

Thursday 5 July

For immediate release

Gullen Range Wind Farm provides crucial funding to seven local projects.

Today, Gullen Range Wind Farm announced the seven local projects, which will be receiving funding from the 2018/2019 Community Enhancement Fund. The seven community organisations will share in \$70,905 to help benefit the community.

Now in its fourth year launched in September 2014 and calls upon passionate residents to submit project applications within 10kms of Gullen Range Wind Farm. The farm sets aside \$1,666 per turbine every year, which is split equally between the Community Fund and the Clean Energy Program

Derek Powell, Deputy General Manager, BJCE Australia said, "It's fulfilling to see our funds being given to community groups who love where they live and want to make a difference to their community."

Eleven applications were submitted for this years funding opportunity, each representing different areas of need in Crookwell and outlying villages. Brian McCormack OAM, Mayor, Upper Lachlan Shire Council said, "It is wonderful to see so many local community groups benefit from this funding."

Upper Lachlan Shire Council coordinates the Community Fund Committee, under its Section 355 provisions. The Committee is responsible for assessing applications and awarding funds. Gullen Range Wind Farm has one member on this committee, which also includes members of Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Goulburn Mulwaree Council and two community members. The project applications must demonstrate a direct and indirect community benefit, enhance the quality of life/ community wellness and aim to provide facilities and services for Crookwell.

Successful funding applications included:

- Bannister District Hall - Upgrade to waste water system
- Grabben Gullen Hall & Recreational Reserve Trust - Cladding of outside walls
- Crookwell CWA Day Branch - Roof upgrade to CWA Rooms
- Viewhaven Lodge - Purchase of two new oxygen concentrators
- Crookwell Neighbourhood Centre - Construction of a fence around the Crookwell Community Gardens
- Crookwell View Club - Purchase of a portable PA system
- Kiama Creek (Pat Cullen Reserve) Landcare - Construction of a rock wall at the entrance to the Reserve

Successful applicants are provided a funding agreement for their review before the funds are made available. Previous projects, which have been funded, include Lions Club of Crookwell contribution to the construction of a toilet block at Clifton Park, completion of kitchen facilities at Bannister District Hall Association and replacing external cladding of Grabben Gullen Hall. For more information about the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund, visit <http://gullenrangewindfarm.com/community/community-fund/>

- END -

Media contact:

Elizabeth Picker

Elizabeth@opfconsulting.com.au

0429 614 297

About Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd

Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd (BJCE Australia) is wholly owned by Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy Co. Limited through its Hong Kong subsidiary (BJCE HK). BJCE was established in August 2010 and is the leading supplier of wind power in China. Listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange in 2011, BJCE's energy portfolio includes gas, wind, solar PV and hydroelectricity. As at 2017 BJCE owns and operates in excess of 8GW of clean and renewable energy generation assets. In 2014 BJCE entered the international market by acquiring a 75% stake in the 165.5MW Gullen Range Wind Farm. BJCE Australia's growing team consists of ten people, moving towards an ambitious target of owning and operating 1GW of generation in Australia by 2020. BJCE is based in Beijing and the headquarters of BJCE Australia are in Sydney.