biala O&M building	June 2020 to October 2020
Area Two	Substation extension	Complete
Area Three	Installation of underground electrical transmission line	Complete

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