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Biala Wind Farm commissioning update

The wind farm has now been approved for all 31 turbines to operate while testing continues.

The turbines are required to generate at close to full capacity for testing purposes, so the length of the testing is dependent on wind conditions.

Detailed reports will be submitted to the Australian Energy Market Operator and Transgrid for review and approval before the commissioning process is complete.

This review process is extremely rigorous. We estimate it may take around two months to complete. We will keep you updated as we know more.

Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program

The Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program is open to residents within the qualifying area, regardless of whether the wind farm has affected their television signal. The program was originally due to close in June this year but because Biala Wind Farm isn't fully operational, this program will be extended until June 2023.

More information is available [here](#). Please feel free to pass these details onto friends, family and colleagues who may be eligible to apply.

Biala Wind Farm Landscaping Program

Owners of a residence within 4km of Biala Wind Farm can apply to the Landscaping Program. There are two options available for qualifying residences. Further details, including how to apply, can be found on the project website.

The program was designed to comply with the wind farm's development approval and is open until August 2024.

Community Enhancement Fund update

Applications for the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund closed in April, with almost \$100,000 available for local not-for-profit groups to share. Upper Lachlan Shire Council, which administers the fund, received 8 applications in the 2022/23 round.

The next step is for a committee comprising of local residents, council representatives and a wind farm representative to meet to decide which projects to recommend for support this year. This is likely to happen in May, with recommendations passed to Council for endorsement in June. We will keep you posted.

The Biala Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund will open after the successful applicants to the Gullen Range Fund have been determined. This will enable any unsuccessful local groups to resubmit an application, after considering the feedback received from the committee.

Gullen Range Wind Farm Clean Energy Program

Applications for the next round of the Clean Energy Program close on 22 June 2022. Since its inception in 2016, the Program has approved grants for energy-efficient improvements or solar panels for more than 80 local homes.

This year up to \$7,200 is available for successful applicants. The Program will run throughout the wind farm's operating life. You can download an application form [here](#).



Community Consultative Committee update

Biala Wind Farm and Gullen Range Wind Farm both have a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) which will continue to meet regularly throughout the projects' operation.

The CCCs comprise local residents, council representatives, project staff and an independent chair appointed by the NSW Government. The meetings provide a forum both for project information to be shared and community feedback to be given.

There are currently vacancies for community representatives to take part in the Gullen Range CCC. Anyone interested can contact the Committee Chair, Peter Gordon, at peter.gordon@charterpoint.com.au or on 02 6161 3474. Alternatively you can contact us at info@gullenrangewindfarm.com or phone 1800 509 711 and leave a message so we can call you back for an informal conversation about how the committee operates.

Upcoming work at Gullen Range Wind Farm

We expect a crane to be on site for around three weeks in May. This is needed to replace components in four of the 73 turbines.

Following this work, the turbines will be off-line for a couple of days due to the the substation's routine annual outage.

Anzac Day Commemorations

We were honoured to be invited to commemorate Anzac Day in Grabben Gullen. Simon Zhao from BJCE Australia was pleased to attend the service and pay his respect on behalf of the company alongside local residents, Wendy Tuckerman MP and Mayor Pam Kensit.



Anzac Day commemorations at Grabben Gullen.