

Community Engagement Committee

December 2023 Minutes

Date, Location and Time:

- Monday December 4th, Lismore Golf Club at 11:30am

Attendees:

- Garry Moorfield – Corangamite Shire Council – Community Development Officer
- Nicholas Cole – Corangamite Shire Council – Councillor
- Ben Middleton – Golden Plains – Senior Economic Development Officer
- Peter Ridsdale - Coordinator Economic Development
- Philip Beattie – GPG
- Haridian Fuentes Cabrera - GPG Community & Stakeholder Engagement Manager
- Luke Hatherell – GPG Berrybank Site Manager
- Benn Remington – GPG Berrybank Community Engagement Officer
- Robyn Alexander – Community member
- Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
- Malcolm and Jane Cooper– Community Members
- Ben Keating – Community Member
- Max Kerr- Community Member

Apologies:

- Avon Buchholz – Community Member

Chair of Meeting

- Benn Remington – GPG Community & Stakeholder Engagement

Declaration of pecuniary or other interests:

- N/A

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

- **Moved:** Ben Middleton
- **Seconded:** Jane Cooper
- **In favour:** All

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

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Correspondence:

- N/A

GPG update:

BERRYBANK 1 UPDATE

- Availability is above 98%
- Annual safety checks remaining to be completed in 2023
- Anchor points
- Internal ladder
- Internal lift
- Internal crane hoist
- Rescue kits
- Fire extinguishers

BERRYBANK 2 UPDATE

- First annual service currently underway – 19 of 26 completed
- Annual WTG transformer service – 19 of 26 completed
- External blade inspection (via drone)
- Internal blade inspection
- YTD availability remains above 98%
- Luke Explained How the Internal Blade Inspections are done

Landscape Screening Program

- 7 Properties have been assessed in round 1
- GPG have received the designs but are yet to review
- Once reviewed GPG will be approaching property owners to see if they would like to see if they would like to take the once off payment or undertake the tree planting.
- Round 2 site visits to hopefully happen before Christmas, but due to the time of but due to the time of year Luke is skeptical that this will happen.
- Luke explained how the LSP will work and that the first sites are being contacted

GPG Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing Update

- Noorat Scout Group – New Zealand Jamboree trip, GPG are picking up a shortfall in funds to send two leaders to New Zealand with 7 Scouts to attend the Jamboree.
- Wallinduc Community Group – Ride on mower to funded early 2024
- Skipton P/S- Netball court resurfacing
- Lismore CFA – Light vehicle acquisition, Lismore CFA must provide 1/3 the cost of the light vehicle to be eligible for CFA and state funding for the rest, they have asked if GPG could assist.
- Lismore Recreation Reserve – Netballers change rooms, Luke explained how GPG attended the Rec Reserve meeting and all of the clubs involved with the reserve, they all voted on purchasing a new change room facility for the netballers.
- Leighdale Equestrian Centre – GPG have been approached to pick up a shortfall in grant funding awarded to the centre in Covid times, and due to price rises have fallen short on the funds need to install the arena surface substrate.

CFA Site Familiarisation

- 14 volunteer CFA members attended from surrounding groups. Luke and Benn Provided BBQ tea on arrival while Luke spoke to the group and outlined the dangers of a fire incident at the Substation. Followed by a presentation where each member received a map of the windfarm and further talks were held around contacting ESTA to update the emergency services maps to contain all windfarm related structures and track etc.
- Afterwards all in attendance were escorted through site to better understand the surroundings.

Corangamite Shire Council Update

Berrybank Wind Farm Grants | Round 2

The four successful Round 2 project applicants have all accepted the BWF Grant conditions and have received payments directly into their nominated bank accounts.

- **Derrinallum Recreation Reserve Committee of Management**
Netball court upgrade \$20,000
 - **Derrinallum Bowling Club**
Painting of Bowls Clubrooms \$12,000
 - **Noorat A & P Society**
Enclose and clad the Homecrafts Annex \$10,000
 - **Lismore Land Protection Group**
Restoring connectivity and on-farm biodiversity \$9,995
- Completed-**

Berrybank Wind Farm Grants | Round 1 (2022)

There are two projects still to be completed of the six projects funded through Round 1.

Cressy Water Tower Public Art

The project is expected to start on the 15th of January.

Robyn explain Tim Botell is the artist who is going to do the works, and he is currently upgrading his insurance as this will be a much higher height than he has worked on in the past.

Barwon water are working on the safety aspect and possibly providing a “spotter” to keep things safe at the site, Barwon water do not work weekends so there may be the possibility of a community member needing to be the spotter at weekend so Tim can continue working.

Robyn explained the painting should take around 3 weeks to complete and will include 4 different murals being – 2 different aircraft to represent the Cressy RAAF base, a steam train because of the strong rail history of the area, and the last being a rural scene with the creek and a gum tree.

Community Benefit Deed

Twelve of the 15 projects supported through the Community Benefit Deed have now been completed, with 2 more close to being finalised.

Darlington Hall

Restumping will take place in early 2024, according to the most recent advice of the contractor engaged for this project. Plumber is on site now conducting the drainage works. Should be finished this week.

Glenormiston South Hall upgrade

All works complete except for laying gravel in the carpark area. Gravel will be laid in the last week of January 2024. With any Funds left over they will try to do some upgrades to the front foyer.

Bradvale Hall upgrade

Project completed with plumber certification of septic system supplied.

Derrinallum Change Rooms

Project is now progressing in stages. Corangamite Works staff have been engaged to undertake the construction work in stages.

Larger local projects

Community members are being supported to develop some larger high-impact local projects for which Berrybank Wind Farm funding support will/ may be sought. These include:

Derrinallum Skate Park at the Derrinallum Rec Reserve

Design specification and cost estimates completed by CONVIC, supported by local donations and a Corangamite Shire Enabling Grant. Also on GPG's radar for possible funding.

Browns Water Holes footbridge replacement

Structural engineer has indicated that the Shire should have the designs for the footbridge by the end of next week.

Berrybank School renovation

GPG/ BBWF has obtained a building assessment report as part of preparations for scoping assessment.

Voluntary Agreement Part 2

Voluntary Agreement for BBWF 2 to be negotiated and adopted with a view to increasing the available BBWF Grant funding pool for Round 3 in 2024.

Berrybank School / Wallinduc Church

- Luke and Benn explained that after receiving very confusing building condition reports, they will be working with both groups to come up with a scope of works to then get quotes for the required works.
- Max – The dioecy of Ballarat are happy to give up the Wallinduc Church but to whom is the question. Peter raised that it has been proposed before that if there was a maintenance plan in place that GPG were agreeing to fund the dioecy would gift it to council.

Wallinduc Signage

- Max explained the stone signage has not progressed due to the stone mason being very frustrating to deal with.
- The nature signage has made good progress, now the hold up is the fact there are two Aboriginal groups claiming Wallinduc.

Golden Plains Shire Update

- Peter reported that Golden Plains have missed out on the Federal funding to add to their Northern Streetscape Project. Tenders for detailed designs have been sent out to keep the project moving forward.

Issues and comments identified by the community or local government.

General business/feedback from the community

Benn raised changing the CEC meetings to Quarterly rather than bi-monthly,
All were in favour.

Meeting Closed - 10:45am

Next Meeting:

- Monday 4th March 2024, Wallinduc CFA Hall 10.00am

