

Community Engagement Committee

February 2021 Agenda/Minutes

1. Date, Location and Time:

- February 5th, Berrybank Hall, and Microsoft Teams at 10am

2. Attendees:

- Helena Charles - Golden Plains Shire Council – Senior Economic Development Officer
- Helena Kirby – Golden Plains Shire Council – Mayor
- Jennie Schoof – Golden Plains Shire Council – Community Partnerships Officer
- Garry Moorfield - Corangamite Shire Council – Community Development Officer
- Nathan Micallef – GPG – Community & Stakeholder Engagement
- Anton Viljoen – Vestas – Site Manager
- John Kampen – TransGrid – Project Manager
- Janene Trickey – DELWP – Engagement Program Manager
- Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
- Brendan Keating - Community Member

3. Apologies:

- Shari McConachy - Community Member
- Moira Turner - Community Member
- Nicholas Cole – Corangamite Shire Council – Councillor

4. Declaration of pecuniary or other interests:

- N/A

5. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

- Moved: Helena Kirby
- Seconded: Brenda Rumler
- All in favour: Yes

6. Business arising from previous minutes - response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested:

- N/A

7. Correspondence:

- GPG received notice from Helena Charles that she will be leaving the Committee due to be expecting her first child at the end of February. We would like to thank Helena for all her hard work and support that she has provided to the GPG and Berrybank Team and Community and wish Helena and her partner all the best with the future and with parenthood.
- Applications for CEC for BB2 were sent out and we received 3 new applications from community members.

8. Project Update – Vestas:

- Berrybank 1 – Finished most final works, commissioned 40 of the 43 Turbines, Awaiting Grid Connection to Start Hot Point Testing prior to Generation.
- Berrybank 2 – Mobilization of Civil has begun, Geotechnical Inspections Complete, Survey works ongoing, Electrical Contractor to start at end of February.
- Community Rep requested what was next step in the commissioning of the wind farm, Vestas explained the next step is 60MW (15 Turbine) exception, then 120MW (30 Turbine) testing with AMEO then full turn on of all turbines.

9. Project Update – TransGrid:

- Welcome to John Kampen who has joined the Berrybank Team for the construction of the Stage-2 Transmission Line.
 - GPG on behalf the committee would also like to welcome John and looks forward to working together into the future.
- In process of final design, construction expected to start on Substation at end of March with components arriving in August or September.

10. Community Update - GPG:

- **Community Solar Program**
 - The Community Solar Program is progressing and is on track for completion by the end of Q1 of 2021. Corangamite Shire Buildings are ready for installation and the Golden Plains Shire Buildings have had the engineering reports have been completed and contracts are being prepared. The residential stage of the Solar Program has progressed with 13 eligible households to receive systems, 6 of these households have already signed contracts and preparations are being made for installation of systems. GPG is looking at if there is a possibility of expansion of the program, this will depend on budget remaining after all current council and residential systems are complete.
- **Local Market**
 - GPG will be having a site at the Derrinallum Market on Sunday 21st Feb, we will be providing information about our current projects, upcoming projects, the company and about wind farm technology. If any members are available and would like to join us at the market stall, please feel welcome to come.

11. Council Update – Golden Plains and Corangamite Shire Councils:

- Golden Plains
 - Welcome to Jennie Schoof who is replacing Shannon Fielder at Golden Plains Shire and will be working on the Berrybank Stage 1 Community Grants Program as a part of her role as Community Partnerships Officer.
 - GPG on behalf the committee would also like to welcome Jennie and looks forward to working together into the future.
 - Teesdale Turtle Bend Project: Contractor appointed to construct the pedestrian bridge, with works to commence on site on February. Three Trails Project: Audit of the Ballarat-Skipton Rail Trail completed with outcomes to follow. Auditing of the Kuruc a Ruc Trail and Rainbow Bird Trail has been scheduled. Working with local community groups to develop signage around townships. Golden Plains Economic Development, Tourism, and Investment Strategy: Project planning and request for quote process currently underway. Streetscapes Project: Brief for request for quote for concept plans currently being developed.
- Corangamite
 - 8 out of 15 projects are now complete. Lismore Swimming pool wet deck was completed in December 2020 and the Darlington Hall roof replacement was

completed in February 2021. We expect a further 4 projects will be complete by end of Quarter 2 of 2021.

12. DELWP Update:

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13. Issues and comments identified by the community or local government representatives:

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14. General business:

- Need to review the Terms of Reference and update
- All new members will need to sign and return a Code of Conduct Form
- Setting up Berrybank Stage-2 Community Engagement Committee, propose first meeting to be held on Friday 9th April 2021
- Review Applications Received for BB2 CEC, BB1 Committee to provide recommendations on applications (GPG recommends all applicants to join BB2 committee)
 - Moira Turner, Brendan Keating, and Brenda & Peter Rumler – Current Stage 1 Members
 - Kevin Molesworth – Derrinallum Resident and President of Derrinallum Progress Association
 - Robyn Alexander – Berrybank Resident and President of Cressy & District History Group
 - Morgan Rumler – Wallinduc Resident and involved in local school council
 - Jane and Malcolm Cooper – Berrybank Residents
- Motion to accept Applications for BB2 CEC put forward by Nathan Micallef, Moved: Helena Charles, Seconded: Garry Moorfield. Helena Kirby, Peter, and Brenda Rumler provided Declaration of pecuniary interest as they are related to Morgan Rumler. All others in attendance voted in favor of applications for BB2 CEC, GPG to send confirmation email to all new members of acceptance to Berrybank Stage-2 Community Engagement Committee.
- Community Grants Program – Discussion points from Corangamite and Golden Plains Shire
 - Grants Programs will begin to receive funding from Berrybank Development 12 months from start of connection to the grid
 - Corangamite will call for applications for Grants in the 1st half of 2022 with grants to be awarded from July 1st, 2022.
 - Golden Plains still to announce commencement of Grant Program
 - Corangamite and Golden Plains to set up advisory committees to set up grants criteria's and assess applications and make recommendations to the council, GPG will have a representative on both committees that will provide recommendations from the CEC's.
 - Corangamite and Golden Plains will begin to establish committees closer to the end of 2021.

15. Next meeting:

- Friday 9th April 2021, 10am at Berrybank School Hall.