

GULLEN RANGE WIND FARM

COMMUNITY UPDATE 7

MAY 2015

Road Upgrades Complete

ULSC have finished reconstruction works on Range Road which was the last of a number of road upgrades in ULSC and GMC areas. It brings the total amount invested by GRWF on local road repairs and improvements to \$6 million and provides improved road conditions for the community.



(L to R) Phil Newham, Council's Director of Works; Tom Frood, Asset Manager at GRWF; John Bell, Council's General Manager on Range Road.

Community Open Day

A successful Open Day was held at GRWF on Saturday 18th April. Visitors had the opportunity to experience the wind farm up close and look inside the door of a turbine. A mini bus tour was available, activities for the children and lots of information about the construction and operation of the wind farm.

Congratulations to the winners of the colouring in competition. The winners are:

Age 3 and under: Briah Cluney (age 3) from SDN Crookwell Preschool.

Age 4-5: Stevie George (age 5) from Binda Public School.

Age 6-8: Jake Cosgrove (age 6) from St Mary's Primary School, Crookwell.

Age 9 and over: Jade Chen (age 10), Wahroonga Public School and Mackenzie King (age 13), from Crookwell High School.

Our competition to name a turbine was a great success. Site Supervisor Julian King chose an entry from Thomas Jubb, aged 14, from Goulburn. His winning entry was 'Anemoi, the god of wind'. A plaque will be placed at the base of the turbine.

A big thank you to all our volunteers and suppliers who made the day a success. The Open Day will be an annual event and we look forward to organising next years.



Community Fund – Successful Applications

The Community Fund was open for the first round of applications in Jan 2015. A total of 15 applications were received by ULSC. The committee considered all the applications and six community projects will share \$67,511 of grants.

GRWF is pleased that our support for this first round of funding is now coming to fruition. The grants represent a great opportunity for GRWF to assist local projects to continue their benefit of the community. We look forward to seeing the positive outcomes of the funding within each project.

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

Write: GRWF, Level 23, 201 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. Website: www.gullenrangewindfarm.com

The Community Fund forms 50% of the Community Enhancement Program and is governed by a Committee coordinated by ULSC. The Community Fund provides resources for projects or initiatives that will benefit the community within 10km of the project.

Organisation	Project	Amount Granted
Grabben Gullen Hall and Recreation Reserve Trust	Internal beautification of Grabben Gullen Hall	\$22,028.12
Bannister District Hall Association Inc.	Maintenance and renovations to Bannister Community Hall	\$22,028.12
Crookwell/Taralga Aged Care	Purchase and installation of an electric ceiling hoist at Viewhaven Lodge Aged Care Facility	\$9,470.00
Crookwell Hall of Fame	Update and continue display in Crookwell Memorial Hall and reprint booklet	\$389.86
Grabben Gullen Hall and Recreation Reserve Trust	Purchase of materials only for installation of a new front fence	\$3,595.30
Crookwell Christmas in the Park Committee	Purchase and installation of banner poles in the main street of Crookwell	\$10,000.00

Funds will be provided in July 2015. The next window for applications will be open in November 2015.

Clean Energy Program Open for Applications

The Clean Energy Program forms the other 50% of the Community Enhancement Program and is administered by GRWF. It provides contributions to implementing clean energy improvements to properties with 5km of the wind farm.

Applications are open for the first stage of the program – the Energy Efficient Package. Guidance notes and applications forms are available on the GRWF website, at ULSC offices, Crookwell Library or you can request one from GRWF on the contact details below. There is no deadline for applications, however, applications will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Operation Noise Compliance Testing

GRWF places a high priority on noise compliance and is committed to working with the local community to understand noise concerns and meet the requirements of the Project Approval.

Noise compliance testing has been underway since December 2014 as a requirement under the Project Approval. Independent acoustic specialists, Marshall Day, are preparing a report of the results which will be publically available. GRWF staff will be happy to discuss the conclusions of the report with any near neighbours – please contact us if you would like to discuss or arrange a meeting.

Landscape Screening Program Update

Preparation works for the landscape screening planting has been underway in the last month.

We have agreed a landscape screening plan with 63 residences and planting will commence shortly.

Residences within **three kilometres** of the turbines are eligible for landscaping assessments. If you have not already applied, please contact the team on the number below.

Modification Application

In March the Land and Environment Court set aside the PAC refusal of the Modification Application. The Court's decision means the Department of Planning and Environment is legally required to re-assess the application. The Department has undertaken a second independent assessment of the modification as well as obtained legal advice and found there is no risk of significant environmental harm as a result of the relocated turbines. This conclusion also means there is no legal basis for the Department to issue the order to relocate or remove the turbines.

In line with standard process, the Department has referred the Modification Application to the Planning Assessment Committee (PAC) for determination, with a recommendation for approval.

For further information the Department of Planning has issued a fact sheet on the GRWF project. This can be found on their website at this location: http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6470