

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

June 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. To receive future newsletters via email, please sign up at bialawindfarm.com/subscription.

Construction update

We have fully erected ten of the thirty-one turbines at Biala Wind Farm. These ten turbines are now undergoing mechanical and electrical commissioning to be ready to start generating electricity.

We have delivered 25 full sets of wind turbine components to site. The delivery trucks leave Crookwell at 6am and generally arrive by 7:30am at the Biala Wind Farm site, every Monday to Saturday. Turbine component deliveries are scheduled 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 25 wind turbine locations. Civil works for the Biala Wind Farm operations and maintenance building have commenced.



In our previous newsletters, we've reported on progress on the extension works to Gullen Range Wind Farm substation and on the electrical transmission line between Biala Wind Farm and Gullen Range Wind Farm substation. We referred to these works as Area Two and Area Three. As these works are now complete, other than monitoring revegetation, we won't be separately updating you on these areas in future newsletters.

First energy generation achieved

The first of the 31 turbines started spinning this month as Biala Wind Farm connected to the National Energy Market for the first time and started producing a small amount of electricity. When complete, the project will have a combined generation capacity of 110 MW to feed onto Australia's electricity grid. Biala Wind Farm is expected to be fully operational by early 2021.

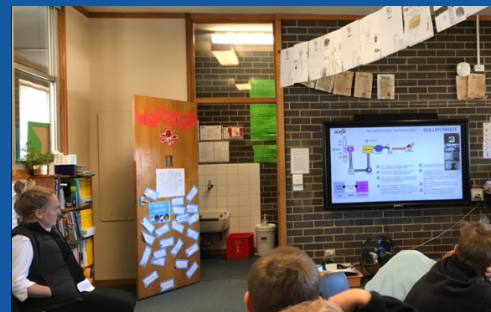
Update on extended construction hours

Wind turbine components can only be lifted by our cranes when the wind is blowing below a certain level. In order to maximise the suitable times when the components can be lifted, our wind turbine supplier may extend their hours of work outside of our normal construction hours. This won't happen every day but would typically involve starting the lifting work at 5am or finishing lifting work at 8pm. Please contact us if you are disturbed by these works or if you have any questions. If there are changes to these arrangements, we will put a notice on our website and advise you in a future newsletter.



Crookwell Public School students join our 'virtual' wind and solar farm tour

As part of the [STEM Industry School Partnerships \(SISP\) program](#), BJCE Australia zoomed into Crookwell Public School's classroom to take the Year 5/6 students on a 'virtual' tour of Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm. The tour aimed to complement the students' in-class STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities, which involved using wind turbine kits to explore wind energy. BJCE's Leo Pearce and Isabel Nelson showed the students the inside of a wind turbine, explained how a wind farm works and answered some great questions about renewable energy. Our team was particularly impressed by the students' efforts to construct their own model wind turbines.



Next Community Consultative Committee (CCC) update

The Biala Wind Farm CCC continues to function during the COVID-19 pandemic. The next CCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th August from 5.30pm. The meeting location will be confirmed closer to the meeting date. 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.

Range Road update

The 40km/h construction speed limit will be removed from Range Road on Friday 10th July 2020. Biala Wind Farm is glad to have contributed approximately \$4.2 million to the works on Range Road and Kialla Road and is confident the upgrades will provide benefit to local road users for many years to come. Thanks for your cooperation during the various upgrades.

Staying safe during the pandemic

Biala Wind Farm construction is currently continuing, subject to strict controls. For comprehensive information on our COVID-19 response and to see the mitigation measures we have implemented, visit our 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.

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. BJCE Australia commenced construction of the wind farm in August 2019 with electricity expected to be generated in the second quarter of 2020.

Current Project Timeline

We update this in each of our monthly newsletters

-	Roadworks to Range Road	All works complete. Final sign off from Council expected in July 2020.
Area One	Onsite civil and electrical work	Complete
	Delivery of wind turbine components	Now to July 2020
	Erection of wind turbines	Now to December 2020
	Commissioning of wind turbines	Now to January 2021
	Biala O&M building	Now to October 2020
Area Two	Substation extension	Complete
Area Three	Installation of underground electrical transmission line	Complete

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