

# BIALA WIND FARM

## Newsletter

July 2021

We're keen to keep you informed on what's happening with Biala Wind Farm. To receive future newsletters via email, please sign up at [bialawindfarm.com/subscription](https://bialawindfarm.com/subscription).

### Project Update

All 31 turbines have been installed and are ready to generate clean electricity. Comprehensive testing continues as part of the complex grid connection process. The turbines are tested in a variety of conditions and their response is recorded and analysed by the Australian Electricity Market Operator (AEMO). Results of testing performed to date using ten wind turbines has been very positive. AEMO also analyses our computer models of the wind farm. These models predict how the entire electricity network would react in certain conditions, such as different levels of supply and demand for electricity and various weather conditions. At the moment, we are working with Goldwind, our turbine supplier, to fine tune the computer models. We expect more turbines to be turned on soon so further testing can be undertaken. We'll keep you informed.

### Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program – Applications are Open

The Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program is open and proving popular with local residents. The program recognises that local TV reception has been unreliable since before the Biala turbines were installed. The program aims to improve reception across the area and is available to local homes whether or not their reception has been affected by Biala Wind Farm. More information, including an eligibility map can be viewed [here](#). Download an application form from our website [here](#).

### Biala Wind Farm Landscaping Program – Applications are Open

Applications for our Landscaping Program opened in April 2021. This program was designed to comply with conditions of our development approval. The program allows eligible residences inside 4km of the wind farm to choose from two mitigation options. Further details, including how to apply, are available from the project [website](#). The program is open until August 2024.

### Update on the Biala Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund

Biala Wind Farm will contribute more than \$90,000 (index-linked to increase with inflation) into a Community Enhancement Fund, which will support local projects and initiatives throughout the wind farm's operating life. Similar to the Gullen Range Wind Farm Fund, this Fund will be administered by the Upper Lachlan Shire Council. Council has appointed two community members who will join council representatives and one representative from Biala Wind Farm on the Section 355 Committee. Following the committee's first meeting in June, the next steps are to agree a charter to govern the Fund's operation and set an opening date for the first round of applications. We'll keep you updated. For more information, visit our [website](#).

### Aviation Hazard Lights

The aviation hazard lights on the turbines have been switched off. This was completed on Friday 4th of June following consultation with the NSW Government Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Civil Aviation Safety Authority and other relevant bodies.

### Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Update

The last CCC meeting was held at Grabben Gullen Hall on Thursday 13th of May 2021. Minutes of this meeting and all previous meetings are available on our [website](#) to read or download.



## BJCE Representatives Attend Grabben Gullen War Memorial Dedication and ANZAC Day Service

On Sunday 25 April, Simon Zhao, Gullen Range Wind Farm Site Manager, attended the dedication of the Grabben Gullen War Memorial and the inaugural ANZAC Day Service which was held on the Grabben Gullen Hall grounds. This special event was originally scheduled in April 2020 to coincide with the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Grabben Gullen village but, due to COVID-19, the event was postponed. BJCE Australia was pleased to be able to support the considerable efforts of local fundraisers to install this fitting tribute.



## BJCE kicks off a new season with Crookwell Junior Green Devils

BJCE Australia is delighted to be a long-term supporter of the Crookwell Junior Green Devils. Under a partnership which commenced in 2019, BJCE 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.

## Community Newsletter Update

With construction almost complete, we are moving to a quarterly digital newsletter. To receive future newsletters via email, please sign up at [www.bialawindfarm.com/subscription](http://www.bialawindfarm.com/subscription). If you have limited internet reception or would prefer a printed copy, we can post you a newsletter. Please call 1800 370 045 and we will add you to our mailing list.

## Text Message Service

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## About the Project

Biala Wind Farm is located approximately 6km south of Grabben Gullen on Grabben Gullen Road. It is owned by BJCE Australia, which also owns 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. The wind farm connects to the electricity grid via underground electricity cables from the Gullen Range Wind Farm substation at Bannister. Construction started in August 2019 with full operation expected later this year.

## Current Project Timeline

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	Ongoing

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