

## Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 31 July 2023  
 Meeting time and location 6.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club

### 1. Welcome to 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)

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 Camino Cabanillas, seconded by Jacinta Coffey that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 19 June 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

### 6. Business arising from the previous Minutes

GPG will provide a package of information to John Donohue regarding drainage on the area of the site nearest to his property.

### 7. Correspondence Incoming

Dates received	Item/s	Attachment Number
6 July, 29&20 June	GPG RCWF construction updates	
14 July & 12 June	GPG RCWF June and May newsletters	
3 July	Email to the CEC from Clinton Krause	

### 8. Correspondence Outgoing

Letters of thanks to Ruth Magnusson and Clinton Krause.

## 9. Reports:

### 9.1 GPG Project Update

# 1. Project Update

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Naturgy Group

- ✓ Vestas has assumed the role of principal contractor as the civil work nears completion and the turbine erection commences
- ✓ Delivery of turbine components commenced. 3 sets of blades, 3 hubs, 3 sets of bottom and first tower sections. Assembly of main cranes
- ✓ 47 foundation pours have been completed
  - Batch 1
    - Handover to Vestas and turbine components arriving
  - Batch 2
    - Foundations backfilling. Finishing roads. Pavement left
  - Batch 3
    - Earthworks. 75% trafficable roads. 5 foundations left
- ✓ RJE. Trenching at rocky areas in Batch 2. Progress at RCCS. O&M building

#### Summary of discussion:

- The bottom 2 tower sections of each turbine will be erected first to make room on the hardstand for the remainder of each turbine's components to be laid down. These erections should commence this week, and all turbines should be erected within around 7 months.
- There is 3km of track left to complete in the northern section.
- The aim is to complete all civil works by November.
- 3 of the 4 met masts have been taken down. 2 new 112 metre met masts will be erected, and one of the old ones will be kept for the pre-construction data.
- Component deliveries are being successfully delivered around the Youls Road-Princes Highway intersection, although it is a tight squeeze.

Jacinta and Brian raised that there have been notifications for Powercor power outages, and it is assumed this is because the new transmission line needs to pass above existing lines in some locations. GPG was not aware of this and will follow up to find out more information.

Discussion was held about the effect of construction workers on the general lack of accommodation available locally, particularly for vulnerable people. GPG noted that the project has moved past the construction workforce peak, and once the civil works are completed the number should decrease further to around 60 people.







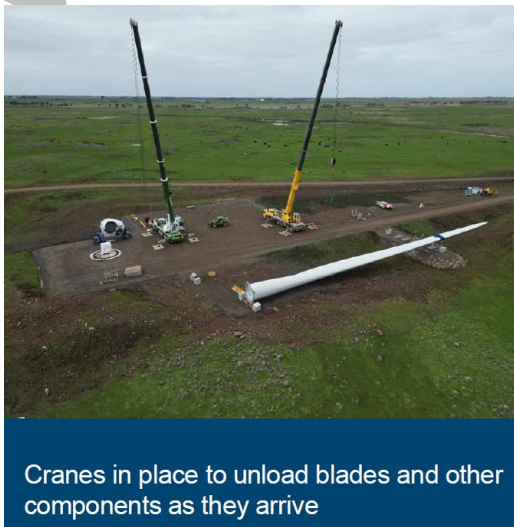
Crane hard stand being excavated and finished



Temporary met masts being removed and permanent ones under manufacturing



Tower units and other components being delivered in readiness for the first erection



Cranes in place to unload blades and other components as they arrive



Blade making its way through the site



Lime and cement stabilisation on access tracks and hardstands



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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.

## 2. Grid Connection



- Tarrone Terminal Station.
  - ✓ Precommissioning and testing.
  - ✓ Outage ready by 16-22 August.
  - ✓ Ready by the end of August.
- Transmission line
  - ✓ Poles are being delivered to all locations and 68 are erected
  - ✓ 75 foundations completed. One left
  - ✓ Stringing continues from both the northern and southern ends of the transmission line, 48% completed. Tensioning of the lines has commenced
- Ryan Corner collector sub station
  - ✓ Commissioning works in progress
  - ✓ Setting testing on the line panels





## 3. Community Engagement

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### Community Information

- ✓ June newsletter 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



## Benefit Sharing

INVESTMENT 2020-2023	AMOUNT \$
Website	10,379
Videos	25,635
Communications	42,683
Community open day	7,644
Donation	14,515
Neighbour deeds	167,461
Rent of local buildings	5,468
Christmas gifts	1,328
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>275,116</b>

**Not including host landowner payments or personnel cost**

## Complaints Management

- ✓ GPG are providing periodic reports to Moyne Shire Council about the complaints received. Reports to 30th June 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.

## 9.2 Community Members:

- Jacinta asked for further detail about who would be held responsible for decommissioning. GPG responded that the permit and the landholder contracts contain assurances that GP would be responsible for the removal of turbines at the end of the wind farm's life. Some of the contracts also include provision of a bond for this purpose. GPG will provide further details about decommissioning at the next meeting.

## 9.3 Council:

- An advertisement for the 3 community representative vacancies will appear in the Warrnambool Standard this coming Saturday and the following Saturday. Letters will also be sent out to all landholders within 5km of the site later this week. The nomination period will close on 25 August.
- Council has not yet revisited its proposed Wind Farm Community Investment Program.

## 10. General business

Nil.

**Next meeting – Monday 11 September 2023, 6.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club**

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Chair .....

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