

Community Engagement Committee

February 2023 Minutes

1. Date, Location and Time:

- Monday February 6th, Berrybank Hall at 10am

2. Attendees:

- Garry Moorfield – Corangamite Shire Council – Community Development Officer
- Nicholas Cole – Corangamite Shire Council – Councillor
- Derek Scott – Golden Plains Shire Council Senior Economic Development Officer
- Haridian Fuentes Cabrera - GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager
- Philip Beattie – GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer (Chair)
- Luke Hatherell – GPG Site Operations Manager
- Robyn Alexander – Community member
- Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
- Malcolm and Jane Cooper– Community Members

3. Apologies:

- Max Kerr

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:** Derek Scott
- **Seconded:** Malcolm Cooper
- **In favour:** All

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

- N/A

8. Correspondence:

- N/A

9. GPG update:

BB1WF Operations and Maintenance Update: Luke Hatherell – BB1 & BB2 WF Site Operations Manager

Operations update BB1:

- Currently the service team are completing the 2 yearly service of the BB1 towers, Luke explained the complexities of the two yearly service
- Availability continues to be above 99%
- Noise monitoring has started again with units being deployed around the wind farm. This is a 6 week data collection process per unit
- Nature Advisory have just finished another round of crop, fauna inspections as per the planning permit.

BB2WF Construction and Commissioning Update: BB1 & BB2 WFs Site Operations Manager Luke Hatherell

- 12 of the 26 turbines have completed their five day reliability test
- Turbine 62 has been dismantled and is in the process of being rebuilt, Luke talked on why and how the turbine needed attention.
- The new anchor cage has been installed and the concrete pour will be on February 11.
- There will be nearly 70 concrete trucks arriving from both Geelong and Colac

Community & Stakeholder Engagement Update: Phil Beattie – BB1 & BB2 WFs Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer

- Berrybank Innovation & Entrepreneurship local workshop is still in planning. Christmas got in the way
- GPG will begin a review of the eligible properties for neighbour deeds and start a new round of offers
- The Corangamite Shire 2023 Berrybank Windfarm Community Grants program will most likely launch before our next CEC meeting
- The Landscape Screening program is still in the pipeline but not implemented because of an administrative hold up.

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

Corangamite Shire Council Update: Garry Moorfield – Council Community Development Officer

- 15 community projects managed by the Council have been funded by BB1WF, 2 of them pending to be completed yet.
- Verbal report explaining the Corangamite Grants process and that the money has been distributed to all the successful applicants. 6 successful applicants. Another round in April 2023.

Golden Plains Shire Update: Derek Scott - Council Planning and Grants Officer

- Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants: Funding was awarded to deliver four projects, across two categories:
 - ✓ Economic Development, Tourism Projects and Events
 - ✓ Community Projects and Events over \$10,000, with one off and recurring funding available.

The successful groups were announced to the community at the November Council meeting, with the Berrybank Wind Farm Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer Phil Beattie sharing an overview of each project.

The initial funding pool was \$60,000, increasing to \$120,000 annually once the Wind farm is fully operational. There will be a minimum of one round of application opportunities each year and funding will be made available over the next 15 years in cooperation with Berrybank Development Pty Ltd.

Cressy and District History Group

In the Economic Development and Tourism Projects and Events category a grant of \$10,000 was awarded to the Cressy and District History Group to deliver a mural on the Cressy Water Tower.

Geelong Landcare Network

Also in the Economic Development and Tourism Projects and Events category the Geelong Landcare Network was also awarded a grant of \$1,540 to purchase a public address speaker box for use at public events.

Golden Plains Arts Inc

In the Community Projects and Events category, Golden Plains Arts Inc were awarded \$26,772 in grant funding to deliver the GP Arts Inc. Arts Trail. The funding will be phased with \$15,402 to be delivered in the first year and \$5,685 in the second year and again in the third year.

Teesdale Community Event Group

Finally in the Community Projects and Events category, The Teesdale Community Event Group were awarded a total of \$13,200 to deliver the annual Teesdale Twilight Market and Carols. This funding will also be phased with \$5,500 to be delivered in year one and \$3,850 in the second and third year.

Community Members: Questions/input from community members

- Question on when the current noise test will continue. GPG explained the second round of measurement will start in a few weeks.
- GPG provided information that the cable crossing on Padgett's Lane has been asphalted.
- Comment on the need to fix the roads. GPG explained not all roads are under its responsibility and that is in conversation with its main contractor (Vestas) to repair the section of Wallinduc Rd that it is under GPG's contractor scope.

11. General business:

- Possibility of a relationship through RMIT with the Meredith Sharing shed, this would be a major step forward for the Entrepreneurship and Innovation program.
- Discussion around the possibilities of GPG providing funding for refurbishing the BB Hall and/or the Church at Wallinduc. More information is needed to establish ownership and the willingness of all parties to be involved. Peter Ridsdale to provide the name of a suitable building assessor. There is a current quote to re-block the Wallinduc church \$20 - \$25K. Golden Plains Council could be persuaded to be involved if a community group took a long term interest in managing the Wallinduc building.
- Garry Moorfield will investigate the ownership of the BB Hall. Robyn could put us in contact with a local history group to try and find some historical photos.

12. Meeting closed – 11:00am

13. Next meeting:

- Monday 3rd April Wallinduc CFA – 10am