

Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 23 January 2023
Meeting time and location 5.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Lockett acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and paid respect to their Elders past and present.

2. Present

Cr Jordan Lockett

John Donohue, Community Representative

Brian Riordan, Community Representative

Clinton Krause, Community Representative

Ruth Magnusson (via Zoom)

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, via Zoom)

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

Kristi Else, Community Representative

Jacinta Coffey, Community Representative

Cr Karen Foster

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 17 October 2022 meeting

Moved by Debra Dumesny, seconded by John Donohue that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 17 October 2022 be accepted.

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the previous Minutes

5.1 GPG confirmed that the water tanks will remain on site after construction.

5.2 Community representatives to provide feedback to GPG about the geographical scope of the Community Grants Program:

Jacinta has suggested the Fund scope should be within 10km of the site.

- 5.3 Council emailed the CEC a list of the websites of other wind farms in Moyne, which contain details on each company’s existing or proposed community funding programs.
GPG’s funding programs will be discussed further at the next CEC meeting.
- 5.4 Would GPG consider landscape screening inside the site around the perimeter fence lines of host properties in addition to offsite screening?:
GPG responded that this would require participating landholder consent.

7. Correspondence Incoming

Date received	Item	Attachment Number
October to January	From GPG - RCWF weekly construction updates	
10 October	From GPG – RCWF and HWF newsletters	
16 January	Message of resignation from Kristi Else	
22 January	From Jacinta Coffey suggesting the scope of the Community Fund should be 10km from the wind farm site	


8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports:

9.1 GPG Project Update

1. Project Update



- ✓ Modifications to **landowner farm fencing** and **stock water** continues
- ✓ The spine road is completed from east to west keeping the majority of daily traffic movements within the site
- ✓ Wash down bays are installed for use between landowner properties
- ✓ **Excavation of nearly half of the turbine foundations have commenced. 4 foundations have been poured**
- ✓ The **batch plant** is in operation supplying the on-site concrete requirements
- ✓ All the **components** have arrived and are being **stored at Portland**
- ✓ **Cleaning and preservation** of components in Portland ongoing
- ✓ Final seal for **Youls Road** scheduled for **January 24**, weather permitting

- Usage of the onsite vehicle wash down bays is logged to ensure contractors are abiding by the endorsed environmental management plan.
- There is approximately one concrete foundation poured per day (weather permitting).

- There are currently 36 excavators on the site.





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.

2. Grid Connection



- Tarrone Terminal Station
 - ✓ Pole laydown area finished
 - ✓ 500kV yard - Foundations completed and structures being assembled
 - ✓ 132kV yard - New electrical fence under progress
- Transmission line
 - ✓ Construction works for the transmission line are progressing, including access track construction, fencing and site clearing.
 - ✓ 40% access tracks to poles completed
- Ryan Corner collector sub station.
 - ✓ Excavation works on the bench

- ✓ Access roads
- ✓ Spencer Road – the Ryan Corner wind farm construction agreed not to use Spencer Road. The approved traffic management plan for the transmission line has agreed to allow some use to access poles.

9 MATERIAL DELIVERY ROUTES

9.1 Restricted Access

The following Light & Heavy vehicles restricted access will be in place for nominated movements

- Gapes Rd – only access from Hamilton-Port Fairy Rd to entrance gates to R44 & R46. No construction vehicle access east of the access gates.
- Faulkner Road – No access to Faulkner Road will be permitted throughout construction.



Figure 6 – Gapes Rd Access

- Transport of the transformer to the Tarrone terminal station is scheduled for late March.
- Council will provide the CEC with an extract from the Transmission Line TMP explaining the approved transport routes for the line.

Complaints

- ✓ 5 complaints received since the last meeting. One complaint remains open.
 - 5 – Traffic:
 - 4 related to vehicles using roads not approved under the Traffic Management Plan.
 - 1 was a truck with an uncovered load.
 - 4 of the traffic complaints were directly related to the connection assets
 - 4 of these complaints were directed to us anonymously
 - 1 – Other: Damage to property. Acknowledged and investigated immediately. Repairs are scheduled to commence in February


- John noted he had used GPG's official complaints process for project vehicles spotted travelling on Fingerboard Rd, and that he was satisfied with the way his complaints were addressed.

Community Engagement



- ✓ November newsletter available.
- ✓ 80km/hr and Caution Cyclist signs have been installed on the Port Fairy Hamilton Road.
- ✓ 3 CFA familiarisation visits have been conducted and attended by senior members of the CFA and local brigade members.
- ✓ Construction updates are published weekly on the Ryan Corner web site.
- ✓ Contacting neighbours who are eligible for neighbour deeds is continuing, 8 have signed and received their payment.
- ✓ GPG are providing periodic reports to Moyne Shire Council about the complaints received. Reports to December 31 2022 have been provided.
- ✓ The first annual report has been provided to DELWP
- ✓ Donation to Yambuk CFA for equipment.

Benefit Sharing



- ✓ Community Grants Program - \$2,500 per turbine per year = \$130,000 annually
 - A committee to be formed
 - Guidelines to be formulated
 - Define geographic area 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

- GPG confirmed that there is/will be separate funding pools for the community fund, the neighbour agreement deeds and the proposed education fund.
- Cr Lockett asked of GPG would consider increasing the community benefits fund amount. GPG's response was that its program is generous, and asked Council if it could provide information to compare with other wind farms in Moyne.

9.2 Community Members:

Nothing further to raise.

9.3 Council:

9.3.1 In accordance with the CEC Charter, Cr Lockett will be Chairperson for the next 12 months.

10. General business

10.1 Moved by John Donohue, seconded by Debra Dumesny that Council write a letter of thanks to Kristi Else for her valued contribution to the CEC.

CARRIED

10.2 It was agreed that the next two meetings will start at 7.30pm, reverting back to 5.30pm from the June meeting onwards.

Next meeting – Monday 20 March 2023, 7.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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