

DID YOU KNOW?

✔ **MORE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES ARE COMING**

Berrybank Wind Farm are currently working on several initiatives behind the scenes regarding community grants, scholarships, and community rebates. The planning and implementation of these programs will take some time, we are all working hard to bring these to the community and will begin to roll out these initiatives soon... As they say WATCH THIS SPACE!!

COMMUNITY UPDATE

✔ **COMMUNITY SOLAR POWER PROGRAM**

Applications are now closed for the community solar power program. We were pleasantly surprised with the amount of applications and have now been set the task to go through and process them all. We are hoping to sort through most of them within the next few weeks. Then we can move onto the next step of the process. We will keep you updated with our progress as it happens. It will be a lengthy process as there is a lot to be done behind the scenes getting it all together. But it should all be in place by the end of the year.

✔ **NEW ADDITIONS**

We welcome to our team two new employees. We would like to introduce Sandy and Natalie. Sandy is a local lady from Lismore who has a retail background and is undertaking a Community Engagement Traineeship. Sandy will be working closely with our Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Nathan Micallef and will be an added friendly face around the community. Natalie is a Geelong local who has a construction background and is undertaking a Workplace Health and Safety Traineeship. Natalie will be working closely with our on-site WHS specialist Daniel Cullen, developing her skills in the construction and renewables industries. Both ladies will be an asset to the team and will bring unique perspectives to our work environment. Hopefully, you will see their friendly faces around the community after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

✔ **PROGRESS UPDATE**

During the current COVID-19 Pandemic construction has been moving along at a steady pace. The majority of all the civil works are practically complete with only maintenance to the paved areas and improvements to the drainage systems are currently been undertaken. Most of the components have now arrived on site which will see a decrease of OD trucks coming to the site and a decrease of traffic around the site. The turbine installation is continuing with the completion of eight turbines now installed. These turbines are now receiving their mechanical and electrical installations preparing them for electrical generation. Over the past week we have seen the delivery and construction of a second main crane to the site which will assist with the construction of the wind turbines. Works at the onsite and offsite substations are now nearing completion, with works now ramping up on the new transmission line. We have seen the installation of sixteen of the poles and preliminary stringing works have been started. The tree felling near the route for the transmission line will begin shortly.

❏ ENVIROMENTAL UPDATE

As a part of the Endorsed Environmental Plan BBWF must conduct a six-monthly pest-animal survey on site. Earlier this month we conducted our latest survey. During this survey which was conducted over a six-hour twilight/night period, across the entire site, footprints of only one fox and a handful of hares were spotted. During an earlier survey over twelve months ago our ecologists found a hollow habitat tree which is home to an Eastern Barn Owl. This tree had been saved from being felled and over the last two pest animal surveys at night, our ecologists have checked and can confirm that the owl is still present and thriving.

❏ COVID-19 HELPLINE

If you or someone you know are feeling vulnerable from being in isolation due to Covid-19, the following can help: Coronavirus Hotline number on **1800 675 398** - they have supply partners who can deliver toiletries including toothpaste, deodorant and soap along with animal food, and basic ingredients such as sugar, long life milk, pasta, cereal and canned veggies. There is also a Woolworths phone line devoted to people who are also highly vulnerable Phone: **1800 000 610**. Calling this line can also gain access to fresh food and other essentials during this challenging time.



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