

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER JULY 2022

# BANGO WIND FARM

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WHILE STRONG WIND AND RAIN MAY HAVE SLOWED CONSTRUCTION OF BANGO WIND FARM DOWN A LITTLE, IT HAS NOT STOPPED WORK.

Testing and commissioning has continued when the weather has restricted lifting activities, while civil works and revegetation activities are nearing completion.

Bango Wind Farm features a Biodiversity

Stewardship Site of 520 hectares.

This area is reserved for the managed and monitored growth of natural habitat for local fauna.

This is another way that CWPR is working to preserve the local environment and support native wildlife in the area.

#### **DR. BRENDAN MCAVOY**

Head of Asset Management



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### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We now have 43 of the 46 wind turbines fully installed. Of the three remaining, one turbine requires blade installation and two need full builds. Final lifting activities are targeted for the end of July.

Testing and commissioning continues, with 40 turbines now capable of exporting to the grid.

Hold point testing with the grid authorities (AEMO and Transgrid) has been completed to allow 38 turbines to operate and export. Further hold point testing will occur as the final machines are commissioned.

We are currently anticipating that project completion will be achieved towards the end of the year.

### **ENVIRONMENT UPDATE**

IN JUNE, CWP RENEWABLES PARTNERED WITH UMWELT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS TO HOST A TWO-DAY VISIT TO BANGO WIND FARM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER. THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND SUNNY, AND MADE FOR GREAT CONDITIONS FOR EVERYONE TO SPEND BOTH DAYS OUT AND ABOUT ON THE WIND FARM SITE.



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The group, including 30 departmental staff, visited a number of locations including wind turbines undergoing testing. The discussions were focussed on environmental impact assessment, and management measures to minimise biodiversity impacts during the construction and operation of a wind farm.

We talked through some of the techniques used during the design and construction phases to ensure minimal impacts to biodiversity values such as the White box - Yellow Box - Blakely's Red Gum Grassy Woodland and Derived Native Grassland Critically Endangered Ecological Community.

These included careful siting of overhead transmission lines and poles, micro-siting wind turbines away from vegetation/habitat where possible and designing internal wind farm access roads to minimise impact to the ecological community.

## SAFETY UPDATE

CWPR holds the health, safety and wellbeing of workers as the highest priority, ensuring that all staff and contractors have a clear understanding of health and safety issues affecting their work, as well as ensuring they have the necessary tools and support to ensure work can be completed safely.

In June 2022, we surpassed 12 months without a recordable injury (lost time, restricted work, or medical treatment) at any of our construction, operational, development, technical services, or office-based teams – a huge milestone for CWP Renewables.

Such milestones are not achieved without continued focus on health and safety from everyone.



#### **COMMUNITY** RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP)

Earlier this year we launched our inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), taking an important step in our reconciliation journey.

The Reflect RAP sets out the actions the organisation is working on to foster a deeper understanding and connections with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to contribute towards reconciliation.

CEO Jason Willoughby commended the milestone and the commitment of the RAP working group.

"Our RAP is a natural extension of our values at CWPR. Integrity, respect and collaboration are all core to the way we work, and I have seen first-hand the commitment of our people to stay true to these values," Mr Willoughby said.

"As an organisation we are looking forward to developing an increased understanding of the rich history of the local Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and operate as we continue our commitment towards reaching net zero emissions."



# **SPONSORSHIP NEWS**

We are proud to have been key sponsors of the upgrade of the Binalong Tennis & Netball Courts which were opened on 7 May by Wendy Tuckerman MP – Member for Goulburn.

We were also proud to sponsor of the highly successful "Alive-in-the-Park" free community event in Yass on 21 May.

On 25 June, ARC-Wind (subcontractors at Bango Wind Farm) volunteered in the Boorowa community, cooking and serving the BBQ at the monthly Rotary Markets. They had fun doing it and raised more than \$200 for Rotary to put towards local projects.



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