

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

July 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

15 of the 31 turbines are now fully erect at Biala Wind Farm. A small amount of electricity has been exported to the National Energy Market as we complete mechanical and electrical commissioning of the erected turbines. The smaller of our two cranes has completed the pre-installation works at all 31 wind turbine locations. This work involved installing the first two of five wind turbine tower sections. Civil works for our Operations and Maintenance building are progressing. The hardstand has been prepared and the concrete building foundations have been poured. We expect the building to be complete by October 2020.

Turbine component deliveries now complete

Turbine deliveries to site are now complete. Approximately 350 components have been delivered to site since March. BJCE Australia would like to thank the community for their patience.

Range Road update

On the 10th of July 2020, the 40 km/h construction speed limit was lifted and the upgraded sections of road returned to normal speed conditions. A section that developed some pot holing has been repaired.



Students take a close look at a Biala Wind Farm turbine blade

On Friday 24th July 2020, year 5 and 6 students from Crookwell Public School and year 8 students from Crookwell High School were treated to a special blade viewing at the Crookwell Showground.

These students are part of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Industry School Partnership (SISP) program, which is funded by the NSW Department of Education and coordinated by Regional Development Australia Southern Inland (RDASI). The students were divided into small groups throughout the day and enjoyed an up close guided tour around the 70m blade from BJCE Australia's Isabel Nelson and Leo Pearce and Goldwind Australia's Andy Wang and Alison Deale, who also answered a diverse range of interesting questions.



From L to R: Alison Deale (Goldwind), Paul Culhane (Crookwell Show Society), Louise Bennett (RDASI), Adam Lenihan (BJCE), Camilla Staff (RDASI), Andy Wang (Goldwind), Isabel Nelson (BJCE) and Leo Pearce (BJCE)



BJCE Australia awards Crookwell's Exquisite Engineers

Year 5/6 students from Crookwell Public School blew BJCE Australia away earlier this month with their fantastic Wind Power Showcase, which formed part of the [STEM Industry School Partnership \(SISP\) program](#). BJCE's Isabel Nelson was proud to present the Industry Award to the student team, 'Exquisite Engineers'. The 'Exquisite Engineers' demonstrated their commitment to following the engineering design process, developing solutions to problems they encountered and testing their new designs by trying to generate enough electricity to run a light globe. Congratulations to all the teams who presented their excellent STEM projects at the showcase!



Community Consultative Committee (CCC) update

The Biala Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee (CCC) continues to function during the COVID-19 pandemic. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th of August from 5pm. The meeting may be held face-to-face or via a video/phone link, depending on any new COVID-19 restrictions in the week leading up to the meeting. Please check our website for the latest updates. 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.

Staying safe during the pandemic

Biala Wind Farm construction is 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 connects 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 full operation expected in early 2021.

Current Project Timeline

We update this in each of our monthly newsletters

-	Roadworks to Range Road	Complete
Area One	Onsite civil and electrical work	Complete
	Delivery of wind turbine components	Complete
	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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