



Minutes

Ryan Corner Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Thursday 8 May 2025
Meeting time and location 5pm at the Port Fairy Senior Citizens Centre

1. Present

Cr Karen Foster (Acting Chair)
Anthony Smith, Community Representative
Wendy Bickley, Community Representative
Debra Dumesny, GPG Community and Stakeholder Engagement Officer

Vicki Askew-Thornton, CEC Responsible Officer, Moyne Shire

3. Apologies

Cr Lisa Ryan

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 9 September 2024 meeting

Moved by Debra Dumesny. To be confirmed with former Chair, Cr Lockett.

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



✓ Operation:

- AEMO approval for operation received on April 1
- Collector sub station lighting is only on if work is taking place overnight
- Aviation lights – under review

- The permit and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requires there to be aviation lighting.
- The 'collector substation' is the onsite substation.
- There are three reasons why some or all turbines may not be operating at certain times, even when it is windy:
 - Repairs
 - Scheduled maintenance
 - The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) directing the wind farm to be turned off due to electricity oversupply in the grid.

✓ 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 endorsed Noise Management Plan

✓ The personnel on site :

- GPGA – Site Manager and Site Supervisor (to commence next week)
- Vestas – Site Supervisor and maintenance team depending on requirements (Up to 10 Full time personnel)

✓ Bird and Avi Fauna Management:

- Bats – 2 rounds of detectors/recorders and 2 rounds of weekly intensive searches are completed, monthly searches are ongoing
- Brolgas – 2024 breeding surveys completed (July – Dec)

- The noise loggers are in the same position as they were for the pre-construction background noise monitoring.
- The first noise monitoring report is being prepared prior to being submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and the EPA.
- Fortnightly brolga searches have reported several brolga moving around the site.
- The weekly bird and bat carcass searches are assisted by trained searcher-dogs.

✓ **Opening ceremony**

- Combined official opening of Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale wind farms
December 10 2024



✓ **Transmission line:**

- All works completed on the line and the connection to the terminal station at Tarrone North
- Some final rehabilitation works to be completed along the access tracks.

Community Information

- ✓ **September 24 and March 25 Newsletters** available
- ✓ **Newsletters** will now be **quarterly**
- ✓ **Final Quarterly update** published in the Warrnambool Standard February 25

Benefit Sharing

- ✓ Invitation to take part in the Off Site Landscaping Program to be sent in October. Applications are being processed
- ✓ Neighbour Benefit Program:
 - Contacting neighbours who are eligible for neighbour deeds is continuing, **10** have **signed** and received their payment.
- ✓ Community Grants Program:
 - \$2,500 per turbine per year = \$130,000 annually
 - A committee has been formed and guidelines formulated
 - Grants opened 28/4/2025
 - Information sessions to be held – Yambuk 13/5, Toolong 14/5 and Orford 15/5

- The fund committee comprises community members from the Orford, Yambuk, Toolong and Aringa districts.
- If there are unspent funds in any particular year, they will accumulate.
- Grant information sessions will be held next week.

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 quarter up to 31/12/2024
- ✓ Annual Complaints Report submitted to DEECA for period ending 21/08/2024
- ✓ **All complaints are closed.**

4. 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:

- Community representatives have not received any adverse feedback about the wind farm from the wider community.

9.3 Council:

- Council had emailed out copies of the CEC Charter and Code of Conduct, and tabled hard copies at the meeting. It is not compulsory for CEC members to sign the Code of Conduct.

10. General business

- The Hawkesdale Wind Farm CEC members have suggested that the two CECs could meet jointly in future. The Hawkesdale Wind Farm CEC will meet bi-monthly until the end of 2025.



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The Ryan Corner Wind Farm CEC members prefer to meet quarterly, therefore the two CECs will continue to meet separately.

Next meeting date – Thursday 7 August, 5pm

Venue: Port Fairy Senior Citizens Centre

Confirmed this / /

Chair

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