



Minutes

Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Thursday 11 September 2025

Meeting time and location 2.30pm at the Hawkesdale CFA Centre

1. Welcome

2. Present

Cr Lloyd Ross (Chair)
Anne Maree Huglin, HADDAC Representative
Peter Hennig, Community Representative
Debra Dumesny, Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer, GPG

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

Kirsty Levings, WHSEQ and Compliance Manager, GPG

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 10 July 2025 meeting

Moved by Anne Maree Huglin, seconded by Peter Hennig that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 10 July 2025 be accepted. **CARRIED**

6. Actions arising from the previous Minutes

Council	Request to have an informal discussion with Ryan Corner WF CEC community representatives. <i>Response: Council will arrange for the community representatives to attend the next Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC meeting.</i>
GPG	Will a copy of the noise monitoring report be placed on the project website and/or be made available to the CEC? <i>Response: Refer to Project Update</i>
GPG	Follow up on how bird and bat mortalities are recorded and whether the BAMP reports will be made available to the public. <i>Response: Refer to Project Update</i>

7. Correspondence Incoming

Nil.

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports/Updates

9.1 GPG:

1. Actions arising



Noise monitoring

- Will a copy of the report be placed on the project website, and/or a copy made available to the CEC?
 - The report will be submitted to the department as required by the permit conditions and the Noise Management Plan

Further discussion:

- Anne-Maree and Peter noted their surprise and disappointment that a copy will not be made publicly available, and felt that it makes it seem like there is something to hide.

▪ BAMP

- GPG will follow up on how mortalities are recorded and whether the BAMP reports are made available to the public.
 - The BAMP reports are forwarded to the department as required
 - The site is checked monthly by an ecologist with a scent detection dog, except Feb – March and Oct– Nov where they are inspected weekly. The personnel on site check and record any strikes they see as they move around the site
 - We are required under the BAMP to keep track of all carcasses found. If trigger species are found, we are required to report these to the Department. This is then followed up by a rigorous investigation process with investigation reports being completed and submitted also

Further discussion:

- Anne-Maree was not impressed and asked what she could say if asked this question by members of the community.
- Peter added that the responsible authority should require open and transparent reporting via permit conditions.
- Council noted that frustratingly, there is inconsistency between permits and plans regarding public availability of noise and BAMP monitoring reports. Council continues to advocate to DTP and DEECA that reports on BAMP monitoring should be available to assist the industry and DEECA with continuous learning about species and the effectiveness of mitigation. Council will provide a copy of the BAMP when the minutes are distributed.

2. Project update – wind farm

✓ Operation:

- All fencing and tree planting has been completed
- Annual maintenance schedule to be completed end of September
- Brolga surveys monthly from July to December
- Intensive surveys weekly during October and November
- Pest plant and animal inspections completed last week

✓ Post Construction noise monitoring :

- The post construction noise monitoring has been completed and the recorders removed

✓ The personnel on site :

- GPGA – Site Manager, Harry Sherlock, and Site Supervisor, Murray Staude are on site daily
- Vestas – Site Supervisor and maintenance team depending on requirements (Up to 10 Full time personnel)
- The staff above are shared between Hawkesdale and Ryan Corner

✓ Bird and Avi Fauna Management:

- Brolgas –Surveys continuing monthly until December

2. Project update – Permit Amendment

Permit number – 20060221-3

- ✓ Operational noise is now exclusively dealt with under Environmental Protection Regulations 2021
- ✓ Removing condition 42
- ✓ Deleting conditions 43, 44 and 45 as this is dealt with in the approved Noise Management Plan (NMP)
- ✓ Amending condition 47 – complaints process to reflect current legislative conditions
- ✓ One objection was received for the Ryan Corner amendment, GPGA are taking this feedback for review of the Hawkesdale permit as well.

3. Community engagement & benefit sharing GPG Naturgy Group

- **Benefit sharing**
 - **Neighbour Benefit Program**
 - ✓ Neighbour are still able to enter into an agreement
 - **Community Benefit Fund (Township and District Grant Program)**
 - ✓ Township – \$97,245.74 awarded, \$9,161.58 to carry over to 2026
 - ✓ A new committee will be formed for the 2026 -2029 grant programs
 - Hawkesdale recreation reserve – New gate way
 - Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club – Built in cool room
 - Hawkesdale Racecourse Reserve – Floor and shelving for shed, tree removal and trimming, gardening equipment
 - Hawkesdale Cricket Club – Freezer
 - HADDAC --- Solar lighting for the common, replace and update the historical signage
 - **Community Benefit Fund (Township and District Grant Program)**
 - ✓ District \$49,888.46 awarded, \$7,611.54 to carry over to 2026
 - ✓ A new committee will be formed for the 2026 -2029 grant programs
 - Willatook Fire Brigade – Trailer
 - Hawkesdale Macarthur Football Netball Club – Resurface netball court at Macarthur
 - Macarthur Gun Club – Concrete walkways
 - MADA – Exercise equipment for the town precinct (dependent on securing full funding)

Further discussion:

- The geographical scope of the township fund:



- The geographical scope of the district fund (30km radius from Hawkesdale):



- The scope for each fund will be reviewed when a new fund committee is formed.

- ✓ A new web page is being developed, the address will be made public as soon as all items are reviewed
- ✓ Off Site Landscaping Program has closed
- ✓ Neighbour Benefit Program is available to all eligible neighbours

3. Complaints Investigation and Response Plan (CIRP)

The CIRP was endorsed on December 6 2022 and can be found on our web site at <https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/> following the link The Project>Relevant documentation.

All relevant documentation and forms for lodging a complaint are found on the web site under Contact Us.

Complaints can be made in the following ways:

Phone: 1800 457 181 or 0428 867 646

E-mail: debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au
hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au

Mail: Hawkesdale Asset Trust
Suite A, Level 3, 73 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601

9.2 Community Representatives:

Anne Maree and Peter thanked Council for the opportunity to meet with Andrew Mahar, Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner on 3 September. They were pleased to be able to share their experiences of renewable energy projects in the district with a federal representative.

9.3 Council:

Council gave a brief update on the VicGrid Victorian Transmission Plan and the latest change to the shape of the South West REZ.

10. General business

GPG gave an update on pre-construction progress for the Tarrone Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

Next meeting date 'joint' meeting with Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC, Thursday 20 November, 5.30pm at the Port Fairy Senior Citizens Centre