

Community Engagement Committee

September 2022 Minutes

1. Date, Location and Time:

- Monday September 5th, Wallinduc CFA Hall at 10am

2. Attendees:

- Garry Moorfield – Corangamite Shire Council – Community Development Officer
- Gavin Gamble – Golden Plains Shire Council – Mayor
- Nicholas Cole – Corangamite Shire Council – Councillor
- Derek – Golden Plains – Coordinator Economic Development
- Peter Firns – Vestas
- Philip Beattie – GPG (Chair)
- Nathan Dumais – GPG Operations
- Daniel Marczinski
- Robyn Alexander – Community member
- Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
- Malcolm Cooper– Community Member
- Jane Cooper
- Max Kerr – Community Member
- Ben Keating

3. Apologies:

- Georgina Watson - RMIT
- Kate Henderson – RMIT

4. Chair of Meeting

- Philip Beattie

5. Declaration of pecuniary or other interests:

- N/A

6. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

- **Moved:** Peter Rumler
- **Seconded:** Garry Moorefield
- **In favour:** All

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

The lights in question at the substation have been turned off which may only be a temporary fix whilst a more permanent solution can be put in place. Phil has spoken to Philip Hocking (resident) who is pleased there has been some action.

The crossings on Padgetts Lane will be fixed by RJE when other asphaltting works are done according to Peter Firms (Vestas)

8. Correspondence:

- N/A

9. GPG update:

Nathan Dumais gave verbal operations report
Phil supplied written report....attached

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

Corangamite Shire: Garry Moorefield gave a verbal report explaining the Corangamite Grants process and that the money has been distributed to all the successful applicants.

Golden Plains Shire: Peter Ridsdale gave a verbal report mentioning that Grant applications for BBWF community grants opened on 1/9/22 and will close at the end of the month. There are online and in person sessions for groups to gain help with the grant application process.

11. General business:

- Max Kerr brought up the difficulty in getting any funding for a playground at the Wallinduc CFA. Peter Ridsdale suggested the the BBWF community grants might be a suitable funding source. Peter will confer with Max re scope and budget of the project.
- Ben Keating asked about BB2 met mast location and reason for it. Nathan Dumais (GPG) provided a detailed explanation of the Met mast and its uses.
- Robyn Alexander asked if we need more community members on the CEC.

12. Meeting closed – 1035

13. Next meeting:

- Monday 7th November 2022 – Berrybank Hall – 10am

BB1....GPG UPDATE – CEC Meeting September 5 2022

1. Berrybank 1 - Operations Update

BB1 has completed all safety checks and maintenance and 74 % of the Transformer inspections have been completed. The pinning of gearboxes was required as an upgrade for 18 turbines which has also been completed. Heaters were connected in all of the substation cabinets.

Availability is at 98.91% which is still at top of the range compared to all other windfarms in Victoria.

2. Community Engagement - Berrybank 1

Local Communities Benefit as the Corangamite Shire Berrybank 1 Windfarm Community Grants are announced

Six community projects will gain momentum with the announcement of \$87,102 in grants as part of the newly launched Berrybank Wind Farm Grants program.

A Berrybank Leverage Grant of \$30,000 will give the Darlington Mechanics Institute Hall Committee of Management help to restump the Darlington Hall. Another Leverage Grant, of \$15,000, will help the Cressy and District History Group move forward with its Water Tower Public Art Project.

A third Leverage Grant of \$16,187, was approved for the Lismore Men's Shed for construction of ramps, handrails and shelter.

A Berrybank Project Grant of \$8,600 was approved for the Skipton Memorial Pool Committee's proposed installation of a basketball half-court. The Lismore Land Protection Group will receive \$9,860 for improving ecological connectivity through revegetation. The Lismore Recreation Reserve Committee secured \$7,485 for restoration of the Thomas Seymour memorial gates.

Golden Plains Berrybank 1 Windfarm Community Grants

The inaugural Golden Plains Shire Berrybank 1 Windfarm Community Grants Program, will open on Thursday 1 September with grants available for projects over \$10,000. Delivered in partnership with Berrybank Development Pty Ltd, the Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants Program provides funding opportunities to support local events and projects in Golden Plains.

- Applicants will be eligible to apply for grant funding in two categories:
Economic Development and Tourism projects and events
- Community projects and events over \$10,000, with one off and recurring funding available .

3. Neighbour Deeds

GPG continues to offer Neighbour Deeds. This program provides a voluntary neighbour benefit deed to neighbours within 2km of the wind farm. The purpose of the deed is to recognise that those living closest to the wind farm may be impacted by the activities at the site during the construction and operation periods and to offer a benefit that can be used to offset these impacts.

