

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

August 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

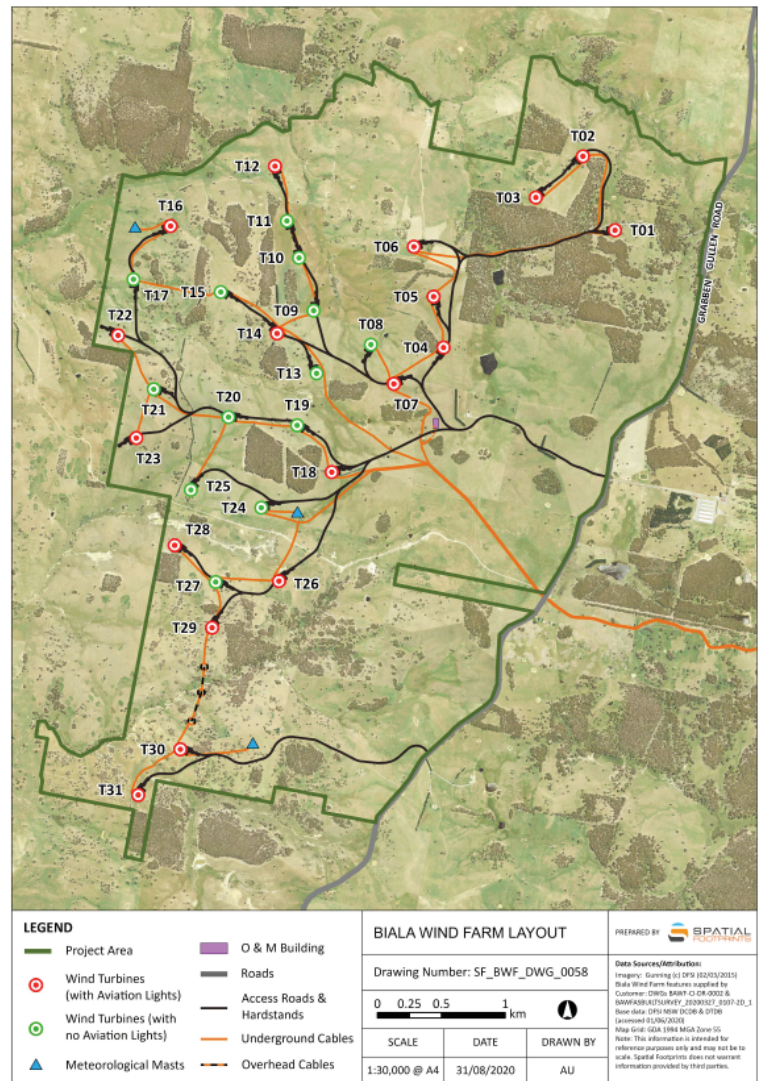
Construction progress has been rapid since our last newsletter. 18 of the 31 turbines are now fully erect and electricity is being exported to the electricity grid. Approximately 10 turbines should be generating electricity by the end of October. Civil works and steel framing for the Operation and Maintenance Building are complete, with the building due for completion within two months.



Civil works for our Operation and Maintenance Building are now complete

Aviation lights now operational

You may have noticed the steady red lights on the top of some of the turbines, which have recently begun operating. The purpose of these lights are so aircraft can see the turbines. The project's Development Consent required lighting in accordance with CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority) requirements. In turn, CASA required us to consult with the Australian Department of Defence, Royal Australian Airforce and Airservices Australia regarding their lighting requirements, as well as consider CASA's own requirements. The resulted in 18 of the 31 turbines needing to have lights installed and turned on between dusk and midnight. At least one other wind farm in the area has been successful in turning off their lights after a period of operation. We are investigating this possibility, however we do not know whether it will be possible at Biala Wind Farm. We will keep the community updated on our progress. A full size map can be downloaded from our [website](http://www.bialawindfarm.com).



Aviation light map

Text Message Service

If you live nearby and are interested in receiving 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.



Biala Wind Farm contributes to the Grabben Gullen Progress Association War Memorial project

We are proud to have been able to assist with the construction of the Grabben Gullen Community War Memorial. We donated \$2,860 to this project which was put toward the installation of the Roll of Honour signage. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the dedication and commemorative ANZAC service has been postponed until April 2021. We are sure many visitors and community alike will stop and admire the memorial when it officially opens to the public.

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) update

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th September. The meeting will be held at Grabben Gullen Hall from 5pm. 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.

BJCE Australia a proud to sponsor of the Gunning Arts Festival FlashWrite project

Gunning Arts Festival recently launched its very first FlashWrite project - a short story writing project which will highlight local life experiences. FlashWrite encourages locals of all ages to submit their stories and have them published on the Gunning Arts Festival website. BJCE Australia is excited to be a major project sponsor and our team looks forward to reading the local short stories. For more information about the Gunning Arts Festival and how to get involved with the FlashWrite project, please visit www.gunningartsfestival.com



Mr Greg Baines, Gunning author

Upper Lachlan Shire Council (USLC) is seeking expressions of interest for the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund Committee

USLC is calling for expressions of interest from persons interested in being a Community Representative on the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund Committee. Applications close at 4.00pm on Friday 11th September, 2020. For more information about how to apply, please visit www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au/news or contact Council on (02) 4830 1000.

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
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
Substation extension	Complete
Installation of underground electrical transmission line	Complete

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