

## Community Engagement Committee

### August 2020 Agenda/Minutes

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- Date, Location and Time:
  - 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Video Link at 10am
- Attendees:
  - Mayor Owen Sharkey - Chairperson/Golden Plains Shire Council
  - Shannon Fielder – Golden Plains Shire Council
  - Helena Charles - Golden Plains Shire Council
  - Anton Viljoen – Vestas
  - Garry Moorfield - Corangamite Shire Council
  - Nathan Micallef – GPG
  - Nathan Lin – TransGrid
  - Kim Stanley – DELWP
  - Shari McConachy - Community Member
- Apologies:
  - Janene Trickey - DELWP
  - Brendan Keating - Community Member
  - Moira Turner - Community Member
  - Lesley Brown - Chairperson/Corangamite Shire Council
  - Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
- Declaration of pecuniary or other interests
  - N/A
- Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting
  - Moved: Garry Moorfield
  - Seconded: Owen Sharkey
  - 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
    - All Complete

- Electrical Works
  - All Complete
- Main Installation
  - 31 out of 43 Turbines installed
- Delivery of Components
  - All Complete
- Pre-Commissioning
  - 11 Turbines have been pre-commissioned
- Commissioning
  - Awaiting energisation from the grid to begin the commissioning of Turbines
- Project Update – TransGrid
  - All approvals for licencing or operate each site have been received
  - Substation
    - Commissioning Testing being completed, Drainage and minor Civil works being completed
  - Switching Station
    - Ready for energisation next week, Drainage and minor Civil works being completed
  - Transmission Line
    - Native Vegetation permit has been received, will now be able to complete the final footings and installation of the remaining poles, works will begin next week with the removal of the trees along the transmission line route
- Community Update - GPG - Nathan Micallef
  - Community Solar Program
    - We have had a few delays to the program, mostly out of our control. OEA is currently working on the final designs of the Solar Systems for the Council Owned Community Facilities once these designs have been completed and contracts signed by both GPG and Council installation works will commence
  - Refurbishment of Berrybank Hall
    - Works have now been completed and the hall has had a dramatic face lift and is now a usable community space
  - Berrybank 1 Wind Farm Website
    - In July 2019, the announcement was made that Global Power Generation had awarded the design and delivery of the new website for the Berrybank 1 Wind Farm project to the local Ballarat marketing and media specialists, Hstudios. Hstudios has put in a huge effort leading up to the launch day and we are all excited to interact with the website that was officially launched on Friday 3rd July 2020. There is a wealth of information on the new site including community news, project newsletters, media releases, and all the publicly available supporting documentation for the project. We look forward to keeping you updated with all the new and relevant information as the wind farm develops and transitions into the operation phase.  
Please visit our new Berrybank 1 Wind Farm website at: [www.berrybankwindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au](http://www.berrybankwindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au)
- Council Update – Golden Plains and Corangamite Shire Councils
  - Golden Plains
    - Teesdale Turtle Bend Project: Works are complete on the Toilets, Basket/Netball Half Court and Rock Wall. Fencing works are being completed at the moment. Outdoor play and with seating items currently under fabrication, Detailed design drawings for

- the widening of the pedestrian bridge underway and will be out to tender soon, Carpark and sealing of access road to be completed at the end of project
      - Three Trails Project: As mentioned at last meeting, Council has been able to secure a total funding for the project of \$750,000 which includes \$180,000 from Berrybank 1 Wind Farm, the agreements have all been signed and the project has kicked off with construction works to begin after winter
      - Economic Development Project: This project has been delayed by 6 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic
      - Streetscapes Project: Project is due to begin in April 2021
    - Corangamite:
      - Browns Water Holes Project: Works have been completed on the Drainage Channel, Desert Ash Tree Removal and the Hand Rail replacement on the Foot Bridge, works are still to be completed on replacing 2 stumps on the bridge and weed matting and plants to be installed along the drainage channel
      - Energy Efficiency Phase 2 Project: Project has been designed but has been delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic
      - Camperdown Landscape Planting Plan: Plan has been completed and final report has been submitted
- DELWP Update
  - Kim advised that this will unfortunately be her last meeting with the Berrybank 1 Wind Farm CEC as she will be moving to a new role within DELWP
  - Kim would like to thank all the members of the CEC for the work that they have put in over the past year
  - Kim would also like to thank the Corangamite and Golden Plains Shires and the community for the innovation and involvement in the project
  - Kim's replacement within DELWP will be Janene Trickey
- Issues and comments identified by the community or local government representatives
  - GPG received an email from Moira with a note about the condition of the roads
- General business
  - Community grants programs
    - Garry Moorfield and Shannon Fielder reported:
      - Research is being sort from other grants schemes to see how they are run
      - How will we integrate with existing grants
      - Timing of running the grants program to achieve bigger projects
      - Still have lots of work to complete
  - On behalf of GPG and the CEC we would like to thank Kim for all her hard work and support during the past year or so and would like to wish her all the best with her new role
- Next meeting
  - October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 (Location to be determined)