

June 2024 Newsletter

We're keen to keep the community informed. Anyone can receive email newsletters by signing up at bialawindfarm.com/subscription or at gullenrangewindfarm.com/subscription.

Project update

Regular maintenance and service of turbines at Biala Wind Farm continues, along with an interesting sight - a 750-tonne crane, which recently completed a generator change for one of our turbines. The crane, along with two smaller cranes, which helped construct it were transported to site and completed the generator replacement across three days. To the end of the first quarter of 2024, Biala Wind Farm has generated a total of 87.5 terawatt hours, supplying power to 39,000 homes.

Cranes will also become a regular site over the next six months at Gullen Range Wind Farm, with scheduled 10-year maintenance checks happening at the turbines. These checks are part of the regular maintenance program in place to ensure the turbines are in good working order.

Scheduled high voltage maintenance will soon occur at both Wind Farms, which will see turbines turned off to complete this important part of ongoing servicing.



Don't miss out on FREE TV reception improvements!

The Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program will officially close on 30 June 2024. Anyone living within 5km of a Biala Wind Farm turbine can apply for the TV Reception Program, which provides up to two Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) boxes. Eligible residents can find out more about the TV Reception Program and apply online by visiting the Biala Wind Farm [website](#).

Applications for the Gullen Range Clean Energy Program closing soon

Applications for the next round of the Clean Energy Program (CLEP) will close on 22 June 2024. The Clean Energy Program provides financial contributions for clean energy improvements to eligible properties within 5km of the Gullen Range Wind Farm. Further information on the CLEP can be found on our [website](#). Should you have any queries or require assistance with an application, please contact us on info@gullenrangewindfarm.com or 1800 509 711.

Biala Wind Farm Community Fund Think Tank generates discussion and big ideas

Biala Wind Farm hosted a Think Tank session at Grabben Gullen Hall on Sunday, 28 April, with around 15 members of the local community coming together to hear more about the Community Enhancement Fund.

Attendees started off with a delicious BBQ lunch thanks to the Crookwell Lions Club, followed by a presentation from Biala Wind Farm representatives, which helped to nurture a deeper understanding of what can be supported through the Biala Community Enhancement Fund. More information on the Community Enhancement Fund can be found on our website [here](#).



Biala Wind Farm Community Fund further supports local initiatives in 2023

The successful applicants for the 2023 [Biala Wind Farm Community Fund](#) were announced earlier this year, with five initiatives receiving more than \$140,000 in support to further enrich the Upper Lachlan Shire environment and lifestyle. Successful applicants for the 2023 Funding Round included:

- Upper Lachlan Landcare Inc. - **Community Film Screening** - \$3,432.00
- Gunning District Landcare - **Planting the Next Generation of Paddock Trees** - \$18,477.38
- Crookwell Senior Citizens Club - **Seniors Solar Sun Sense** - \$31,232.00
- Crookwell Memorial Hall S355 Committee - **Solar Panels on the Roof of Crookwell Memorial Hall** - \$52,028.00
- Upper Lachlan Landcare Inc. - **Supporting Grazing Practices to Grow Local Resilience** - \$44,748.00 (local strategic project grant over three years)

The Biala Wind Farm Community Fund is administered by the Upper Lachlan Shire Council, with applications for the 2024 Funding Round to open in mid-August.

Community Consultative Committees

Biala and Gullen Range Wind Farms have Community Consultative Committees (CCC) which will continue to meet throughout the projects' operation. The CCCs comprise local residents, council representatives, wind farm project staff and an independent chair appointed by the NSW Government. We are seeking local community representatives to fill vacant committee positions and take part in the Gullen Range Wind Farm CCC.

The meetings, held approximately twice per year, provide a forum for sharing project information and community feedback. Further information, including details of the community representatives and recent meeting minutes, are available on the [Gullen Range Wind Farm](#) and [Biala Wind Farm](#) websites.



Gullen Range Wind Farm hosts international delegates learning about "Responding to Climate Change Challenge"

Gullen Range Wind Farm recently hosted a group of 20 senior staff and mid-career professionals representing Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand as part of a two-week Mekong-Australia Partnership masterclass called 'Responding to the Climate Change Challenge'. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Gullen Range Wind Farm welcomed the Hon. Chris Bowen, Minister for Climate Change and Energy

Earlier this year, Gullen Range Wind Farm welcomed the Hon. Chris Bowen, Minister for Climate Change and Energy, alongside Australia's Energy Infrastructure Commissioner, Andrew Dyer for the release of the Commissioner's Community Engagement Review. The Minister and Commissioner were joined by our longtime neighbour and friend, Ken Ikin, as well as National Farmer's Federation Chief Executive, Tony Mahar and Farmer's For Climate Action representative, Peter Holding. For more information, please visit our [website](#).



We acknowledge the Gundungurra people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands upon which the Gullen Solar Farm operates and their continuing connection to Country. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging.