

BIALA WIND FARM

Newsletter

January 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

Erection of all turbines is complete and there are 24 turbines ready to generate electricity. We are currently completing the electrical and mechanical commissioning on the remaining seven turbines.

We are conducting testing with TransGrid to confirm the wind farm is not adversely affecting the electricity grid. The testing allows for 10 turbines to generate electricity. It is expected we will be able to increase the limit to 20 turbines generating electricity in early March 2021. We expect all 31 turbines will be generating electricity by May 2021.

Our civil contractor, CATCON, will return to site at the end of February to complete final maintenance work on the roads and hardstands. The construction compound will be demobilised in March 2021.

Biala Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund establishment progresses

Expressions of interest from community representatives for the Biala Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund (CEF) closed in January. Upper Lachlan Shire Council is currently reviewing the applications and will then appoint the committee.

The Community Enhancement Fund will provide grants to projects, services, facilities or educational programs located within 20km of the wind farm. For the first three years of operation, community groups within 5km of the wind farm will be prioritised for funding.

To find out more about the CEF visit <https://bialawindfarm.com/community/community-fund>

Community Consultative Committee (CCC) update

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th May 2021. The meeting will be held at Grabben Gullen Hall 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.

Biala Wind Farm Landscaping Program

We will be distributing letters to residents within 4km of a wind turbine about our Landscaping Program soon. The letter will set out how the program will work and the eligibility criteria. The Program is designed to mitigate the visual impacts of the wind farm, in line with the requirements of our development consent.

Aviation Lighting

The Department of Defence required 18 turbines to have two steady red lights on top of the nacelle which are to be illuminated from dusk to 11pm Eastern Standard Time, or midnight Daylight Saving Time. This is so the turbines can be seen by Navy Helicopters flying from HMAS Albatross in Nowra. A map of the turbines with aviation lighting can be downloaded from our [website](#).

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BJCE donates festive fruit hampers and colouring-in books to local community groups

Over Christmas and the New Year break, Biala Wind Farm donated to the Meals on Wheels Christmas Fruit Hamper Drive. Twenty-six hampers were delivered to Crookwell residents to bring joy during the festive season. Biala Wind Farm also supported Crookwell Information Neighbourhood Centre's (CINC) end of year Christmas concert by supplying colouring-in books to help fill the children's gift bags.



Biala Rural Fire Service's Christmas celebrations supported by Biala Wind Farm

Although a little delayed by COVID-19, the Biala RFS firefighters came together in late January to celebrate Christmas with a tasty BBQ. BJCE's Biala Wind Farm was delighted to cover the catering costs. We wish the local RFS a very safe and happy 2021.



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.

About the Project

Biala Wind Farm is located approx. 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 is proposed to have 31 turbines and was awarded a Development Approval in April 2017 by the NSW Planning Assessment Commission. 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 early 2021.

Current Project Timeline

We update this in each of our monthly newsletters

Works 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	March 2021
Completion of electricity grid testing and commencement of formal Operation	May 2021

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