

July 2023 Newsletter

We're keen to keep the community informed. Anyone can receive email newsletters by signing up at bialawindfarm.com/subscription or at gullenrangewindfarm.com/subscription.

Biala Wind Farm Community Fund Project Idea Survey

Biala Wind Farm is researching what the community would like to see within a 5km radius of Biala Wind Farm to enhance village life and improve community facilities.

You can WIN a gourmet local produce hamper valued at \$150.00. To enter the draw, you will need to provide your contact details at the end of the survey.

Please scan the QR code to complete the survey.

The survey responses will help form the basis for discussion at the **Think Tank on Wednesday, 9 August at the Grabben Gullen Hall.**



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The Biala Wind Farm Community Fund Think Tank Aims to Unlock Local Community Opportunities

The Biala Wind Farm Community Fund aims to support initiatives that benefit the community through projects and initiatives submitted by local groups within 20km of a wind turbine on the Biala Wind Farm.

For the first three years of operation (2021-2023), community projects within a 5km radius of Biala Wind Farm will be the main funding priority for the Community Fund. This year's funding round is the final opportunity for priority funding.

The **Think Tank** will be held on **Wednesday, 9 August** at the **Grabben Gullen Hall** from **5.00pm**. We encourage everyone within 5km of Biala Wind Farm to attend.

Biala Wind Farm has arranged the Think Tank which will be facilitated by an independent consultant.



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TO ATTEND**



Biala Wind Farm Cheer the Crookwell Devils on at the Annual Sponsors Day

Last Sunday, Biala Wind Farm Asset Manager Lachlan Lamberton and Gullen Range Wind Farm Gustavo Siqueira attended the Crookwell Devils Sponsor Day at the Crookwell Memorial Oval. The She Devils had a win against the Bungendore Tigers 20-12 and the Senior Devils played in a Grand Final rematch against the Tigers and come away with a win 26-14. Well done Devils!

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 through Program grants provided by us for things like solar panels or solar hot water systems. If you haven't yet taken part, we encourage you to get started! A more energy efficient home means you pay less on energy bills. This year a typical grant will be \$7,700. You can download an application form at the project website or you can contact us for more information.

Community Consultative Committees

Biala and Gullen Range Wind Farms have Community Consultative Committees (CCC) which will continue to meet throughout the projects' operation. Visit the project website for more information.

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 this committee operates.

Seven Groups Share in Gullen Range Fund 2023/24 Community Fund

Seven community groups in the Upper Lachlan Shire will benefit from a combined \$72,399.54 in grants from the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund for 2023. The grants were assessed by the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund S355 Committee and were approved in the June 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The grants will help to fund the following projects:

1. Anglican Church Parish - St Bartholomew's Church - \$24,847 for the **supply and installation of solar panels**
2. Anglican Church Parish - St George's Church - \$7,282 for **removal of dangerous trees**
3. The Australian Agricultural Centre - \$10,000 for the **Sheep Week 2023** event
4. Breadalbane Hall Committee - \$1,000 for a **stick vacuum cleaner**
5. International Women's Day 2024 - \$3,500 for a **Women in Agriculture** event
6. Southern Tablelands Group 12 - \$14,549.54 for **iPads** for the RFS officers
7. Upper Lachlan Landcare Inc. - \$11,121 for **building biodiversity skills**

We're Big Fans of Bowling!

This year, lawn bowlers across the district will battle for the highly sought-after Interclub Turbine Cup. Teams from Crookwell, Taralga and Goulburn will compete to win the Perpetual Trophy which was created by master craftsmen from Goulburn Regional Woodworkers, thanks to a sponsorship from Gullen Range Wind Farm.



Planting the Next Generation of Paddock Trees Thanks to Biala Wind Farm

Over 400 native trees have been distributed to 18 properties in the Gunning region this year, thanks to Gunning District Landcare and a \$20,000 Biala Wind Farm Community Fund grant.

Building on the success of its 2022 project, Gunning District Landcare applied for the community grant to extend their tree planting initiative. Landholders were offered 1-50 trees per property, with weedmats and guards, and these were quickly taken up.

Protecting new paddock trees from stock and other animals is the key to success. Part of the grant was used to purchase rolls of tough steel mesh. A working bee on Saturday 13th May saw participating landholders come together for a community working bee to cut up the steel, and collect their guards, seedlings and weed mat. It was a great opportunity for like-minded landholders to meet one another. The Eucalypt seedlings they will plant were propagated by the Yass Landcare Nursery.