

Community Engagement Committee

November 2022 Minutes

1. Date, Location and Time:

- Monday November 7th, Berrybank 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 Scott – Golden Plains – Coordinator
- Peter Firns – Vestas
- Haridian Fuentes Cabrera (GPG)
- Philip Beattie – GPG (Chair)
- Nathan Dumais – GPG Operations
- Daniel Marczynski – GPG Construction
- Robyn Alexander – Community member
- Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
- Malcolm and Jane Cooper – Community Members
- Max Kerr – Community Member
- Ben Keating – Community Member

3. Apologies:

- Peter Ridsdale – Golden Plains Shire

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:

8. Correspondence:

- N/A

9. GPG update:

BB1 Nathan Dumais – BB1 Site Operations Supervisor

- BB1: has completed all 3-month maintenance and yearly maintenance, has been keeping up with upgrades on the yaw claw disk brake for nearly all turbines.
- Availability achieving above 99%.
- 1 weed spray has been completed in the last couple months across all BB1, another planned to start this week.
- Cameras were installed at WTG: 2,3,4,5,14,18,19,24 for scavenger monitoring as per DWELP requirements performed by Nature Advisory.
- All Noise monitoring equipment was removed from all properties last week.
- Fire equipment inspections were all successful.

BB2 Daniel Marczynski – BB2 Construction Site Manager

- First part of the Reliability Test already finished
- Second part of the Reliability Test to be performed in XXXX
- Daniel explained what a reliability test is and its relevance to the project

Phil Beattie - Community & Stakeholder Engagement Update

- Discussion invited for the better implementation of the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Program by RMIT
- Neighbour deeds are still available as part of CEBSP
- Community Grants Programs – Berrybank 2 WF
- Funding to be provided for the re-opening of the Smythesdale Clinic

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:

Derek Scott Golden Plains Shire, Council Planning and grants Officer

Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants

- The inaugural Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants program was open for applications in September, with assessments in October and announcement at the council meeting on 22 November
- A committee of six assessors have been appointed with two from the Community (Karen O’Keefe from Rokewood and Stuart McCallum from Bannockburn) through an Expression of Interest process, one from Berrybank Development (Phil Beattie) and three from Golden Plains Shire Council (Peter Ridsdale, Derek Scott and Renee Williams)
- Funding of \$60,000 in total was offered across two streams of Economic Development and Community Events with the availability of single or multi-year funding
- Minimum funding for the Community Events stream is \$10,000 whereas the Business stream has no minimum amount.
- Guidelines were provided with community engagement through the application process and SmartyGrants used as for application submissions

- Assessment criteria included Project Scope (20%), Community need (40%), Ability to deliver (35%), and proximity to Berrybank (5%)

11. General business:

- Workshop
- Town newsletter/ Newspaper
- Road condition, cable crossing Padgetts Lane

12. Meeting closed – 1035

13. Next meeting:

- Monday 6th February – 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.