

## Community Engagement Committee

### May 2020 Minutes

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- **Date, Location and Time:**
  - 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Video Call at 10am
- **Attendees:**
  - Mayor Owen Sharkey - Chairperson/Golden Plains Shire Council
  - Shannon Fielder – Golden Plains Shire Council
  - Helena Charles - Golden Plains Shire Council
  - Lesley Brown - Chairperson/Corangamite Shire Council
  - Garry Moorfield - Corangamite Shire Council
  - Nathan Micallef – GPG
  - Sandy Halloran – GPG
  - Nathan Lin – TransGrid
  - Melissa Kilkelly – GPG
- **Apologies:**
  - Kim Stanley – DELWP
  - Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
  - Brendan Keating - Community Member
  - Moira Turner- Community Member
  - Shari McConachy- Community Member
- **Declaration of pecuniary or other interests**
  - N/A
- **Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**
  - Moved: Lesley Brown
  - Seconded: Garry Moorfield
  - All in favour: Yes
- **Business arising from previous minutes - response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested**
  - N/A
- **Correspondence**
  - N/A
- **Project Update - Vestas**
  - **Civil Works**
    - Minor rectification and maintenance works are being done on site at present

- **Electrical Works**
  - MV Cable Reticulation Complete
  - Substation – Busy with final electrical works
  - OM Building and Warehouse – Busy with final works
- **Pre-Installation**
  - 38 Base and Mid Towers Installed
  - 34 Base Towers Grouting Completed
- **Main Installation**
  - 8 WTG Complete (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> currently being installed)
- **Delivery of Components**
  - Only 66 components still to be delivered from Keppel Prince in Portland (Total Components was 430)
- **Pre-Commissioning**
  - Works have started
- **Commissioning**
  - Will be done as soon as grid connection is established
- **Project Update - TransGrid**
  - **Substation**
    - Control building and cabling installed
    - Drainage installation in final stages
    - Preparation for commissioning testing
    - Fencing is complete
  - **Switching Station**
    - HV equipment installed
    - Control building installed
    - Cable installation in progress
    - Fencing works has begun
    - Both Substation and Switching Station will be ready by mid-July.
  - **Transmission Line**
    - 16 out of 24 poles installed
    - Still awaiting Native Vegetation Permit from DELWP to continue with foundations and installation of remaining poles.
- **Community Update - GPG - Nathan Micallef**
  - **Solar Power Program**
    - **Corangamite**
      - OEA has completed the site inspections of, Darlington Hall, Derrinallum Hall, Bradvale Hall and Lismore Community Centre, they are finalizing the quotes for these systems which will be provided shortly.
    - **Golden Plains**
      - We are awaiting site inspections to be completed before final quote is submitted for the nominated buildings.
    - **Community**
      - We have received 60 Expressions of Interest to be a potential recipient of the Community Solar Program. GPG has compiled these EOI's and the breakup of these are:
        - Corangamite Shire: 30
        - Golden Plains: 29 (1 from Ballarat)
        - Low Income: 9

- Middle Income: 20
- High Income: 15
- Incomplete Applications: 16
- Up-to 25km from WF: 50

Out of these 60 Expression of Interests there are 29 that meet the eligibility criteria being Low to Middle Income, being within 25km of the wind farm, to participate in the Community Solar Program.

- **CEC Recommendations**

- Produce email to each applicant individually with a response to their EOI application, need to include full disclosure on funding available and how the applications will be waited for criteria.

- **Berrybank Hall Upgrade**

- Works are nearing completion on the works at the Berrybank Hall, our builder has completed the installation of the new ceiling, has removed the old wood heater, and is rebuilding the Blackboard and lower cabinets. Our electrician will be installing new lights and a new split system air conditioner/heater.

- **New Additions**

- GPG has hired 2 new trainees, Sandy is completing a Community Engagement Traineeship and Natalie is completing a Workplace Health and Safety Traineeship.

- Council Update – Golden Plains and Corangamite Shire Councils

- **Golden Plains**

- **Teesdale Turtle Bend**

- The Teesdale Turtle Bend upgrade is progressing well with the completion of new public toilets, installation of a new basketball and netball half-court, repairs to the rock wall centerpiece and a new culvert and driveway crossing for Pantics Road. Further works will see improved fencing, upgrading of power for vendors at events, installation of outdoor play and walking areas and seating, widening of the pedestrian bridge and upgrading of the car park, there has been a couple of hold ups

- **Economic Development, Tourism, and Investment Strategy**

- This project was due to commence in March but due to COVID-19 has been delayed to September.

- **Three Trails Project**

- Golden Plains Shire were able to use the Berrybank Wind Farm contribution for the Three Trails Project to successfully leverage \$500,000 in funding from the Victorian Government (Regional Development Victoria). This brings the total value of the project to \$750,000 (\$500,000 from Victorian Government, \$180,000 from Berrybank, \$57,000 from Council and \$13,000 from the former Ballarat-Skipton Rail Trail Committee)! This is a wonderful outcome and will enable us to undertake significant works to upgrade and improve the trails.

- **Corangamite**

- Corangamite Shire passed on their congratulations to Helena and Golden Plains Shire on securing the additional grants for the Three Trails Project.
- Progress has been bumpy, but we have been able to have 9 out of the 15 projects progress.
- **Darlington Mechanics Institute Hall Re-roofing Project**

- Plumber has been contracted to replace the roof, was due to start in May but has now been pushed back to a November Start.
  - **Terang Lake Project**
    - Earthworks is going really well; many people have come forward and volunteered their time and goods which has saved a lot of money in that project.
  - **Lismore Creek Project**
    - Contractor has removed the Desert Ash trees, awaiting a quote to repair the wooden walking bridge.
  - **Lismore Public Art Project**
    - Water tower is now complete, Launch party has been postponed due to COVID19.
  - **Skipton Recreation Reserve Change Rooms**
    - Planning is underway, balance of the funding is expected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.
  - **Energy Efficiency – Phase 1**
    - This project has been largely completed, except for the final ‘training’ stage, which cannot go ahead due to the restrictions imposed in response to coronavirus pandemic.
  - **Bradvale Hall Upgrade & Glenormiston Hall Upgrade**
    - Both in planning stage, looking to begin in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
  - **Camperdown Botanic Gardens**
    - Landscape plan nearly complete should be done by the end of the year.
  - **Northern Towns Tourism Project**
    - Project had progressed well, but has been deferred due to COVID19, Hope to begin marketing by end of July.
  - **Energy Efficiency – Phase 2**
    - Postponed until final report is available for Phase 1.
  - **Camperdown Theatre Upgrade**
    - The first stage of this project (supply of 250 new chairs) is complete
- **DELWP Update**
  - N/A
- **Issues and comments identified by the community or local government representatives**
  - N/A
- **General Business**
  - **Community Grants**
    - Councils are to appoint committee for grants program,
    - Council to call for expression of interest for members to join committee
    - Once a committee is established they will work towards putting guidelines together
- **Next meeting**
  - August 7<sup>th</sup> at Wallinduc CFA Hall at 10am.