

Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Thursday 21 August 2025
Meeting time and location 5.30pm at the Port Fairy Senior Citizens Centre

1. Present

Cr Lisa Ryan (Chair)
Tony Smith, Community Representative
Wendy Bickley, Community Representative
Michael Thornton-Smith, Community Representative
Debra Dumesny, GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire Council

2. Apologies

Kirsty Levings, GPG WHSEQ and Compliance Manager

3. Acknowledgement of Country: Chair Cr Lisa Ryan

4. Declarations of Interest

Michael Thornton-Smith declared that he assisted with the preparation of an application to the wind farm community fund program.

Anthony Smith declared that he was involved in preparing an application for the wind farm community fund program.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 8 May 2025 meeting

Moved by Wendy Bickley, seconded by Anthony Smith that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2025 be accepted. **Carried**

6. Business arising from the previous Minutes

Nil.

7. Correspondence Incoming

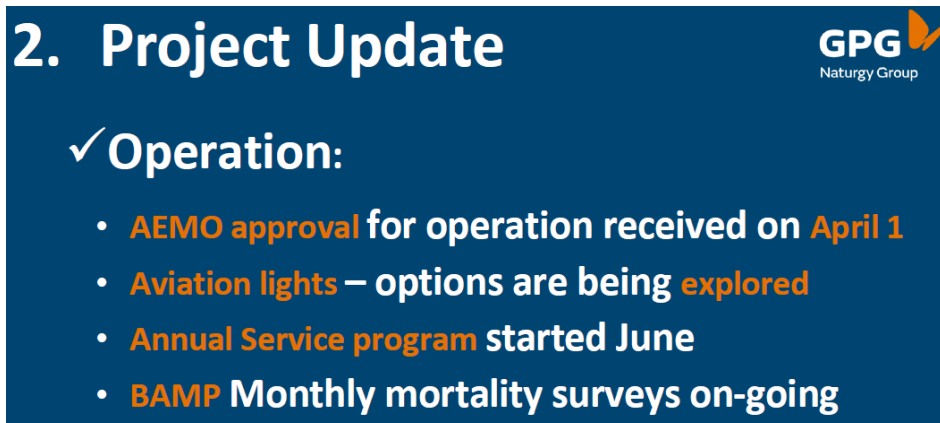
Nil.

8. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

9. Reports:

9.1 GPG Project Update



2. Project Update

GPG
Naturgy Group

✓ **Operation:**

- **AEMO approval** for operation received on **April 1**
- **Aviation lights** – options are being **explored**
- **Annual Service program** started **June**
- **BAMP** Monthly mortality surveys **on-going**

Further discussion:

Aviation lighting:

- Just over half the turbines have aviation lighting.
Attachment 1: Aircraft lighting map
- One option being explored for the aviation light issue is possibly fitting a collar or baffle around the lights, although this may not meet aircraft visibility requirements.

Bat and Avifauna Management Plan (BAMP) monitoring:

- The monitoring is done at locations throughout the wind farm.
Section 5.1.2 of the BAMP provides more detail on turbine selection:
[Report-14144B-18.6-Ryan-Corner-BAMP-20240827-ENDORSED.pdf](#)
- Brolga surveys will continue until December.
- The Permit and BAMP do not require monitoring reports to be made available to the public. GPG took on notice a request for it to consider whether the reports, or a summary of the reports can be provided to the CEC and made publicly available on the project website.

- ✓ **Post Construction noise monitoring :**
 - **Monitors** are in position
 - **Servicing** is being completed
 - **Special Audible Characteristics (SACs)** have been completed, 2 day and 1 night as required by the approved **Noise Management Plan**
- ✓ **The personnel on site :**
 - **GPGA** – Site Manager and Site Supervisor
 - **Vestas** – Site Supervisor and maintenance team depending on requirements (Up to 10 Full time personnel)
- ✓ **Bird and Avi Fauna Management:**
 - **Brolga surveys recommenced** again July and run through to December

Further discussion:

Noise monitoring:

- The current round will continue until the end of November.

3. Community Engagement

Benefit Sharing

- ✓ A **new web page** is being developed
- ✓ **Off Site Landscaping Program** the **last site visits were conducted today**
- ✓ **Neighbour Benefit Program:**
 - **Contacting neighbours** who are eligible for neighbour deeds is continuing, **11 have signed.**
- ✓ **Community Grants Program:**
 - **\$2,500 per turbine per year = \$130,000 annually**
 - **18 applications** totaling more than **\$400,000** were received
 - **9 organisations** were successful

Further discussion:

Neighbour deeds:

- 11 of the 18 neighbours have signed neighbour deeds.

Community Grants:

- GPG received 18 applications and the standard was high.
- Successful and unsuccessful applicant organisations will soon be notified of the outcome.
- Tony noted that there is a diverse range of people on the Fund Committee, which leads to productive discussion when assessing the applications.

Complaints Management

- ✓ No complaints received since the last meeting.
- ✓ GPG are providing **periodic reports to Moyne Shire Council** about the status of **complaints received**. The last report covered the 6 month period up to **30/06/2025**
- ✓ **Annual Complaints Report** to be submitted to DEECA for **period ending 21/08/2025**
- ✓ **All complaints are closed.**

Further discussion:

Complaints:

- A complaint is closed when the complainant is satisfied with the outcome.
- If an enquiry is made to GPG or information is offered by the public, it is not necessarily deemed as a complaint. The person contacting GPG is asked to decide if they want their issue logged as a formal complaint or an enquiry.

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://ryancornerwindfarm.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

ryancornerwindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au

Mail: Ryan Corner Development Pty Ltd

Suite A, Level 3, 73 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601

9.2 Community Representatives:

- No further questions were raised by the Community Representatives.
- It was agreed that Council will provide hard copies of CEC minutes to be placed at the Yambuk Store.

9.3 Council:

2025 Victorian Transmission Plan (VTP) and SouthWest Renewable Energy Zone (SWREZ)

VicGrid has released an updated 2025 VTP and SWREZ. The proposed zone now has two sections. The Moyne Shire section of the Zone has had an area to the south of Peshurst removed due to environmental and cultural values including Broilga. A new section to the north-west of Hamilton between Casterton and Balmoral has been added to the Zone.

There will be a formal process for the Minister for Energy and Resources to declare the renewable energy zones prior to the end of this year. VicGrid will undertake consultation over the coming six weeks, and Council has requested that VicGrid hold sessions in Moyne during that period.

More information is available at:

[VicGrid Update 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan](#)

10. General business

- Amendment application lodged with the Minister for Planning
GPG has lodged an amendment application to have the conditions in the Permit relating to operational noise deleted.
Currently there are two noise compliance, reporting and complaints processes – one pathway that is set out in the Permit, and one pathway via the EPA. If this amendment is approved, a singular pathway for noise compliance monitoring and reporting will be via the EPA and the project’s Noise Management Plan.
This will enable a clearer and more streamlined process for noise monitoring and reporting, and for noise-related complaints handling.
- It was agreed that CEC minutes be shared between the Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale Wind Farm CECs.

11. Summary of actions from the meeting

GPG	Provide a copy of the Obstacle Lighting map for the CEC representatives, and to be included as an attachment to the minutes.
GPG	Question on notice: GPG to consider whether the reports, or a summary of the reports required by the Bat and Avifauna Management Plan can be provided to the CEC and made publicly available on the project website.
Council	Provide 10 hard copies of confirmed CEC minutes for the Yambuk General Store.

The meeting closed at 6.28pm.

Next meeting date – Thursday 20 November, 5.30pm

Venue: Port Fairy Senior Citizens Centre

Confirmed this / /

Chair

Minutes are to be registered in Moyne Shire’s electronic document management system by the committee reporting officer immediately following the Minutes’ confirmation and signing

Attachment 1: Obstacle lighting map

