

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting Minutes

Gullen Range Wind Farm

Date:	Wednesday 24 July 2019
Location:	CWA Hall Spring Street Crookwell
Time:	5.30pm to 6.30pm
Attendance:	Peter Gordon (Chair) Charley Barber (Community Representative) Leo Pearce (Asset Manager -NGRWF) Derek Powell (Deputy General Manager – NGRWF) Scott Martin, Business Manager from Goulburn Mulwaree Council
Apologies:	Councillor Paul Culhane from Upper Lachlan Shire (ULSC) Rosemary Howe (Community Representative) Dimity Taylor (Community Representative)

Introduction by Chair (Peter Gordon)

- Absence of Council and Community representative noted

Conflicting and Pecuniary Interests

- None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Minutes from 20th February 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

- Major GRWF shutdowns (unexpected and planned) will now be notified on the GRWF website for public information.
- CIP review was discussed with the CCC.

Issues raised by community representatives

- No issues raised.

Correspondence

- No correspondence.

Company Reports and Overview of Activities (Leo Pearce and Derek Powell)

- Community Enhancement Program Document (CEP)
 - The proposed changes to the CEP Document, as discussed at previous CCC meetings, have been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The approved document is on the GRWF website.
- CLEP update: Approx. **109** buildings have completed Stage 1 of the Program. **65** Stage 2 applications have been approved so far (including five in the Q1 2019 Funding Round), with **51** installations completed to date. For the Q2 2019 Funding Round, GRWF did not receive any Stage two applications. The next Funding Round (Q3 2019) closes on 22nd September.
- Community Fund: Applications closed for 2019/2020 Funding Round on 2nd May. Upper Lachlan Shire Council will advise soon regarding the outcome of the funding round. Approx. \$72,428 will be available plus any amount carried over from last year's Funding Round. Another Community Fund grant writing workshop was held on 25th March, with 12 attendees. The community fund committee has noted an increased volume and quality of submissions since the grant writing workshop commenced in 2019.
- Community Tours: Community tours continue to be held every two months at GRWF. GRWF has worked with Crookwell Visitor Information Centre (Upper Lachlan Shire Council) so that they now operate the tour booking service. Council are in a position to grow the tour program to the benefit of local tourism, for instance by including other wind farms. The first step toward this is Crookwell 2 Wind Farm providing public tours as part of the same program, the first of which will occur in August.
- Schools: As part of the [STEM Industry Schools Partnership \(SISP\)](#) program coordinated by Regional Development Australia Southern Inland, GRWF has recently undertaken the following: (1) hosted Yr 5 and Yr 6 students from Bradfordville and Wollondilly Public School at the wind farm and (2) carried out school incursions involving Bradfordville, Wollondilly, Laggan, Binda and Bigga Public Schools.
- Community Information Plan (CIP): GRWF circulated a review of the engagement activities performed under the CIP prior to the meeting. The review will be posted to the GRWF website and will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting. GRWF concluded the engagement activities undertaken had been successful in distributing information about the wind farm throughout the community. As an action for next meeting, the committee was asked to consider whether there was evidence that particular groups of the community were not being reached by the activities undertaken. It was noted by the committee that some sections of the CIP required updating, such as addition of Goulburn Mulwaree Council representatives and updating of Upper Lachlan Shire Council representatives. GRWF will undertake these updates prior to the next meeting.
- Annual Environmental Management Report: The GRWF Annual Environmental Management Report for 2018 was submitted to DPE in March 2019. The report noted that GRWF was compliant with all the required obligations. The report is on the GRWF website.
- Compensatory Habitat Management Plan Area: The Annual Report for 2018 was submitted to DPE in February 2019. The report noted that GRWF was compliant with all the required obligations. The report is on the GRWF website.

- Wedge tailed eagles: A final report on wedge tailed eagle breeding activities in the GRWF project area was submitted to DPE in February 2019. The report is on the GRWF website.
- Community Complaints and Response to Complaints: NGRWF has received two noise complaints in 2019, one in February and one in June. The February noise complaint has been resolved. The June noise complaint has been linked to a wind turbine with damaged erosion protection tape on the leading edge of a rotor blade. Specialist technicians are being organised to carry out repairs.

Action Items

- GRWF to update the contact details in the CIP and add Goulburn Muwaree Council representatives.
- Committee members were asked to consider whether there is evidence of particular groups in the community that are not being reached by the activities undertaken as described in the CIP and to provide feedback at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

30 October 2019 at 5.30pm