

Construction of the Gullen Range Wind Farm is in the final stages of completion with:

- 68 wind turbines installed;
- 58 wind turbines currently in testing and commissioning phase;
- Footings established for all 73 turbines;
- Access tracks formed to each of the turbine sites and electrical and control cables installed;
- Substation constructed and commissioned;
- Vegetation rehabilitation and reseeded progressing.

#### Service Crew Move into New Facilities

The nine person full time service crew at Gullen Range Wind Farm (GRWF) will be moving into their new office and maintenance facilities. This facility will be the operations centre for the wind farm and includes desks, lunch space, meeting rooms as well as a large workshop for on-site repairs.

The team consists of members of the local community and increases the number of skilled wind technicians in the Southern Tablelands region.

#### Road Repairs

Deliveries of all the turbine components are now complete and we'd like to thank the communities along the route for their patience. We'd also like to thank NSW Police and RMS for their assistance.

The project is now in discussions with Upper Lachlan Shire and Goulburn Mulwarre Councils and taking advice from road experts, with regards to the repairs of local roads in the vicinity of the wind farm.

This work will be programmed in as soon as practical. In the meantime the road is being monitored and any short term repairs are being carrying out required.

#### Modification Process

The Project Team has submitted an application for modification of the Project Approval (MP 07\_0118 MOD 1) with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The application was lodged following discussions with NSW DPE regarding the consistency of the final design with the indicative turbine layout approved in the Project Approval. Following discussions it was agreed to undertake a Section 75W modification application process, in order to resolve the issue of consistency. The application was placed on exhibition between 3rd April and 2nd May 2014.

Following the public exhibition and as requested by DPE, GRWFPL has lodged the Submission Report (SR) which provides the proponent's response to the submissions received during the exhibition of the application. It is publically available on the DPE website, Major Project Assessments. ([http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=6470](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/?action=view_job&job_id=6470))

Normal procedure requires the proponent to make comments on submissions, which is done in a SR. The SR also includes updates on the construction status, property related matters and additional assessments for GRWF regarded as relevant to the determination of the Modification Application.

### Crookwell Township TV Repeater Station

Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd (GRWFPL) has confirmed to Upper Lachlan Shire Council that a contribution of the costs estimated by Council will be made to install a new repeater station for TV in the township.

The full benefits will be confirmed with testing but should greatly improve TV reception for those in or close to Crookwell. This funding is separate from the Community Enhancement Fund which GRWFPL will contribute annually to the local community.

The DPE will finalise its own review of the modification application, the submissions and the proponent's comments on the submissions. The findings will be compiled and recommendation made to the determining authority. The application will be referred to the Planning Assessment Commissions (PAC) for determination.

### Community Enhancement Program

GRWF Project Team is facilitating the roll out the Community Enhancement Program (CEP) and has already received interest from members of the local community. The CEP's aim is to enhance the community's quality of life and wellbeing and is a component of the NSW Planning Ministers' Conditions of Approval. The approved CEP can be found on the GRWF website.

Under the project approval, the CEP commences following commissioning of the project, which is now scheduled for late 2014. GRWF apologise for any inconvenience the delay might have caused local groups and residents. We will be sure to make the local community aware of the official commencement of the CEP, as well as the processes for administration of the funds.

The CEP has two components: the Clean Energy



#### Helicopter Survey

The helicopter geophysical survey work recently carried out between the turbines was not connected to the wind farm. However, the survey operator consulted Gullen Range Wind Farm to ensure flight safety. The equipment hung 60m below the helicopter and the pilot manoeuvred safely through the wind turbines.

Program and Community Fund. A summary of the schemes is provided below.

The Clean Energy Program supports clean energy improvements to households within 5km of the Project. The Clean Energy Program will be administered by a third party provider on behalf of the Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd (GRWFPL). The Clean Energy Program will have three funding categories:

- Energy Efficiency Package to provide monetary contribution towards an energy audit and energy efficiency upgrades;
- Solar Reimbursement Package to provide monetary contribution towards a new solar hot water system or solar PV installations;
- Green Power Package to provide monetary contribution towards energy bills which specify the purchase of at least 50% green power.

Following successful completion of the Energy Efficient Package applicants will be eligible to apply for either the Solar Reimbursement or the Green Power Package. Unsuccessful applicants are not precluded from re-applying in the future or applying for an alternative package.

The Community Fund provides resources for projects

or initiatives that will benefit the community within 10km of the Project. The Community Fund will be governed by a Committee, which Upper Lachlan Shire Council (ULSC) will coordinate under its Section 355 provisions. The Committee will be responsible for assessing applications and awarding funds. Examples of how the fund may be spent include community facilities, services and community interest groups.

The Committee has been established and consists of the following:

- the Mayor and General Manager of ULSC (or delegates);
- one representative of the Goulburn Mulwaree Council;
- Two members of the community;
- one representative from the GRWF project team.

The community members were invited to nominate for the Committee by ULSC. ULSC has selected Mr Floyd Davies and Mr Stuart Taylor as the community members of the committee.

How much money is available?

GRWFPL will contribute approximately \$131,700 within the first year after commissioning of the wind farm (\$1,666 annually per constructed turbine to the total CEP, Consumer Price Index adjusted from September 2010). This will initially be split 50:50 between the Community Fund and the Clean Energy Program.

Am I eligible and how do I apply?

Eligibility is based on distance from the wind farm:

- Clean Energy Program: premises up to 5 kms of the wind farm;
- Community Fund: premises up to 10km of the wind farm.

Applications forms, maps to identify eligibility and checklists will be available on GRWF website for the

Clean Energy Program. Applications will be assessed quarterly. For the Community Fund, applications will be available on ULSC website and assessed annually.

How will I know if my application is successful?

All applications will receive written notification from the ULSC about the success of their submission

In addition, successful applications awarded under the Community Fund will be announced to the wider community.

### Albion Hotel Bus Sponsorship

GRWFPL are pleased to support the Albion Hotel, Grabben Gullen with a donation to support operation of their courtesy bus. The donation is separate from the Community Enhancement Fund which GRWFPL will contribute annually to the local community. The bus provides transport between local towns and the hotel, is used to transport the Crookwell Green Devils to matches, locals into Goulburn for shopping and can be used by other community groups on request.



Contact Us: For further information on the project please call the 24-hour toll-free GRWF Community Contact Line on 1800 509 711 or email [info@gullenrangewindfarm.com](mailto:info@gullenrangewindfarm.com)  
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