

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting Minutes
Gullen Range Wind Farm

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| Date: | Wednesday, 29 April 2020 |
| Location: | Via video/teleconference |
| Time: | 5.30pm to 6.45pm |
| Attendance: | Peter Gordon (Chair) Dimity Taylor (Community Representative) Councillor Paul Culhane from Upper Lachlan Shire (ULSC) Scott Martin from Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC) Leo Pearce (Asset Manager -NGRWF) Isabel Nelson (Community Engagement Officer – NGRWF) |
| Apologies: | Charley Barber (Community Representative) (Charley later reported technology issues which prevent him joining the meeting) |

Introduction by Chair (Peter Gordon)

Conflicting and Pecuniary Interests

- None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Minutes from 6th November 2019 were approved and are on the website.

Business arising from the Previous Minutes

- No business arising from previous minutes

ACTION items from Previous Minutes

- GRWF added the Chair’s contact details to the Community Information Plan (or CIP) and circulated the final version to the CCC members with the previous minutes.
- As part of the CIP review, the Committee discussed the effectiveness of the current engagement activities that are being undertaken, as described in the CIP (see the CIP item below).

Issues raised by community representatives

- The proposed Transgrid Hume Link Project was discussed. GRWF advised that it was not involved with the Transgrid Project.

Correspondence

- No correspondence.

Community Information Plan (CIP)

- GRWF circulated a review of the engagement activities performed in 2019 under the CIP prior to the meeting. The review was discussed by the Committee. GRWF concluded the engagement activities undertaken had been successful in distributing information about the wind farm throughout the community. The Committee endorsed the review. It was noted that the Committee is welcome to provide feedback regarding the CIP on an ongoing basis. The 2019 review will be posted to the GRWF website and will be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.
- The Committee discussed using radio as another communication tool to reach the community whilst the local newspapers are not being printed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. SM would report back to the Committee regarding GMC's experiences using local radio over the next few weeks.

NGRWF to brief the meeting on recent developments

- COVID-19 response: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, GRWF has implemented a new set of protocols to protect the communities in which it operates, its employees, contractors and suppliers. The Committee was updated on the latest GRWF response to COVID-19, which is also available on the GRWF website: gullenrangewindfarm.com
- Substation upgrade and transmission line works at Gullen Range Wind Farm for the Biala Wind Farm Project have now been completed. The Biala Wind Farm Project is well into construction with several wind turbines erected. Delivery of major wind turbine components on local roads will continue until approximately August 2020. Information about the turbine deliveries can be found on the Biala Wind Farm website: bialawindfarm.com

Company Reports and Overview of Activities (Leo Pearce and Isabel Nelson)

- Clean Energy Program (CLEP) update:
 - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CLEP Stage 1 face-to-face household energy efficiency audits are now on hold. Approx. **117** buildings have completed Stage 1 of the Program and one applicant will have their Stage 1 energy efficiency audit undertaken as soon as the audits resume. **68** Stage 2 applications have been approved so far, with **62** installations completed to date. For the Q1 2020 Funding Round, GRWF has received **4** Stage two applications. The next Funding Round (Q2 2020) closes on 22nd June.
 - To further publicise the Program within the community, GRWF posted a news advert about the CLEP in December 2019 in the Crookwell Gazette and the Goulburn Post. As an action, GRWF will also provide the Committee with an email publicising the CLEP, which can be shared with residents who live near the wind farm.

- Community Fund:
 - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Fund application closing date has been extended by Upper Lachlan Shire Council to 28th August 2020. The Community Fund Workshop in March was also postponed due to COVID-19. A re-scheduled workshop will be delivered via an online webinar.
 - There is a Community Representative vacancy to fill on the GRWF Community Fund Committee. ULSC will be re-advertising to fill this position. As an action, GRWF will circulate the advert with the CCC.
 - GRWF regularly reviews its management plans, policies and programs and as such is currently reviewing the Community Fund, which forms part of the Community Enhancement Program (or CEP). If any changes are proposed, the CCC will be consulted before any amendments are made.
- Community Tours: In November, GRWF held its seventh successful tour of 2019 and this event was booked out. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 tours have been suspended until further notice. Members of the public can now register on the GRWF website to be notified when the tours recommence.
- Schools:
 - At the end of 2019:
 - GRWF presented a school prize at the Crookwell Public School presentation ceremony. GRWF proudly donated \$100 for the award.
 - GRWF assisted with judging the student renewable energy projects at the Goulburn [STEM Industry Schools Partnership \(SISP\)](#) (SISP) showcase event.
 - GRWF also joined more than 100 students, teachers, industry partners and special guests at the Southern Inland SISP STEM Awards ceremony in Goulburn.
 - In 2020:
 - BJCE Australia (including GRWF) is delighted to return as an Industry Partner of the SISP again in 2020. However, our school visits and tours to site have been postponed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As an Industry Partner, we are working closely with the SISP coordinators to continue to support the program in 2020.
 - In April, GRWF was invited to join Landcare's online school holiday workshop, which was called 'Blowing in the Wind'. The event was held online due to the pandemic. GRWF talked about wind and solar farms and renewable energy in general. The workshop was partly funded by a GRWF Community Fund grant.

- Sponsorship: Since the last CCC, GRWF has sponsored:
 - 2019 Crookwell Men's Bowling Club's Gullen Range Triples Classic Tournament.
 - 2019 Crookwell Women's Bowling Club's District Open Fours Tournament.
 - BJCE Australia, which includes GRWF, was a red ribbon sponsor of the 142nd Crookwell Show. Donations from the facepainting stand went to the Grabben Gullen Community Progress Association's ANZAC Memorial project.
 - Community BBQs: BJCE Australia, which includes GRWF, had an information stand and joint fundraising BBQ outside the Crookwell IGA in December 2019 and February 2020. Donations went to the Grabben Gullen Rural Fire Service.
 - Goulburn Railway Bowling Club's 2020 Rose Tournament.
- Monitoring and Environmental Performance:
 - The GRWF Compensatory Habitat Package (CHP) Annual Report was submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Local Land services (LLS) in January with all compliance obligations achieved.
 - The GRWF Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) was submitted to DPIE in March. The wind farm was assessed to be compliant with all its regulatory compliance obligations.
- Community Complaints and Response to Complaints: No new complaints have been received since the last CCC meeting.

Action Items

- **GRWF to circulate the final version of the 2019 CIP Review to the CCC members with the minutes and post it to the website.**
- **GRWF to provide the Committee with an email publicising the CLEP, which can be shared with residents who live near the wind farm.**
- **GRWF to circulate to the CCC the advert regarding the Community Representative position vacancy on the Community Fund Committee, once the ULSC has posted it.**
- **GRWF to circulate the graphs showing generation data to the CCC with the minutes.**

Next Meeting

- The proposed date for the next meeting is Wednesday, 2nd September 2020 at 5.30pm.