

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Gullen Range Wind Farm donates educational equipment to Crookwell High School**

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Gullen Range Wind Farm recently donated \$1750 worth of educational equipment to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program that commenced this year at Crookwell High School.

Rebecca Dark, a STEM teacher at Crookwell High School said, “The STEM program has piqued the students’ interest in learning. As technology is advancing so quickly, we as educators have to prepare our students for jobs that don’t currently exist. The aim of the STEM program at Crookwell is to teach students these future employability skills of communication, critical thinking, team work and creativity. It’s powerful for students to learn STEM based concepts, directly relate them to real world applications and to also work with local and international businesses, as happened with our project with the Gullen Range Wind Farm.”

Derek Powell, Asset Manager of Gullen Range Wind Farm, recently visited Crookwell High School to see how the Year 8 students are getting on with their donated Wind Energy Equipment kits.

“The best way to learn is by doing and these turbine kits are fantastic in this respect. We are really proud to assist students in learning about renewable energy whilst also helping make class a bit more fun”, said Derek.

To complement their classroom studies on renewable energy, forty Year 8 students also toured the Gullen Range facility earlier in the year. As part of the tour of Australia’s first co-located wind and solar farm, the students were able to see inside a wind turbine and get up close to a solar panel array.

In addition to the wind farm’s donation to the school’s STEM Program, a \$13,534.00 grant from the wind farm’s Community Fund, contributed to the recent refurbishment of the Crookwell High School library.

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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 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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