

Minutes

Meeting date Monday 5 September 2022

Meeting time and location 5.30pm, Port Fairy Yacht Club

1. Welcome

2. Present

Cr Karen Foster
John Donohue, Community Representative
Jacinta Coffey, Community Representative
Brian Riordan, Community Representative
Ruth Magnusson, Community Representative (via Zoom)
Camino Cabanillas, GPG Project Manager, Ryan Corner Wind Farm
Debra Dumesny, GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Hawkesdale and Ryan Corner Wind Farms

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

Clinton Krause, Community Representative
Kristi Else, Community Representative
Cr Jordan Lockett

4. Declarations of Interest

Standing declaration: Cr Foster declared a perceived conflict of interest, that she was previously married to a participating landholder, but no longer has a connection to that family.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Not applicable – the previous meeting did not have a quorum.

6. Business arising from the previous meeting

- 6.1 Council to prepare a summary of wind farm community funds in Moyne.
Update: This is scheduled to be discussed at a Council workshop in September. In the meantime, Councils energy project web page <https://www.moyne.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Energy-Projects> contains links to each company's website, where details of their community fund programs can be found.

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5.2 GPG to provide information on whether there have been any faults with Vestas V136 blades.

Response: Vestas has confirmed in writing to GPG that there have been no recorded incidents with the V136-4.2 turbines.

7. Correspondence Incoming

Date received	Item	Attachment Number
26 July, 9, 16, 23 August	GPG weekly Ryan Corner Wind Farm updates	
29 July	From GPG re provision of information about emergency procedures for a turbine fire	
5 August	RCWF project newsletter from GPG	
5 September	RCWF project newsletter from GPG	


8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports:

9.1 Global Power Generation (GPG)

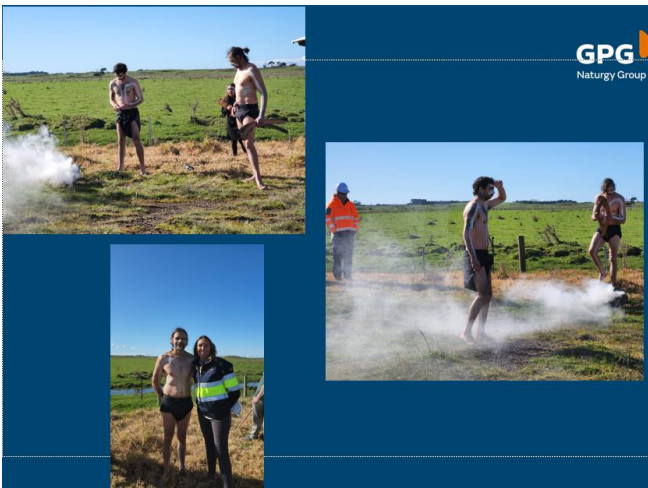
1. Project Update



- ✓ **Pre-construction weed control** has been completed.
- ✓ Modifications to **landowner farm fencing** and **stock water** has commenced
- ✓ Construction on the hardstands for the **site compound** at eastern entrance, Hamilton Port Fairy Road, has **commenced**
- ✓ **Construction of access tracks** has commenced

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- ✓ Works are completed on the **upgrade to Youls Road and Princes Highway**. A further road surface sheeting will be completed in November.
- ✓ The **Cultural Heritage Inductions** are being conducted as **contractors** come on site
- ✓ A **Smoking Ceremony** and **Welcome to Country** has been held at the wind farm site by **Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation**.
- ✓ All the **components** have arrived and are being **stored at Portland**.
- ✓ **Cleaning and preservation** of components in Portland ongoing.



Civil construction earthworks have now commenced on Ryan Corner Wind Farm 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

- Summary of further discussion:
- ‘Managed impact’ and ‘low impact’ mainly relates to where on the site the works are taking place. For example, works in the central part of the site would be deemed as lower impact to neighbouring properties than works around the perimeter of the site.

2. VESTAS



- ✓ The turbines to be installed at Ryan Corner are V136-4.2
- ✓ These are not the same model that has been installed at Walkaway (Alinta) or Dundonnell. Mortlake South are not a Vestas turbine.
- ✓ The Dundonnell (model V150 4.2) incident was investigated and managed. All other wind farms with V150 4.2 turbines were identified and investigated
- ✓ All incidents with wind turbines are shared globally to mitigate any further incidents
- ✓ Vestas has a scheduled and unscheduled maintenance program
- ✓ Wind turbine incidents can occur, they are very rare in comparison to the number of operating turbines around the world.

3. Fire Safety



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- ✓ The combustible component is the blades, the tip of a blade (V136 4.2) is approximately 45m from the ground
- ✓ The Ryan Corner wind farm is in grassland and not in a forested area, this reduces the height that flames would reach.
- ✓ The base of each turbine is surrounded by a fuel reduced area of 10 meters in diameter
- ✓ All turbines are able to detect smoke internally and externally
- ✓ Turbines do not fan a fire, that is dependant on terrain and weather conditions
- ✓ Turbines can be halted as soon as the operations team are instructed by the emergency services

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3. Fire Safety

Naturgy Group

- ✓ Ryan Corner Development Pty Ltd has a fire safety response plan that is available on the web site (BERP)
- ✓ Restricted tasks on bushfire danger days
- ✓ Smoking in designated areas only
- ✓ Fire fighting equipment on all vehicles and plant
- ✓ Water supply specifically for fire fighting, 2 x 50,000 L tanks plus water supply at the batch plant
- ✓ Internal tracks to be kept to the standard required by the BERP
- ✓ Information sessions provided to local brigades and emergency services
- ✓ Specific training provided for turbine fires prior to operation

Summary of further discussion:

- If a fire started on the site, the developer would call 000.
- There are 2 x 50,000 litre filled water tanks on the site, set aside for firefighting only.

GPG will send further information to the CEC regarding a range of further questions that were asked:

- What are the works limitations for days of extreme temperature?
- More detail about the fire fighting equipment on vehicles and plant, including the water cannons.

4. TRANSMISSION LINE

GPG
Naturgy Group

- ✓ **AusNet** and **CPP** have commenced works at **Tarrone Terminal Station** from 1 August 2022 following receipt of below for terminal station site:
 - ✓ **Planning permit** for use, works and removal of native vegetation
 - ✓ **Endorsed** secondary consents
 - ✓ **Vegetation** offsets **secured**
- ✓ Works have **commenced** with construction of **"laydown"** area for construction materials and site offices
- ✓ Works on the **Ryan Corner transmission line** and **collector substation** are expected to commence in **October**

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- ✓ Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation conducted a Welcome to Country and Smoking ceremony
- ✓ <https://www.ausnetservices.com.au/news/ausnet-and-cpp-connecting-ryan-corner-wind-farm-to-the-grid>



5. Community Engagement **GPG**
Naturgy Group

- ✓ **August newsletter** available
- ✓ A **conditional trial** of speed signs approaching the eastern entrance has been accepted by **DOT**.
- ✓ **80km/hr and Caution** Cyclist signs have been ordered and will be **installed** in the coming weeks on the **Port Fairy Hamilton road**
- ✓ Continuing **contact with emergency services** (CFA, SES, ambulance, police) – the first sessions have been completed
- ✓ **Construction updates** are published **weekly** on the **Ryan Corner** web site
- ✓ Contacting neighbours who are eligible for **neighbour deeds** is continuing
- ✓ GPG will be providing **periodic reports to the Council** about the **complaints received**

9.2 Community Members:

- 9.2.1 Jacinta asked of the identity of the independent road quality auditor.
Response: The RQA company is CSE Group.
- 9.2.2 Jacinta asked what biosecurity measures would be in place regarding a possible outbreak of foot and mouth disease on host properties.
GPG is preparing a detailed response on this, but biosecurity measures required by the permit are in place such as vehicle and boot wash-downs between properties which are documented in a log, and a staff site check-in procedure including details of whether a staff member has travelled overseas.
- 9.2.3 Kristy had submitted a question regarding the noticeable increase in the amount of trucks coming from the quarry onto the Hamilton-Port Fairy Road and that the road was deteriorating.

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It was noted that the quarry permit enables it to provide material offsite, not just for the wind farm construction. The Hamilton-Port Fairy Road is a Department of Transport (VicRoads) controlled road and complaints can be lodged via:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/traffic-and-road-use/report-a-road-issue>

9.2.4 Ruth noted that the 7am start time for onsite works would impact her and her business.

- 9.2.5 The Community Benefit Fund was discussed and GPG noted that:
- Any decisions to be made about future funding applications will be made by the fund committee which will need to be established by the time the wind farm becomes operational.
 - The structure of the committee, geographical scope for applications and other items are all open for discussion with GPG.
 - An update from GPG on this topic will be included as a standing item for future meeting agendas.

9.2.6 GPG offered to conduct a site tour of the Berrybank Wind Farm.

9.2.7 Cr Foster noted that at tomorrow's meeting Council will consider an updated position on new wind farms in Moyne. The position includes statements on matters including minimum setbacks from towns and benchmarking for community benefits. If supported, the new position will be used for Councils advocacy to the State Government regarding future wind farms in Moyne.

9.2.5 Brian asked whether GPG staff used electric vehicles. GPG responded that its workforce in Spain does, but not yet in Australia.

9.3 Council:

Nothing further.

10. General business

Nothing further.

Next meeting – Monday 31 October 2022, 5.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club

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Chair

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