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## Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 9 October 2023  
Meeting time and location 6.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club

### 1. Acknowledgement of Country

### 2. Present

Cr Jordan Lockett (Chair)  
Jacinta Coffey, Community Representative  
Brian Riordan, 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

### 3. Apologies

Nil.

### 4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes of 19 June 2023 meeting

Moved by Jacinta Coffey, seconded by John Donohue that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 31 July 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

## 6. Business arising from the previous Minutes

Who	Item/Action
GPG	<p>Follow up on the Powercor power outages in relation to construction of the transmission line.</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power outages               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ AusNet have prepared an outage pack for affected residents – currently being reviewed internally.</li> <li>✓ Powercor agreed to share the outage area with AusNet to send these packs in the mail in the coming weeks.</li> <li>✓ On future outages works to occur over the hours of 0900 – 1600.</li> <li>✓ Contractor committed to where possible finish earlier than 1600</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Future outages will be more targeted rather than a 'blanket' approach. 5 days' notice will be given.            AusNet and Powercor now have a better understanding of the impact of power outages on rural communities and will apply this knowledge to future projects.            The next outage is planned for 12 October.</p>
GPG	<p>Provide further information on decommissioning:</p> <div data-bbox="528 1218 1390 1585" style="background-color: #004a7c; color: white; padding: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">1. Questions on Notice</p> <p style="font-size: 12px; margin: 0;"><b>GPG</b> Naturgy Group</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 20px;">Decommissioning</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 20px;">The decommissioning condition in the permit is regarded by GPG as the minimum requirement. The permit and the host landholder agreements are clear that the cost of decommissioning must be covered by the proponent.</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 20px;">Council is the responsible authority for ensuring the permit holder complies with the permit.</p> </div> <p>GPG noted that there is an industry partnership undertaking a recycling trial in Spain.            Vestas is working towards all turbine components being able to be recycled in the future.            GPG will provide information on whether the blades contain toxic chemicals.</p>
Council	<p>Update on the community representative vacancies:  <b>Outcome: No nominations were received by the advertised closing date. The vacancies will remain open, and nominations can be received at any time going forward.</b></p>

	<b>The CEC discussed ways of encouraging community members to nominate. Council can assist community representatives to publicise the current vacancies in the local area.</b>
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## 7. Correspondence Incoming

Dates received	Item/s	Attachment Number
15 August	Email from GPG regarding power outages in relation to construction of the transmission line.	1
1, 16, 22 August 4, 15, 28 September	GPG RCWF construction updates	
14 August and 19 Sept	GPG RCWF July and August newsletters	

## 8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

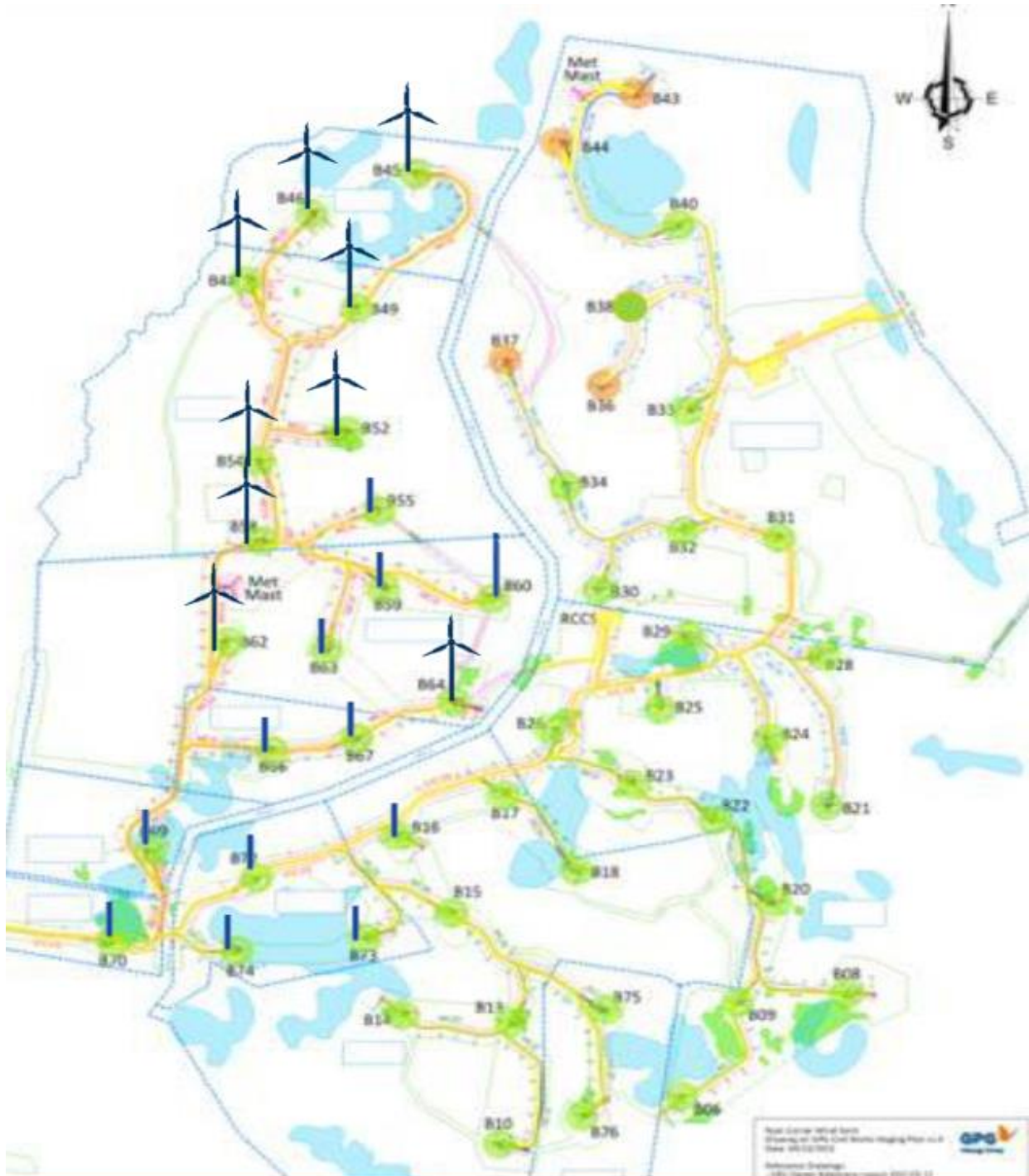
## 9. Reports:

### 9.1 GPG Project Update

## 2. Project Update



- ✓ Vestas has assumed the role of principal contractor as the civil work nears completion and the turbine erection has commenced
- ✓ Delivery of turbine components continues regularly, one third have been delivered
- ✓ All (52) foundation pours have been completed
  - Batch 1
    - Handover to Vestas and WTG being erected, 9 completed, 1 currently having the blades installed and 10 with the first 2 tower sections
  - Batch 2
    - Half has been handed over and will be completed by the end of the week
  - Batch 3
    - All foundations poured, 100% of the access tracks are trafficable
- ✓ RJE continue trenching across the site
- ✓ Connections to the RMU – Ring Main Unit



## 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.





## 3. Grid Connection



- Tarrone Terminal Station.
  - ✓ Energisation has been completed
- Transmission line
  - ✓ Foundations completed
  - ✓ 1 pole to be erected
  - ✓ Stringing continues from both the northern and southern ends of the transmission line, 86% completed. Tensioning of the lines has commenced
  - ✓ Access restoration progressing
- Ryan Corner collector sub station
  - ✓ 132kV yard is completed
  - ✓ 33kV yard
    - Operations and Maintenance building being fitted out
    - Warehouse under construction
    - Switch room delivered



## 4. Community Engagement

GPG  
Naturgy Group

### Community Information

- ✓ August newsletter available
- ✓ Construction updates are published weekly on the Ryan Corner web site
- ✓ Quarterly update published in the Warrnambool Standard 21/09/2023
- ✓ Collection for South West Food Share - 162kg of breakfast goodies to be distributed to local schools
- ✓ Presentation at Lighthouse Lounge followed by a bus tour around the perimeter of the wind farm

#### Summary of discussion:

- A complete turbine weighs around 450 tonnes.
- GPG is aiming for completion of the wind farm by March 2024. Completion requires a registration certificate from AEMO. Following that, hold-point testing will commence.
- Each turbine has a fire detection and suppression system. Further information will be included in the next project newsletter.
- Jacinta asked why GPG hadn't visited all neighbours within 4km of the site. GPG responded that an Offsite Landscaping Plan is being developed which is required by the Permit. The plan will need to be endorsed by the Minister for Planning. It is intended that offsite landscaping will be offered for dwellings within 4km of a turbine and GPG will engage with each eligible dwelling owner during the process.



## Complaints Management

- ✓ No complaints received since the last meeting
- ✓ GPG are providing **periodic reports to Moyne Shire Council** about the **complaints received**. Reports to 30th June 2023 have been provided.
- ✓ Annual complaints report submitted to DEECA
- ✓ **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.

## Benefit Sharing

Naturgy Group

- ✓ 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

## 9.2 Community Representatives:

- GPG explained the process used for the establishment of the Hawkesdale Township Community Fund committee.
- The Community Representatives asked GPG to set up the Ryan Corner Community Grants Program now, rather than waiting until the wind farm becomes operational. GPG will consider this request and provide a response to the CEC.

## 9.3 Council:

- Cr Lockett asked if GPG had considered his suggestion of providing a subsidy to local people for their power bills. Council will clarify whether this type of benefit is already being offered in Moyne.

## 10. General business

Nil.

**Next meeting – Monday 4 December 2023, 7.30pm at the Port Fairy Yacht Club**

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Chair .....

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# Minutes

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## Attachment 1

**From:** Debra Dumesny

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 12:42 PM

Hi CEC members,

GPG apologises for the disruptions to the power supply, we were not notified of the outages and were unaware that they were to take place.

We appreciate the input from the community, especially the CEC members.

This assists us to keep the community informed when the activities at the Ryan Corner wind farm and related connection assets have an impact on daily life.

As the stringing of the transmission line takes place outages will be experienced.

AusNet have scheduled these outages with Powercor and Powercor will in turn notify the householder of the outages.

GPG has requested (if possible) the following from AusNet:

1. Full schedule of outages
2. Request that the outages commence at 9am
3. Notification of resuming power be notified immediately to householders
4. The outages be more localised to the work area

The communications officer from AusNet will make contact to explain the process going forward.

Regards

Debra Dumesny

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