

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Minibus Tours to shine a light on Australia's First Hybrid Wind and Solar Farm**

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Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm are launching regular free minibus tours of their combined wind and solar farm. The first tour will depart from the Crookwell Hotel Motel in Crookwell on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am. The tours will be a great opportunity for the public to learn how Australia's first co-located wind and solar project works, and experience first-hand what it's like to be up close to a wind turbine and solar panel array.

The energising, educational, guided tour will travel around sections of the wind and solar farms by minibus. The tour will also feature complimentary light refreshments and a mini information display at the Crookwell Hotel Motel, a children's tour quiz and a colouring-in competition. The colouring-in sheet will be available on the tour or it can be downloaded from our website.

Derek Powell, Asset Manager for the wind farm said "We are really excited to provide the public with a regular opportunity to take a look at our wind and solar facility and learn more about renewable energy. If you'd like to know more, be our guests and get on a tour."

Advance bookings for the tours are essential. SERREE (South East Region of Renewable Energy Excellence) is assisting with tour bookings, so you can either make your booking via the Gullen Range Wind Farm website: [www.gullenrangewindfarm.com](http://www.gullenrangewindfarm.com) or via SERREE's website: [www.retrail.com.au](http://www.retrail.com.au), or call SERREE on 02 6173 7000.

Did you know that Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm are located along SERREE's Renewable Energy Trail (RE Trail)? The RE Trail is a self-guided drive trail showcasing the diversity of renewable energy facilities in the South East of NSW-ACT region. You can find out more about SERREE's Renewable Energy Trail on the minibus tour or by visiting the RE Trail website: [www.retrail.com.au](http://www.retrail.com.au).

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About Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm

Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm are owned and operated by New Gullen Range Wind Farm Pty Ltd (NGRWF), a joint venture between Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy Co., Ltd. (75%) and Goldwind Capital (Australia) Pty Ltd (25%).

The Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm are the first co-located wind and solar farms in Australia. Gullen Range Wind Farm first generated electricity in 2013 and consists of 73 wind turbines with a total capacity of 165.5MW. Gullen Solar Farm consists of more than 40,000 solar panels and has a peak capacity of 10MW. It was partially funded (\$9.9M) by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and first generated electricity in 2017. Located 10km south of Crookwell in the Southern Tablelands, on an average day of wind and solar, the combined facility can power more than 65,000 average homes.

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**Images and Captions**



Image 1: Gullen Range Wind Farm (Photo: NGRWF)



Image 2: Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm (Photo: NGRWF)