

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

April 2021

We're keen to keep you informed on what's happening with Biala Wind Farm. We issue newsletters monthly, or more frequently if there is important news to share. To receive future newsletters via email, please sign up at bialawindfarm.com/subscription.

Project Update

We reached a major milestone this month, with all 31 of Biala Wind Farm's turbines now commissioned and ready to operate. At the moment, we can only operate ten turbines at a time, while we await further approvals from the Australian Electricity Market Operator and TransGrid. Comprehensive testing and computer modelling is being undertaken as part of these approvals.

Meanwhile, our civil contractor, CATCON, has returned to site to grade the on-site access tracks and check all of the site drainage is working well. They are using local contractor, Tutt-Bryant, for the majority of these works, which will take approximately four weeks to complete.

Aviation Hazard Lights

We are aware several nearby residents to the wind farm have expressed concern regarding the aviation hazard lighting installed on some of the Biala wind turbines. In response to these concerns, we have engaged with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority and the Department of Defence, to check whether the lighting is necessary. The National Wind Farm Commissioner has been assisting us in this engagement, which is ongoing. We will continue to provide updates on our progress.

Biala Wind Farm Landscaping Program – Applications Open

We have opened applications for our Landscaping Program. The program is designed to mitigate the visual impacts of the wind farm for neighbours within four kilometres of a turbine, in line with the requirements of our development consent. If you would like more information about the program, or assistance in completing the application form, please visit www.bialawindfarm.com/landscaping-program.

Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program – Applications Opening Soon

The Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program will open soon. The program aims to improve TV reception for nearby residents. The program is available to residents who live in the program eligibility area, regardless of whether or not their reception has been affected by the Biala Wind Farm. The eligibility map can be viewed here <https://bialawindfarm.com/tv-reception-program/>.

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Update

The next CCC meeting will be held at Grabben Gullen Hall on Thursday 13th May 2021 from 5.30pm. If you have any questions about the project, members of the CCC can still raise them on your behalf. Minutes of all previous meetings are available on our website to read or download. For more information about CCC meetings please contact the Independent Chair, Nic Carmody on 0429 354 582 or email nic.carmody@bigpond.com.

Text Message Service

If you live nearby and are interested in receiving project updates by text message to your phone, please email us on info@bialawindfarm.com or call 1800 370 045 to leave a message and we will call you back to subscribe you for this service.



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BJCE Australia Kicks off a New Season with Crookwell Junior Green Devils

BJCE's Gullen Range Wind Farm is delighted to be a long-term supporter of the Crookwell Junior Green Devils. Under a partnership which commenced in 2019, Gullen Range Wind Farm is one of the major sponsors of Crookwell Junior Green Devils Rugby League Club. In 2020, the rugby league season was suspended due to COVID-19. Training for the 2021 season is now underway. BJCE wishes the Junior Green Devils all the best for their games, which will hopefully deliver a 2021 season win for Crookwell. The 2021 season will start later this month.



Bowled Over by Another Impressive Rose Tournament

Every year the Rose Tournament competition showcases some of the best bowlers in the State and 2021 was no exception. Gullen Range Wind Farm was proud to be a major sponsor of the February tournament at the Goulburn Railway Bowling Club for the fifth consecutive year. Simon Zhao from Gullen Range was honoured to attend the award ceremony and present a number of trophies in both men and women events. The winners of the women's event were from Bomaderry, the runners up and third placegetters were both teams from Merrylands. The winners in the men's event was a combined team from Goulburn and Bargo and the runners up, and third placegetters were teams from Sydney. Well done to all the winners! BJCE Australia's Gullen Range Wind Farm congratulates Goulburn Railway Bowling Club for delivering a very successful event.

About the Project

Biala Wind Farm is located approximately 6km south of Grabben Gullen on Grabben Gullen Road. It is owned by BJCE Australia, who also own Gullen Range Wind Farm and Gullen Solar Farm. Biala Wind Farm was awarded a Development Consent in April 2017 by the NSW Planning Assessment Commission and consists of 31 wind turbines. It connects to the electricity grid via underground electricity cables from the Gullen Range Wind Farm substation at Bannister. BJCE Australia commenced construction of the wind farm in August 2019 with full operation expected in mid 2021.

Current Project Timeline

We update this in each of our monthly newsletters

Roadworks to Range Road	Complete
Onsite civil and electrical work	Complete
Delivery of wind turbine components	Complete
Substation extension	Complete
Installation of underground electrical transmission line	Complete
Biala O&M building	Complete
Erection of wind turbines	Complete
Commissioning of wind turbines	Complete
Completion of electricity grid testing and commencement of formal Operation	July 2021

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