



Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 19 June 2023
Meeting time and location 7.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club

1. Present

Cr Damian Gleeson (Acting Chair)
Jacinta Coffey, Community Representative
John Donohue, 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)

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

2. Apologies

Brian Riordan, Community Representative
Cr Jordan Lockett

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 20 March 2023 meeting

Moved by Jacinta Coffey, seconded by John Donohue that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 20 March 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. Business arising from the previous Minutes

Nil.

6. Correspondence Incoming

Dates received	Item/s	Attachment Number
30 March, 19 April, 27 April, 10 May, 23 May	GPG RCWF construction updates	
6 April, 9 May	GPG RCWF March and April newsletters	
12 April	Letter of resignation from Ruth Magnusson	
31 May	Notice of resignation from Clinton Krause	

7. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

8. Reports:

8.1 GPG Project Update

1. Project Update

GPG

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- ✓ Vestas team has mobilised to site
- ✓ Excavation has commenced on 46 turbine foundations. 40 foundation pours have been completed
 - Batch 1
 - All foundations poured and back filled
 - Access tracks are being finished in preparation for the component deliveries
 - Batch 2
 - 1 Foundation left to be poured
 - Batch 3
 - 6 foundations poured and backfilled
- ✓ RJE trenching for internal cables have 3 crews excavating and installing cables at Batch 1 (90% progress)



Summary of discussion:

- Around 200 personnel are currently on site each day.
- Issues with the quality of quarry material and inclement weather have affected progress.
- Handover to Vestas should occur within a month.
- When the time comes to test the turbines, it will be done in groups or 'circuits'. GPG predicts this may start in September.





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Work Hours

- Civil construction earthworks have now commenced to construct the access tracks and hardstands. Generally, the civil contractor will be working:
 - ✓ Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm
 - ✓ Saturday 7am to 4pm (regular)
 - ✓ Sunday 7am to 1pm (occasional as required)
- Saturday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) and Sunday works will be restricted to “managed impact” and “low impact” works as defined by the EPA guidelines.
- The purpose of weekend work is to reduce the overall construction duration, and subsequently the duration of impact on the local community.

- John raised that construction noise disturbs him on weekends. GPG responded that rock crushing at the southernmost turbine locations should now be finished.

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2. Grid Connection

- Tarrone Terminal Station
 - ✓ 500kV yard - Foundations completed and structures being assembled
 - ✓ The 420MVA transformer delivery has been completed.
 - ✓ 132kV secondary equipment installation in progress (Scada and protection testing)
- Transmission line
 - ✓ Poles are being delivered to all locations and 43 are erected
 - ✓ Stringing by a drone has commenced from the northern end of the transmission line (8%)
- Ryan Corner collector sub station
 - ✓ The 2 x120MVA transformers have been delivered to site – both were manufactured by Wilsons in Melbourne
 - ✓ Control building installed. O&M building delivery
 - ✓ 33kV yard. Foundations boxed out for O&M building

- 46 of the 76 transmission line poles have been erected.
- 20% of the cables have been strung.

- Testing has commenced at the Tarrone Terminal Station.
- GPG is hoping to receive the final grid connection agreement with AEMO in late December.





- John does not want to see any change to the water flow from participating properties onto his property as a result of the wind farm construction. GPG will liaise with John to arrange a site visit and provide a map of the culvert and drain locations.
- There is a food van operated by a local business owner operating on the site.
- The project newsletter contains details about how the public can contact Debra to list an accommodation property.
- There are people from the local area working on the project.

3. Community Engagement

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Community Information

- ✓ March, April and May newsletters available
- ✓ Construction updates are published weekly on the Ryan Corner web site
- ✓ Quarterly update published in the Warrnambool Standard

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Benefit Sharing

- ✓ Neighbour Benefit Program:
 - Contacting neighbours who are eligible for neighbour deeds is continuing, 9 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:
 - ✓ Long term community plan – contribution over more than one year
 - ✓ Individual group/club applications
 - ✓ Support of an all communities facility

Complaints Management

- ✓ GPG are providing periodic reports to Moyne Shire Council about the complaints received. Reports to March 31 2023 have been provided.
- ✓ 1 complaint remains open:
 - Damage to property: Acknowledged and investigated immediately. Repairs are in progress. There are delays due to restrictions of access to the property.

- Camino explained the 'hold-point testing' that is undertaken during commissioning of a wind farm. It was agreed to revisit this topic as construction progresses, as a clear definition of what constitutes 'commencement of operation' is important in relation to the community grants program, and for operational monitoring activities.
- GPG has recently been granted an extension to the construction completion date by the Minister for Planning, to August 2024.

8.2 Community Members:

Nothing further to raise.

8.3 Council:

- Council will send a letter of thanks to Clinton Krause. The Committee requested that Council advertise the three vacant Community Representative positions.
- The CEC Code of Conduct was discussed. Jacinta and John did not feel comfortable about being asked to sign it. Cr Gleeson explained that the Code will help to ensure that meetings of all of Council's CECs are held in a respectful manner. It isn't compulsory that current members sign it, but after the memberships are spilled in late 2024, all new incoming community and company representatives will have to sign the Code of Conduct.
GPG commented that it gains a lot of value from the discussions in CEC meetings and the feedback from Community Representatives has influenced, for example, some of the decisions it has made about communications and traffic management processes.
- All community and company CEC representatives recently received an invitation to comment on Council's proposed Wind Farm Community Investment Program. The comment period is now closed, and Council will consider the Program at an upcoming Council meeting.

9. General business

- Having an earlier starting time for meetings was discussed. Vicki will liaise with Cr Lockett regarding this.

Next meeting – Monday 31 July 2023, (starting time TBC) at the Port Fairy Yacht Club

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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