

Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 6 May 2024

Meeting time and location 6.30pm at the Port Fairy Senior Citizens Centre

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Present

Cr Jordan Lockett (Chair)

Jacinta Coffey, Community Representative

Brian Riordan, Community Representative

Camino Cabanillas, GPG Project Manager, Ryan Corner Wind Farm

Debra Dumesny, GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Haridian Cabrera, GPG Community Stakeholder Engagement and Local Economic Development (Guest)

James McKenzie, Teacher, Engineering Composites, Federation TAFE Ballarat (Guest, via Teams link)

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

John Donohue, Community Representative

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 19 June 2023 meeting

Moved by Jacinta Coffey, seconded by Cr Lockett that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 4 December 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

6. Business arising from the previous Minutes

Who	Item/Action
GPG	Provide information on whether the turbine blades contain Bisphenol A and whether it breaks down over time.

James McKenzie, Teacher, Engineering Composites, Federation TAFE Ballarat provided the following information about Bisphenol A:

- There are 2 types of blades - Epoxy (Polyepoxyide) and Polyester, which are both types of polymer. Epoxy blades contain more Bisphenol A.
- When it is used properly to make a resin, it becomes a new product – a compound, and the risks are very much reduced.
- 70% of Bisphenol A is in plastic drink containers, take away containers etc.

- Turbine blades erode slowly, and small amounts of Bisphenol A particles will be released as a result.
- Epoxy based resins are very fire resistant.
- There haven't been enough peer-reviewed studies done to ascertain if Bisphenol A particles released can affect beef cattle meat, waterways etc.
- Bisphenol released as dust whilst blades are being repaired and eroded is dispersed widely.

✓ Community benefit fund

- ✓ An invitation to apply to join the **Ryan Corner Community Benefit Fund Committee** will be sent to residents within 10km of the wind farm
- ✓ The criteria for membership to the committee will be the same as Hawkesdale

Refer to Attachments 1 and 2 for examples.

- GPG will commence this process during the second half of 2024.
- The 10km scope for invitations will not include the Port Fairy township.
- GPG will aim for a cross section of age, gender, background, community involvement etc when reviewing applications for the fund committee.

7. Correspondence Incoming

Dates received	Item/s	Attachment Number
December, January, February, March, April	GPG RCWF construction updates	
19 February, 2 March, 29 April	GPG RCWF newsletters	

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

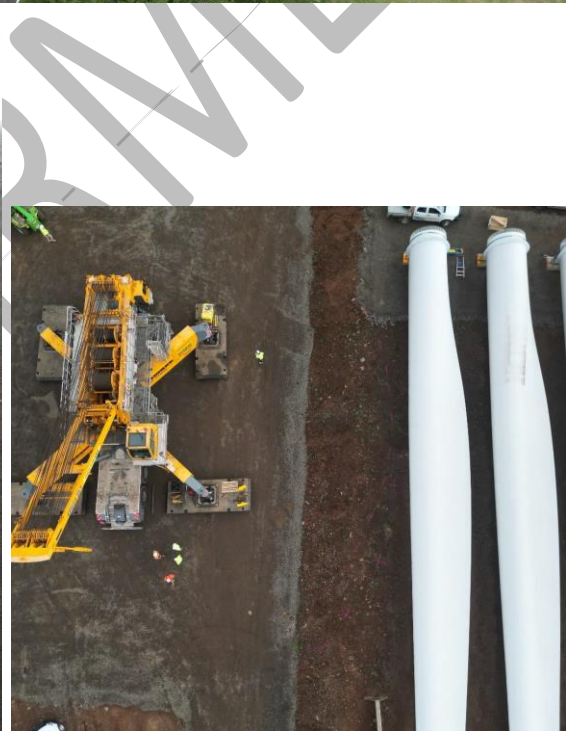
9. Reports:

9.1 GPG Project Update

- ✓ 48 turbines have been fully erected
- ✓ Civil contractors are demobilising from site, some of the buildings are being removed
- ✓ Maintenance of the access tracks and hard stands continues
- ✓ Rehabilitation of all hard stands
- ✓ Batch plant has been restored
- ✓ Trenching for the underground cabling is completed
- ✓ Permanent gates and fencing is agreed and progressing

- One foundation needed to be replaced, which has been completed.
- All turbines should be erected within the next 2 weeks.
- The transmission line will be re-energised next week.
- AEMO has granted temporary approval for the testing of 5MW at a time – turbine by turbine. This will start next week.
- The next AEMO approval will allow sequential hold-point testing to commence for each of the 8 collector groups of turbines.
- Brian asked about the lighting at the onsite substation. GPG noted that the lights will be switched off if staff are not there.







Victoria police visited the site and presented at prestart on the importance of road safety connected with large construction sites.



3. Grid Connection

- **Tarrone Terminal Station**
 - ✓ Works are completed and contractors have demobilised
- **Transmission line**
 - ✓ Energisation took place in December
- **Ryan Corner collector sub station**
 - ✓ 132kV yard is completed
 - ✓ Installation of the StatCom is completed
 - ✓ 33kV yard
 - Operations and Maintenance building being fitted out
 - Warehouse completed
 - Switch room completed



Benefit Sharing

- ✓ Neighbour Benefit Program:
 - Contacting neighbours who are eligible for neighbour deeds is continuing, 10 have signed and received their payment.
- ✓ Community Grants Program:
 - \$2,500 per turbine per year = \$130,000 annually
 - A committee to be formed and guidelines to be formulated
 - Geographic area to be defined for eligible applications
 - Types of projects that may be considered for community grants:
 - ✓ Individual group/club applications
 - ✓ Support of an all communities facility
 - ✓ Long term community projects are eligible
- ✓ \$1500 Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Complaints Management

- ✓ 1 complaint was received since the last meeting.
 - A RCWF signed vehicle was reported driving erratically late on a Saturday evening.
- ✓ GPG are providing periodic reports to Moyne Shire Council about the complaints received. Reports to 31st December 2023 and 31st March 2024 have been provided.
- ✓ All complaints are closed.

9.2 Community Representatives:

Jacinta asked when noise monitoring will commence. GPG responded that it will commence as soon as testing of the first turbine starts.

Council requested that clear information be included in upcoming project communications regarding noise monitoring. The information should explain what the Permit requires in terms of the timing of noise compliance monitoring and clarify if and how the results of the monitoring done during testing (before the wind farm becomes fully operational) will be used for noise reporting as required by the Permit.

Brian asked about state revenue taxes on turbines. GPG will follow up and provide information at the next meeting.

9.3 Council:

Nothing further.

10. General business

Next meeting – Monday 15 July 2024, 6.30pm at the Senior Citizens Centre, Port Fairy

Confirmed this / /

Chair

Minutes are to be registered in Moynes Shire's electronic document management system by the committee reporting officer immediately following the Minutes' confirmation and signing



Minutes

Attachment 1

<Project Company>
ABN: xx xxx xxx xxx
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Canberra ACT 2601



NOMINATION FORM

<Project Name> COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND COMMITTEE

Name:

Address:

Email:

Mobile:

Telephone:

Distance you
live from
<Project>
(please tick)

☐ <5km

☐ 6km–10km

☐ 11km–15km

☐ 16km–20km

☐ >20km

Age (please
tick)

☐ <20

☐ 20–39

☐ 40–59

☐ 60–79

☐ >80

Connection to the local community

Please describe your connections to the community surrounding the <Project Name>.

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Website: <Project web site>

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5 Relevant experience

Please outline any experience you have had which you can draw upon in your work on the committee in regard to the formulation of selection criteria, evaluation of grant applications and making recommendations for the selection of the projects to be awarded.

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6 Attributes/skills you will bring to the committee.

Please list any other attributes or skills which underscore your suitability to serve on the <Project Name> Community Benefit Fund Committee.

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7 Other

Please list any other information you would like to provide in support of your nomination to membership of the Committee (eg names of community referees who support your nomination, projects you have been involved in).

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Signature:

Date:

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<Project> Community Benefit Fund Committee (XCBF)

Global Power Generation Australia has developed a Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing Plan for the <Project Name> to engage and empower the local community to realise positive social outcomes associated with the <Project name>.

The <Project name> Community Benefit Fund (XCBF) is one program contained in the plan. The XCBF will be implemented through individual grant programs:

1. <Project Name> District Grant Program: \$\$\$\$\$\$, annually based on \$2,500 per turbine during the operation of the wind farm. These funds become available after the first 12 months of operation to the broader <Project Name> district community.

Charter/purpose

To provide funds to benefit the community surrounding the <Project name>. The funds will be used for projects and initiatives that assist the community to grow and prosper. Priority will be given to those that provide a benefit to the broader community.

Committee

We are currently asking for expressions of interest to be a member of the committee that will be managing both programs. An outline of the proposed committee is below.

Duties

- Assist in the development of the grant eligibility guidelines.
- Support the grant decision process.
- Review and analyse grant applications.
- Contribute to the grant application decisions.

Members

2 x GPGA representatives – Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager and Officer.

6 x community members

1 x Moyne shire council representative – non voting (advice only)

There are six selection criteria for membership to the <XCBF> committee that will be considered when assessing the membership applications.

- Distance residing from the <Project name>.
- Age – GPGA encourages residents from age 16 onwards to also apply to ensure a wide representation of the community.
- Must not be a member of the existing <Project Name> Community Engagement Committee. GPGA would like to broaden the members of the community participating in the committees related to the wind farm.
- Connection to the local community.
- Relevant experience.
- Attributes/skills you will bring to the committee.

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How can we share the Community Benefit Fund?

Community Development:

- Community facilities and infrastructure.
- Community enterprise and local employment.
- Health and wellbeing.
- Cultural and arts events.
- Sport and recreation.

Environmental:

- Solar panel and solar hot water programs.
- Energy efficiency programs.
- Native wildlife and vegetation protection programs.

Education:

- Equipment purchases.
- Facility upgrades.
- Scholarships.
- Education programs.
- School trips and excursions.

Notes:

- Unless otherwise decided by the Committee (when formed), the initial term of appointment will be for a period of three (3) years. This would be flexible when considering the age of the members.
- The Committee may meet both face-to-face (ideally) and online. It is estimated that members may need to contribute up to 20 hours of their time over the course of a year.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM. WE WOULD LIKE MEMBERS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH A VARIETY OF INTERESTS, AGES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

For more information please contact:

<Community Engagement Officer Name>

Community Engagement Officer <Project name>

<Project email address> <Project phone number>

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