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BANGO WIND FARM

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Well, what a month October has been, particularly with all the wind and rain. I hope no one was too badly affected by all the water.

Despite the conditions, construction on Bango Wind Farm is now completed with all 46 wind turbines built. All that remains is testing and commissioning.

This means the main crane used to lift the components into place has now left the site and

we are now expecting Bango Wind Farm will be fully operational by the end of this year.

Meantime, it looks like the bad weather may persist for a little longer, so I urge everyone to be careful and stay safe, particularly when travelling or working outdoors.

Dr. Brendan McAvoy

Head of Asset Management



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Despite the weather the last few months, the final lifts have been completed. Two wind turbine generators remain to reach final commissioning and are expected to be completed this month.

Hold point testing with the grid authorities (AEMO and Transgrid) continues and we expect the final staging tests will be completed towards the end of 2022.

Progressive hand-over to the operations team is in progress and this too should be completed towards the end of 2022.

We expect six operations and maintenance technicians to be based on-site. Their job is to maintain and repair wind turbines and their various components.

They will inspect the interior and exterior of wind turbines, climb turbine towers to troubleshoot electrical control systems, complete regular routine maintenance, and test electrical components/ cabling.

Some of the technicians come from the local area (Binalong, Yass, Boorowa) and the Site Manager lives in Yass.

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ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

It's breeding season for Superb Parrots right now and for some years we have been supporting research into this endangered species to understand their movements, breeding ecology and conservation status.

The support has allowed researchers at Australian National University to develop and test a specialised small GPS tracking unit (weighing less than 1.5grams) specifically for these birds.

Superb Parrots breed singly or in loose colonies, from September to December, nest in loose colonies in large, living or dead trees with many hollow branches to raise their young.

On inland slopes, they use at least six species of Eucalyptus, but do seem to have a particular reliance on Blakely's Red Gum.

Paddock trees and patches of native woodland are critically important to the conservation of the Superb Parrot and other native flora and fauna.

For more information about the research, visit our project website: Documents>Plans, Strategies and Programs>Superb Parrot Conservation Research Plan.



SAFETY UPDATE

Last month we marked SafeWork Australia's National Safe Work Month with a number of safety workshops around the theme "Know Safety, Work Safely". Our Safety Manager Scott Batey even attended a Boorowa Rotary meeting to talk about working safely as a volunteer.

For us, one of most significant business-wide risks is road travel, as many work teams are out in the field for vast periods of time.

To help ensure the safety of our people, we have installed in-vehicle monitoring systems (IVMS) and lone worker systems across our fleet, with the lone worker systems allowing CWPR to maintain communication with field teams when working in remote locations.



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Boorowa Irish Woolfest

We were proud sponsors of the 2022 Boorowa Irish Woolfest held in October. It was reported to be one of the best ever held.

Rye Park Public School Go-Kart

Work is still progressing on the Rye Park Public School Go-Kart project with hopes to have it ready next year to perhaps lead the parade of Woolfest 2023. There are new tyres on the kart, the battery is secured, seat and other 'bits' in place, but there is still more work to be done.

Rye Park Public School Handyman, Matthew, working with two students on the kart.

As part of our Reconciliation Action Plan, bush food gardens are starting to appear at our offices and wind farm sites. Some plants have arrived at Bango Wind Farm and we look forward to adding to the garden and watching them grow.



Christmas is now just a few weeks away and again, we are getting into the Christmas spirit.

CWP Renewables is calling on community groups and charities to apply for support in a special Christmas round of sponsorship.

This year, we've increased the sponsorship pool from \$30,000 to \$40,000 in recognition of the ongoing increased cost of living pressures.

Christmas sponsorship requests are welcome by Friday 11 November 2022 in all local government areas of CWP Renewables projects, including Hilltops and Yass Valley councils.

Apply now: link.cwprenewables.com/xmas2022.



In the past two years, Bango Wind Farm has held its Christmas Light Up competition in both the Boorowa and Yass Valley areas.

The competition has been very popular, with many people saying they are planning to "do better next year".

To take part, register your display by Friday 25 November 2022 at cwprenewables.com/xmas-bwf.

- The categories are:
 - 1. Best Lit House/Residence
 - 2. Best Commercial/Non-Residential
 - 3. Best Novelty Display
 - 4. Best Renewable Energy Display
 - 5. Best Rural Property Display

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH USING THE CONTACT DETAILS BELOW.

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