

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

Date:	Wednesday, 31 March 2021
Location:	Crookwell CWA Rooms
Time:	5.30pm to 7.00pm
Attendance:	Peter Gordon (Chair) Dimity Taylor (Community Representative) Charley Barber (Community Representative) Councillor Paul Culhane (Upper Lachlan Shire Council) Scott Martin (Goulburn Mulwaree Council) Leo Pearce (Asset Manager – GRWF) Isabel Nelson (Community Engagement Officer – GRWF)
Apologies:	Rosemary Howe (Community Representative)

Introduction by Chair (Peter Gordon)

Conflicting and Pecuniary Interests

- None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Minutes from 2nd September 2020 were accepted by the Committee and are on the website.

Business arising from the Previous Minutes

- No business arising from previous minutes.

ACTION items from Previous Minutes

- GRWF circulated the graphs showing generation data to the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) with the minutes and forwarded concerns related to the Biala Wind Farm Project to the Biala Wind Farm Project Manager.

Items raised by community representatives

- Discussed increasing community representation at CCC meetings. This could potentially be achieved by combining the CCCs of GRWF and Biala Wind Farm. Also, discussed the potential for nearby wind farm CCCs working together more closely in the future.

- The idea of a grant facilitation workshop was raised, for community groups thinking of applying to nearby wind farm Community Enhancement Funds. The workshop could assist community groups to identify funding priorities and develop a master plan for bigger projects, including how to access funding from one or more Community Enhancement Funds over multiple years. GRWF will investigate the idea further and report back to the CCC at the next meeting.
- A request was raised as to whether temporary GRWF signage on fences at the corner of Range Road and Bannister Lane could be removed. GRWF will remove signage that is not required.

Correspondence

- No correspondence.

Community Information Plan (CIP)

- GRWF circulated a review of the engagement activities performed in 2020 under the CIP prior to the meeting. The review was discussed by the Committee. GRWF concluded the engagement activities undertaken had been successful in providing information about the wind farm and engaging with the community, in spite of the challenges experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee is welcome to provide feedback regarding the CIP on an ongoing basis. The 2020 review will be posted to the GRWF website and will be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.
- The Committee was also informed of minor updates made to the contact details in the CIP. The updated CIP will be posted to the GRWF website and will be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.
- The Committee discussed using radio, community noticeboards and a text message service as other communication tools to reach the community.

GRWF to brief the meeting on recent developments

- No recent developments to report.

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

- Clean Energy Program (CLEP) update:
 - Approx. **128** buildings have completed Stage 1 of the Program. **79** Stage 2 applications have been approved so far. **68** installations completed to date. For the Q1 2021 Funding Round, GRWF has received **3** Stage two applications. The next Funding Round (Q2 2021) closes on 22nd June.
 - CLEP Stage 1 household energy efficiency audits are taking place, with strict COVID-19 protocols in place. Residents have the option of the audit being conducted by telephone if they are not comfortable with the auditor visiting their residence.
- Community Fund:
 - The Community Fund Workshop took place on 16th March. As only one attendee registered to join the workshop, it was held via teleconference.
 - The Community Representative vacancy has now been filled on the GRWF Community Fund Committee.

- Community Tours:
 - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 tours are not operating until further notice. Members of the public can register on the GRWF website to be notified when the tours recommence.
- Schools:
 - GRWF has been invited to return as Industry Partner for the [STEM Industry Schools Partnership \(SISP\) program](#).
 - Since the last CCC, GRWF has zoomed into Goulburn High School to take Year 8 students on a 'virtual tour' of the wind and solar farm.
- Sponsorship:
 - Since the last CCC, GRWF has sponsored:
 - Crookwell Public School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) Christmas hamper raffle
 - Crookwell Public School Year 6 student prizes
 - The 2020 Crookwell Men's Bowling Club's Gullen Range Triples Classic Tournament
 - The 2021 Gunning Arts Festival
 - The 2021 Goulburn Railway Bowling Club's Rose Tournament.
 - 143rd Crookwell Show (the Show, usually held in February, has been postponed)
 - Crookwell Junior Green Devils Rugby League Club
- Monitoring and Environmental Performance:
 - Compensatory Habitat Management Plan Area:
 - Revegetation works were carried out by Greening Australia in September 2020, which included planting 300 tubestock endemic native trees and shrubs and 200 native grasses.
 - Feral animal monitoring identified pigs, deer and foxes in the Offset Area. No goats or rabbits were identified. Feral animal control efforts will continue in 2021.
 - Weed surveys showed an increase in exotic weeds, likely due to the substantial rain in 2020. Weed control activities will be carried out in 2021.
- Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR):
 - 2020 Report submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment (DPIE). One non-compliance reported. The usual 6-monthly advertisement of the enquiries and complaints line did not occur due to an administrative error. Advertising was immediately recommenced when the error was identified.
- GRWF circulated graphs showing generation data of the wind and solar farms to the CCC.

- Community Complaints and Response to Complaints:
 - GRWF received two noise complaints since the last CCC meeting. Both complaints were investigated and have now been closed.

Summary of Action Items

- **GRWF to circulate the final version of the 2020 CIP Review to the CCC members with the minutes and post it to the website.**
- **GRWF to circulate the updated version of the CIP to the CCC members with the minutes and post it to the website.**
- **GRWF to remove GRWF signage that is not required at the corner of Range Road and Bannister Lane.**
- **GRWF to investigate the idea of a Community Fund Grant Facilitation Workshop and report back to the CCC at the next meeting.**

Next Meeting

- The proposed date for the next meeting is **Wednesday, 23rd June 2021 at 5.30pm.**