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Crookwell Primary Schools blown away by Visit to Gullen Range Wind Farm

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Pupils from Crookwell Public School and St. Mary's Primary School, Crookwell were energised by their recent visit to Gullen Range Wind Farm, the largest operating wind farm in New South Wales. In total, 73 pupils from both schools were given the opportunity to see how a wind farm operates, experience what it's like to be up close to a wind turbine and learn about renewable energy.

During the visit, pupils were able to look inside a 2.5MW wind turbine and make and test their own anemometers, which are instruments found on wind turbines that measure wind speed. Derek Powell, Asset Manager, for the wind farm said, "This is the first time we've opened our wind farm to the kids and it has been really rewarding. It is great to educate a new generation on the benefits of renewable energy".

"The students enjoyed the opportunity to get 'up close and personal' with a wind turbine", said Mrs. Margi Hayes, a teacher from Crookwell Public School. "They couldn't believe how tall they were! Being able to view the turbines in action and learn more about renewable energy from experts in the field was an ideal and enjoyable way to consolidate their classroom learning".

The school visit program is one of several initiatives Gullen Range Wind Farm has implemented to strengthen its commitment to the local community. "We are very keen to host more school visits in the future. We encourage local schools to get in touch with us about visiting our wind farm" says Derek Powell.

Did you know that the wind farm produces enough energy to power in excess of 60,000 average homes on an average day? By 2020, Gullen Range Wind Farm will have saved 3 million tonnes of greenhouse gases compared to power from non-renewable sources!

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About Gullen Range Wind Farm

Gullen Range Wind Farm is the largest operational wind farm in NSW. It is located in the Southern Tablelands approximately 11 km South of Crookwell and 32 km north west of Goulburn.

Gullen Range Wind Farm is owned by Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy Co., Ltd. (75%) and Goldwind Capital (Australia) P/L (25%). Project approval was granted in 2010 for the 73 turbine wind farm. Electricity was first generated by the 165.5MW facility in 2013 and construction was completed in December 2014. Gullen Range Wind Farm generates enough renewable energy to service in excess of 60,000 homes annually.

Images and Captions

Image 1



Image 1: Crookwell Public School pupils energised by their Gullen Range Wind Farm visit. Photo: Margi Hayes

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