



Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Monday 22 July 2024

Meeting time and location 5.30pm at the Hawkesdale Wind Farm

1. Welcome

2. Present

Cr Damian Gleeson (Chair)

Anne-Maree Huglin, HADDAC Representative

Debra Dumesny, GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Haridian Cabrera, GPG Community Stakeholder Engagement and Local Economic Development

Daniel Cullen, Environment and Safety, GPG (Guest)

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

Liana Blake, Community Representative

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 19 February 2024 meeting

Moved by Anne-Maree Huglin, seconded by Debra Dumesny that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 20 May 2024 be accepted. **CARRIED**

6. Actions arising from the previous Minutes

| Responsible | Action |
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| GPG | Provide the CEC with an extended noise monitoring and commissioning flowchart. (Refer to slides) |
| GPG | Provide information on the role of intermediate noise loggers, and what role the results from the loggers will play in the noise monitoring process and reporting. (Refer to slides) Consider whether the property owners where loggers will be placed can, as a group, have access to raw noise data and background noise data and have it explained clearly. An information session for participating property owners has been arranged by GPG. |
| Council | Print a poster to display in the Hawkesdale Post Office regarding the CEC vacancies. (copy emailed to Anne-Maree) |
| GPG | Provide clarification on the trigger-point for commencement of the other community fund program. (Refer to slides) |

7. Correspondence Incoming

| Date | Item | Attachment Number |
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| 15 July | Text from George Swarbrick, notifying of his resignation from the CEC. Council will send George a letter of thanks. | |
| 4 June | Endorsed BAMP from GPG (forwarded to the CEC same day) | |
| June | HDWF construction updates from GPG | |
| June - July | May and June newsletters from GPG | |

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports/Updates

9.1 Community Representatives:

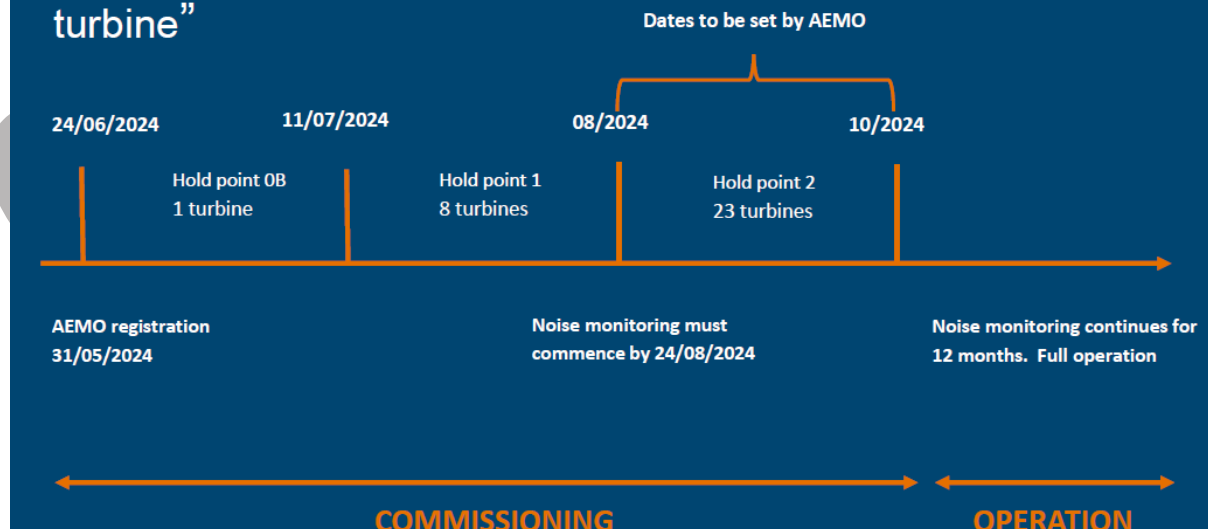
Anne-Maree asked about some additional grants that had been made by GPG outside of the formal Community Benefit Fund process.

GPG responded that:

- Those grants did not come out of the Community Benefit Fund.
- They were small amounts that were funded by money left over from GPG's construction fund.

9.2 GPG:

- Planning Permit 20 October 2022 20060221-2 Condition 43“within 2 months from the commissioning of the first turbine and continue for 12 months after the commissioning of the last turbine”



Further discussion:

- Noise monitoring will commence by 24 August.
- Loggers will be placed in the same locations that were used for GPG's pre-construction background noise monitoring. Intermediate loggers will also be used.

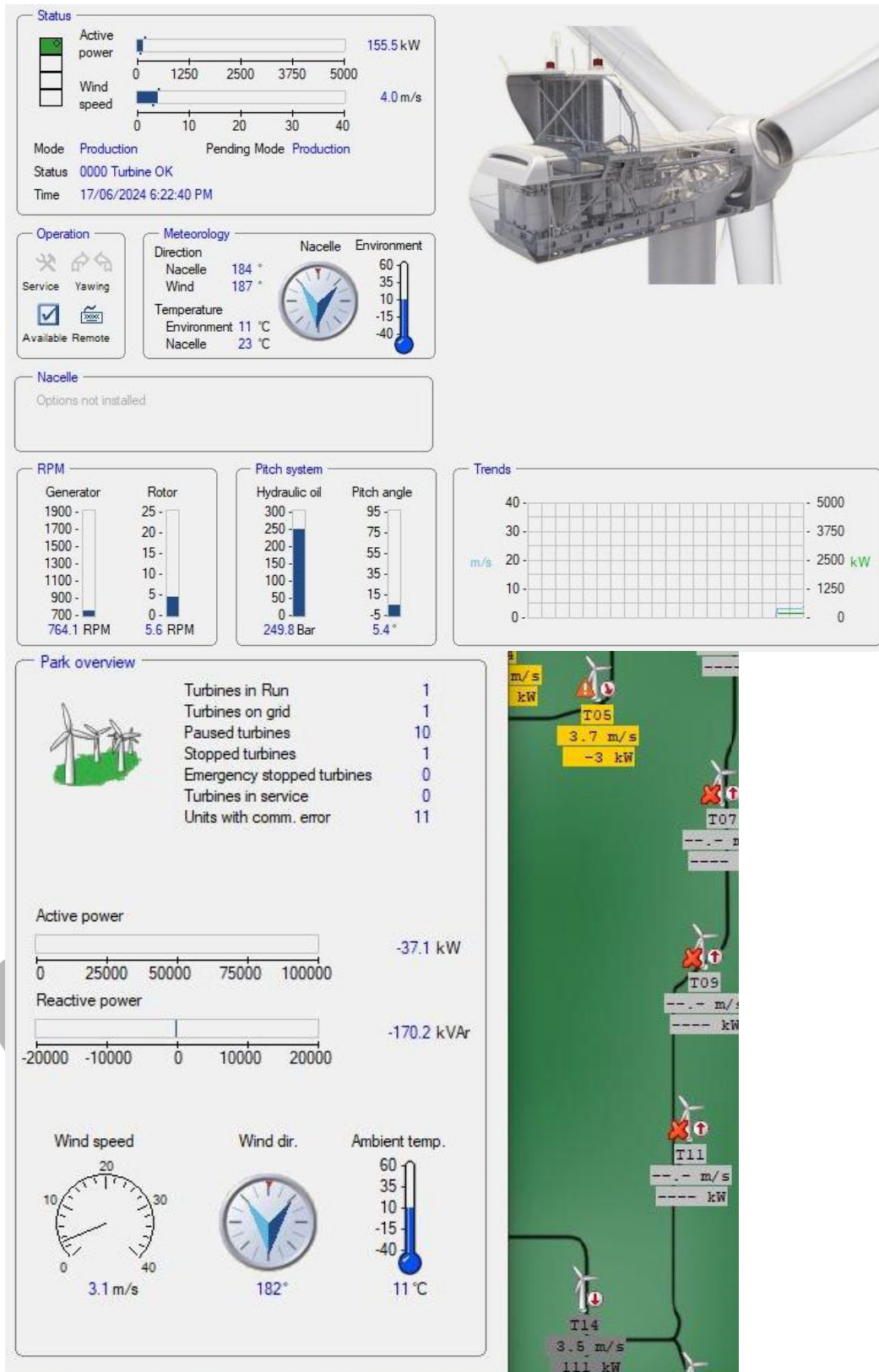
- The community grant program for the broader Hawkesdale district community will commence from the date of operation. This fund is based on \$2,500 per turbine - \$57,500
- Date of operation will be the date that is confirmed by AEMO as 100% officially in operation.

Further discussion was held about:

- Whether a new Committee would be set up for the broader community fund.
- Strategic projects that could potentially be supported in the future, in partnership with other funding bodies.

2. Project update – wind farm

- All turbines are erected
- Site compound has been dismantled and the area is being remediated
- The site office has moved to the operations and maintenance compound at the on site sub station
- Turbines are being commissioned in line with the requirements of AEMO





- Installation works completed at the Hawkesdale collector substation
- Hawkesdale Collector Station and Transmission line energized 11th June 2024
- Sub Station and Transmission Line Contractors have demobilised, final completion works in progress
- Access track removal in progress



3. Bat and Avi Fauna Management Plan (BAMP)

- Brolga breeding survey:
 - July – December 2024
 - July – December 2025
- Southern Bent Wing Bat Survey:
 - October – November 2024 (7 weeks)
 - February – March 2025 (7 weeks)
 - October – November 2025 (7 weeks)
 - February – March 2026 (7 weeks)

- **BAMP Mortality surveys**
 - Start at operation (carcass search)
 - One week each month for two years
 - Qualified ecologist – preferably with dogs
 - Weekly inspection by suitably trained site personnel

Carcasses are labelled and stored in a freezer on site until they are examined.

➤ **Community engagement**

- June newsletter available
- Construction is completed and updates will no longer be circulated

➤ **Benefit sharing**

- **Neighbour Benefit Program**
 - ✓ Neighbour contacts to recommence
- **Hawkesdale College**
 - ✓ \$2,000 towards year 11 and 12 school formal
- **Koroit Scout Group**
 - ✓ \$4,500 towards new fencing
- **Community Benefit Fund (Township Grant Program)**
 - ✓ The 2024 township grant round opened in June, one application has been received
 - ✓ Applications close August 12, 2024
 - ✓ Amount for 2024 \$103,813.88

Complaints can be made in the following ways:

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9.3 Council:

The Council election caretaker period will start on 16 September and run until 25 October. No CEC meetings will be held during this period, and all community representative positions for Committees of Council will be spilled. Members will be notified of the process via an email from Council. Once the Council elections are completed, all positions will be reopened as vacancies and nominations will be called for.

Cr Gleeson reflected on the range of topics discussed at the CEC meetings and the information provided from all stakeholders particularly during construction, and he sincerely thanked the community and GPG representatives for their time and effort in preparing for and attending meetings.

Hari and Debra also thanked the community representatives for their input and commented on how much value was gained by GPG as a result of the the ideas and discussions held at CEC meetings.

10. General business

It was agreed that this will be the final meeting held prior to the Council caretaker period.

11. Summary of actions from the meeting

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| GPG | Print a copy of the noise monitoring and commissioning flowchart for display in the Post Office. |
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