

December 2022 Newsletter

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Merry Christmas

BJCE Australia wishes everybody a Merry Christmas. Thanks for your support throughout 2022. We've not been out in the community as much this year as we used to be before the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are looking forward to turning that around in 2023, with our wind farm tours and school visits planned to recommence. Our office will be closing for the festive season from December 23rd until January 3rd.

Our 1800 lines and info email addresses will be monitored as normal, but we will only respond to urgent messages during this time. As a reminder, at any time of year, if there is an emergency relating to the wind farm, please call 000.



Biala Wind Farm Now Operational

Biala Wind Farm received a notification from the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) in November to confirm they are satisfied with Biala's performance. Under the Development Approval, the wind farm is now formally in its operation phase. An independent consultant will conduct noise monitoring over the coming months to ensure the noise from the turbines is within allowable limits.

Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program

The Biala Wind Farm TV Reception Program remains open to nearby residents. The program is available to residents regardless of whether or not their reception has been affected by the Biala Wind Farm.

More than 60 local residences near Biala Wind Farm have benefited from this Program already. We encourage previous applicants to pass this information onto friends and family living nearby.

Visit our website to check your eligibility. The program will run until June 2023.

Biala Wind Farm Landscaping Program

The Biala Wind Farm Landscaping Program has been designed to mitigate the visual impacts of the wind farm. Owners of homes within 4km of Biala Wind Farm can apply. Two options are open for qualifying properties. Further details, including how to apply, can be found on our website. This program will run until August 2024.

Biala Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund Now Closed

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For the first three years of the Fund, funding priority will be given to applications within 5km of a Biala Wind Farm turbine or, if no suitable community purpose is available within this 5km distance, within 20km of a Biala Wind Farm turbine.

More information is also available on our website here.

Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund

Early this year, five community projects were successful in the 2022/23 Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund. They include:

- Crookwell District Tennis Association for a project to improve the well-used courts
- Grabben Gullen Hall for plans to install a new path to improve disabled access
- Breadalbane Hall for new doors to improve access
- Bannister District Hall for new gates to boost child safety
- Pat Cullen Reserve - recommended for partial funding for additional picnic shelters



Caption 1: Long-time Crookwell District Tennis Association member Anthony Selmes in foreground

We look forward to seeing these developed next year and encourage all qualifying community groups to consider projects they may like to propose next year.

Community Consultative Committees

Biala and Gullen Range Wind Farms have Community Consultative Committees (CCC) which will continue to meet 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 for sharing project information and community feedback.

Further information, including details of the community representatives and recent meeting minutes, are available on the project websites.

Sponsorship Wrap-up

BJCE Australia is proud to have partnered with the following local organisations in 2022. We look forward to continuing these community support initiatives in 2023 and beyond.

- 143rd Annual Crookwell Show and will return as a Red Ribbon Sponsor in 2023
- 2022 Binda Community Carols
- Crookwell Devils - Senior League Team
- 2022 Crookwell Information Neighbourhood Centre Christmas Festivities
- 2022 Crookwell Meals on Wheels Christmas Hamper Drive
- Crookwell Women's Bowling Tournament
- Gullen Triple Classics Bowling Competition

CCC Committee Members Wanted

We are seeking community representatives to fill the vacant positions and take part in the Gullen Range Wind Farm CCC. Anyone interested can contact us at info@gullenrangewindfarm.com or if you leave a message at 1800 509 711 we'll call you back for an informal conversation about how the committee operates. You can read past minutes of meeting [here](#) on our website.

Gullen Range Wind Farm Clean Energy Program

Have you already benefited from our Clean Energy Program? Since 2016, over 80 homes have become more energy efficient due to grants provided by us under this program, for things like solar panels or solar hot water systems.

If you haven't taken part, we encourage you to get started! More energy efficient homes means less of your money on energy bills. This year a typical grant was \$7200.

You can download an application form at the project website or you can contact us for further information.