

## Berrybank Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

### August 2019 Minutes

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- Date, Location and Time:
  - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019, Wallinduc Town Hall, 9:30am
- Attendees:
  - Mayor Owen Sharkey – Chairperson/Golden Plains Shire Council
  - Garry Moorfield – Corangamite Shire Council
  - Kim Stanley – DELWP
  - Nathan Micallef – GPG
  - Helena Charles – Golden Plains Shire Council
  - Moira Turner – Community Member
  - Nathan Lin – TransGrid/Observer
  - Lindsay Stow – SalvoConnect – Observer/Guest Speaker
  - Brenda and Peter Rumler – Landowner/Observer
  - Isle McGuire – Neighbour/Observer
- Apologies:
  - Rhiannon Eddy – GPG
  - Lesley Brown – Chairperson/Corangamite Shire Council
  - Anton Viljoen – Vestas
  - Shari McConachy – Community Member
  - Brendan Keating – Community Member
  - Bianca Skeelen – Community Member
- Declaration of pecuniary or other interests
  - Peter and Brenda Rumler are Landowners
- Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting
  - Moved: Kim Stanley
  - Seconded: Nathan Micallef
  - All in favour: Yes
- Business arising from previous minutes — response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested
  - Follow up from June Meeting:
    - Terms of Reference – Added a section for Observers, Fixed wording as found and requested, Draft sent to CEC members and approved.
    - Solar Power Program – Eligibility for application to the program is open to all residents and local volunteer community groups including Wind Farm Neighbours.
    - Now sending weekly updates to Councils and CEC members.

- Correspondence
  - N/A
- Guest Speaker – Lindsay Stow, Regional Manager, SalvoConnect
  - Homelessness and Housing Pressures in the South West
    - Gave a presentation on the current state of Homelessness and Housing Pressures in the South West
    - One of the main points is that there is a lack of Emergency Housing due to all the temporary accommodation being taken up by the construction workers staying in the area, most of them have taken the cheapest form of accommodation which is what they use for emergency accommodation
- Project Update – Vestas – No-one represented, report provided by Nathan Micallef
  - Concrete Pours begun on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, hoping to complete 2-3 per week
  - 3 Foundations have had concrete poured
  - Turbine Components arrive in Australia next week
  - 14 foundations have been started and are at various stages from Excavating to concrete poured
    - Nathan Lin - TransGrid Update
      - TransGrid is building the Substation, Transmission Line and the off-site Switching Station,
      - Civil works have started and are progressing on the Substation Site
      - Final approvals are currently being worked on for the Transmission Line and the off-site Switching Station
- Community Update – GPG – Nathan Micallef
  - GPG with Midland Irrigation have supplied Wallinduc CFA with a new Transfer Pump
  - Website is progressing well with Hstudios in Ballarat, nearing completion
  - 3D Visualization for Google Earth drafts have been received and being reviewed
  - All data has been collected for Solar Power Program and is being sent out for quoting shortly
  - Have been meeting with a number of local groups in the past couple of weeks to provide updates and talk about our Community Benefits Scheme
- Council Update – Golden Plains and Corangamite Shire Councils
  - Golden Plains: Helena Charles
    - All agreements with GPG for funding have now been signed
    - First project that will be funded is the Teesdale Turtle Bend Park Project
    - Community Grants will begin once the Wind Farm is Operational
  - Corangamite: Garry Moorfield
    - All agreements with GPG are now signed
    - Project Execution Plans for a Number of Projects have been signed
    - Invoices for the first payments will be sent shortly for the funding to commence
- DELWP Update
  - Working with Grampians region, with local councils and helping the communities with benefits scheme
- Issues and comments identified by the community or local government representatives
  - Moira Tuner has been contacted regarding the following issues:
    - Berrybank Town Hall Grounds are still in need of repair after it has been used as the site office

- GPG responded: The Grounds of the Hall will be rehabbed; we are consulting with our contractors to have these works completed
  - The intersection of Hamilton Hwy and Berrybank-Wallinduc Road is in very poor condition and the road has broken up creating a pothole
    - GPG responded: We have been in contact with the Council and VicRoads to have this intersection repaired
  - There is a concern that the community has been left out from attending the Sod Turning Ceremony/Opening Ceremony
    - GPG Responded: The Sod Turning Ceremony was only attended by a small number of persons due to it being an event for the Stakeholders and Parliament, The Opening Ceremony will be open to the Public
- General business
  - GPG has been asked to provide the details on schedule and procedure for reporting on the condition of the roads around the Wind Farm
- Next meeting
  - Propose Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October