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Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund opens for applications

Community groups within 10km of Gullen Range Wind Farm can now apply for a grant from the project's community fund.

The fund was undersubscribed last year so this year there is a bumper pot of around \$100,000 up for grabs.

Application forms and guidelines for applicants are available from Upper Lachlan Shire Council's website.

Local not-for-profit organisations have until Friday 1 April to submit an application to Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund, Upper Lachlan Shire Council, PO Box 42, Gunning, NSW 2581 or by email to council@upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au

Upcoming work at Gullen Range Wind Farm

We expect a crane to be visible on site for around three weeks in March. This is needed to replace components in four of the 73 turbines.

Later in the autumn we anticipate some minor work will be needed to rectify some issues with internal roads which were identified in a recent inspection.

Biala Wind Farm Commissioning update

The next round of testing in the Biala Wind Farm commissioning process has been delayed due to lack of wind. We are hopeful that the weather will permit the testing to resume very soon. Once the Australian Energy Market Operator is completely satisfied with 19 turbines operating across a range of conditions, the wind farm will move to 25 turbines generating clean power and then all 31 for the final round of tests.

Community Consultative Committees

Both Biala and Gullen Range Wind Farms have a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) which will continue to meet regularly throughout the projects' operation.

The CCCs comprise local residents, council representatives, project staff and an independent chair appointed by the NSW Government. The meetings provide a forum both for project information to be shared and community feedback to be given.

The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday 17 March for Biala Wind Farm and Wednesday 30 March for Gullen Range Wind Farm. Further information is available on the project websites.



Gullen Range was a Red Ribbon Sponsor of the 143rd Crookwell Show

It's no easy task to organise large events at the best of times, so congratulations to the Crookwell Show organisers for delivering another fun weekend.

We were very pleased to be able to help out by continuing to sponsor the event and are looking forward to next year's spectacle already. Hopefully we will be attending in person again.



Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program

Biala Wind Farm's TV Reception Program was implemented to address potential effects on TV reception in the local area. The program also recognises that TV reception has been unreliable since before turbines were installed and so is open to all eligible homes, whether or not the wind farm has impacted reception.

More information, including an eligibility map and application form, can be found on the Biala Wind Farm [here](#).

Biala Wind Farm Landscaping Program

Owners of homes within 4km of the wind farm can apply to the Biala Wind Farm Landscaping Program. Two options are open for qualifying properties. Further details, including how to apply, can be found on the Biala Wind Farm [here](#).

The program was designed to comply with the wind farm's development approval and will run until August 2024.

Gullen Range Wind Farm Clean Energy Program

Applications for the latest round of the Clean Energy Program close on 22 March. Since its inception in 2016, the program has approved grants for energy-efficient improvements or solar panels at more than 80 local homes.

This year up to \$7,200 is available for successful applicants. The program will run throughout the wind farm's operating life. You can download an application form [here](#).

Gullen Range Wind Farm backs Crookwell Green Devils

We are very pleased to be able to continue to support local rugby league.

This year Gullen Range Wind Farm will be sponsoring the Crookwell Senior Green Devils.

Best of luck for the upcoming season!

