

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

November/December 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 completed erection of all 31 wind turbines at Biala Wind Farm, which is a significant milestone for the project. Both large erection cranes have been demobilised from site.

17 turbines are ready to generate electricity, with 14 remaining to complete electrical and mechanical commissioning.

There are currently 10 turbines generating electricity while we complete grid testing to meet TransGrid's requirements. We expect to increase up to 20 generating turbines in January 2021.

Construction of the Operations and Maintenance facility is complete including carpark and security fencing.



Nominations for the Biala Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Committee closing soon

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is calling for expressions of interest from persons interested in being a Community Representative on the Biala Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Committee. There are two vacancies to fill. Applications close at 4pm on Friday, 22nd January 2021. For more information about how to apply contact Council on (02) 430 1000.

The Community Enhancement Fund will provide grants to projects, services, facilities benefits or educational assistance located within 20km of the wind farm. For the first three years of operation, community groups within 5km of the wind farm will be the main funding priority. Once the wind farm is fully operational, the Community Enhancement Fund will provide approximately \$94,480 per annum for community projects. To find out more about the CEF, please visit our [website](#).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

BJCE Australia would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. During the festive period you can still contact us by phoning 1800 370 045 or writing to info@bialawindfarm.com.

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Meet Michelle Treble – HSEQ Coordinator

Michelle started with Gullen Range Wind Farm as a Site Administrator in September 2017. She was subsequently promoted to the role of Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Coordinator, a role which will soon be extended to cover Biala Wind Farm. When asked why she loves working at our wind farm, Michelle said:

"I love the team I work with. We are a close knit team and every day is different. The proximity to home is also handy. Before this I commuted to Canberra for work. I love the fact I am working in a clean industry that utilises renewable resources. When I walk around site, the air is clean and I see the native animals enjoying their surroundings. We have so much potential in this industry to pave the way into the future for renewable energy. For anyone looking to work in the renewable energy industry, do it! The industry is growing, expanding and looking for enthusiastic people to grow along with it."

Michelle lives on a 100-acre property in Mummel with her husband and animals.



BJCE proudly supports the Gullen Range Triples Classic Bowling Tournament

The Crookwell greens were buzzing with excitement on the 28th and 29th of November for the 2020 Gullen Range Triples Classic Bowling Tournament. Derek Powell, BJCE’s Deputy General Manager, said, “It was great to see the triples tournament go ahead last weekend. We’ve been involved as a sponsor for three years and I was a bit worried COVID restrictions might prevent it from running this year. We were really happy to hear it went well and was well attended.”

Text Message Service

If you live nearby and are interested in receiving 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.

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) update

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February 2021. The meeting will be held at Grabben Gullen Hall from 5.30pm. If you have any questions about the project, members of the CCC can raise them on your behalf. You can find the contact details for CCC members on our website. 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 will 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 turbines	Complete
Substation extension	Complete
Installation of underground transmission line	Complete
Biala O&M building	Complete
Erection of wind turbines	Complete
Commissioning of wind turbines	Now until February 2021
Completion of electricity grid testing and commencement of formal Operation	April 2021

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