

Berrybank 1 Wind Farm

Community Update

Community Engagement Committee Meeting

The Berrybank 1 Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee met for the final time in 2021 in early December. GPG invited Alicia Berger from RMIT (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology), who GPG has partnered with to implement the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program, to provide an update on the program. Alicia's presentation provided a reflection of the work that has been completed so far, and a roadmap of moving forward on implementation of the program. The Corangamite and Golden Plains Shires Councils´ representatives also provided an update about the Community Projects that were funded during the construction phase of the Berrybank 1 Wind Farm, as well as about the Community Grant Program that will be implemented in early 2022. Corangamite Shire Council has now facilitated the completion of 9 of the 15 projects that were funded with the remaining 6 to be completed in the first half of 2022. Golden Plains Shire is still working to complete the 3 remaining projects that were funded.

Nominations for Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants Committees

Both Councils are looking for community members who are interested in serving on the Berrybank 1 Wind Farm Community Grants Committees. You are invited to nominate to join the committee, outlining your connection to local communities, relevant experience and attributes that you would bring to the committee. The Berrybank 1 Wind Farm Community Grants Committees help to evaluate submissions and provide recommendations to the councils for grants to support local community projects. For further details and a copy of the nomination form please contact:

- Corangamite Shire Council: Garry Moorfield on **03 5593 7100** or email <u>garry.moorfield@corangamite.vic.gov.au</u>
- Golden Plains Shire Council: Peter Ridsdale on **03 5220 7226** or email peter.ridsdale@gplains.vic.gov.au

Operations Update

Berrybank 1 Wind Farm Delivers Strong Performance

November saw another exceptional month of performance for the Berrybank 1 Wind Farm achieving an overall capacity availability of over **99%**. Since the Berrybank 1 Wind Farm begun commercial operations, we have an overall performance of **98.86%**.

Partnership with A Helping Hand Charity

The GPG BB1 Operations team and the GPG BB2 Construction Team partnered with the charity 'A Helping Hand' to raise donations for the festive season. A Helping Hand is a charity that is dedicated to supporting locals in need and connecting them with locals who are able to lend a helping hand. Staff from the GPG BB1 Operations team raised \$1,000 in donations in addition to over \$6,000 that the GPG BB2 Construction Team has contributed to this wonderful local charity. The donations will help provide food hampers and gifts to those who need them most during the festive season.

Christmas Message from GPG

GPG Australia would like to wish everyone the warmest greetings for this festive season and the best wishes for happiness this new year. This year has been challenging for all and we have all pulled through the ups and downs as a community. GPG is proud to have supported the local community over the past year and look forward to supporting the community into the future. We hope that you all will get some down time over this festive season and spend some time with your families.

Christmas Message from Vestas

On behalf of Vestas, we wish the local community members and nearby businesses around Berrybank 1 Wind Farm a very safe, joyful and restful holiday season. Living and working through a pandemic has made seeing friends, family and colleagues challenging. We hope that connections are strengthened during this time and that 2022 brings great success.

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