

DID YOU KNOW?

- GPG's funding program is the largest funding program for a Wind Farm in Victoria
- GPG has committed to provide significant funding during construction and operation of the Wind Farm
- Community funding is available within the Corangamite and Golden Plains Councils areas
- In August 2019 GPG funded the purchase of a new Water Transfer Pump to Wallinduc CFA
- GPG is working with Berrybank Hall Committee for upgrades to the Hall
- GPG and our contractors have hired several local community members to work on the project
- In October 2019 GPG along with RJE have donated materials to Camperdown & Lismore Men's Sheds

COMMUNITY UPDATE

GPG has made its final contribution payment to Golden Plains Shire Council for the Teesdale Turtle Bend Project. This project is now well under way. Golden Plains Shire Council has ordered the new public toilet block, following comprehensive community consultation regarding the design, which is currently being manufactured by Landmark. Soil testing is also currently being undertaken ahead of the installation of the toilet block. The construction of the rock wall will commence before the end of October and Golden Plains Shire Council hopes to have the design for the half basketball court completed by the end of November. Golden Plains Shire Council are expecting to have the Teesdale Turtle Bend Project completed by the end of June 2020.

GPG and Corangamite Shire Council have now completed and signed four of the Project Execution Plans as agreed according to the Community Benefit Deed. The Browns Waterholes Lismore Project will see repairs to the wooden foot bridge under the Hamilton Hwy and an improvement of the areas surrounding the Browns Waterholes. The Re-roofing of the Darlington Mechanics Institute Hall which will consist of the replacement of the corrugated iron roofing, guttering and downpipes. The Terang Lake Project which will see funding provided to complete the next stage of the Terang Lake public park wetlands project. The final Project Execution Plan to be signed was the Public Art Installations Project which will see the installation and completion of public arts projects for the Lismore and Skipton communities. Corangamite Shire Council is estimating that the Browns Waterholes, Darlington Hall, Terang Lake and Lismore Art Installations to be all completed by the end of March 2020, and for the Skipton Art Installation to be completed by end of March 2021.

The October meeting of the Community Engagement Committee has been held, with attendance from members from the local community, Golden Plains and Corangamite Shire Councils, DELWP, Vestas and GPG. At the meeting several topics were discussed that had been raised by the local community via the community representatives. The topics discussed were: Update to the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct, Local funding supplied by GPG to Golden Plains and Corangamite Shire Council's Solar Power Program and the condition of the local roads mainly Lismore-Scarsdale Road. GPG's response to these topics can be found in the meeting minutes which will be available on our website.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Our EPC Contractor, Vestas, together with Marand Precision Engineering, has fulfilled a significant milestone for its new wind turbine assembly facility in Geelong. The facility has commenced the assembly of Wind Turbine Generator Hubs and testing of the Drivetrains. Parts of these products are bound for the Berrybank Wind Farm. The facility is part of the Vestas Renewable Energy Hub, a multi-disciplinary industry development initiative designed to support the Victorian Renewable Energy Target and Victoria's New Energy Technologies strategy, located at the former Ford manufacturing site in Geelong.

In addition to the wind turbine assembly facility, the Hub also includes four other initiatives:

1. Establishing the Western Victorian Service Support Centre to service the growing Vestas turbine fleet in Western Victoria;
2. Entering into a multi-year partnership with Federation University's Ballarat Renewable Training Centre to deliver training and employment opportunities for wind turbine technicians;
3. Establishing the Vestas Australian Main Component Logistics Centre in Geelong, a specialist facility for the largest turbine spare parts;
4. Forming a partnership with Deakin University's Carbon Nexus to research the next generation carbon fiber to use in making wind turbine blades longer, stronger and more productive.

The first of these components, that are being assembled and tested at the facility in Geelong, arrived at Berrybank Wind Farm on Tuesday 24th September. This Hub and subsequently several others will be arriving daily and will continue for the coming months.

With the arrival of these components, has brought the arrival of several cranes to Berrybank Wind Farm, which are being used to assemble the Wind Turbine Towers, Generators and Blades. These cranes range from 100ton all the way up to an impressive 700ton.

Berrybank Wind Farm has hit another major milestone over the past couple of weeks with having received several Wind Turbine Generator Tower sections, 3 of the Base Towers have now been installed at WTG18, WTG26 and WTG23. We have also had the installation of the Lower Mid Tower Section of the Wind Turbine Tower at WTG23. We will be seeing more components arriving at site over the coming months with daily deliveries of Nacelles, Drive Trains, Hubs, Blades and Tower sections.



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