



# BANGO WIND FARM

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## WELCOME

Hello and welcome to 2023!

We have now almost completed all final testing which will allow the staged handover of Bango Wind Farm to our operational team. This is quite an exciting time for all.

It also means the Community Enhancement Fund for both Yass Valley and Hilltops Councils will soon start to be available for local community groups. More about the fund and how it works is outlined in this newsletter.

We've also featured details of how Bango Wind Farm community sponsorships have contributed to local organisations to help ease the pressures often experienced over the holiday period for individuals and families doing it a little tougher than most.

There are also a couple of great photos from our 2022 Christmas Light Up Competition. Great work from those who entered.

Lastly, we are excited to be merging with Squadron Energy. Whilst our name will change in the future, we will all still be working to deliver renewable energy projects and maintaining a strong community presence.

I am looking forward to a fantastic 2023.

Dr. Brendan McAvoy  
Head of Asset Management

## A COMPANY UPDATE

We're becoming Squadron Energy

CWP Renewables has joined forces with Squadron Energy to become the Australian market leader in renewable energy.

Our teams have combined to become Squadron Energy, and we now have more than 20 major renewable energy projects either operating, under construction or in development across NSW, Victoria and QLD. We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated.

Soon the CWP Renewables name and brand will be retired and we look forward to keeping you updated about our projects under the Squadron Energy name and brand.



# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Final stage commissioning of the 46 wind turbines is now completed, and progressive demobilisation of the construction team has continued.

We expect handover to the operational team to be completed over the coming months.

Co-ordinated testing with the grid authorities (AEMO and TransGrid) is also in final stages of completion.

Throughout construction we've regularly handed out safety awards to members of the team to acknowledge those who show outstanding and consistent safety on (and off) site.





# COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND

With handover to our operational team imminent, the Bango Wind Farm Community Enhancement Fund will soon start, providing financial contributions for local community projects and initiatives. These funds will be paid annually to Yass Valley and Hilltops councils to manage for the community.

The Fund will provide grants to projects located within 20km of the wind farm, and which are aimed at:

- enhancing any aspect of the local environment
- benefitting the local community.

The Fund will be managed by a committee coordinated by Council under its Section 355 provisions and comprise:

- Mayor or Councillor Delegate
- General Manager or Delegate
- up to two community representatives (who are not BWF host landowners)
- a representative of CWPR.

Generally, funds are made available twice each year – but the timing is up to the committee which is also responsible for:

- determining the form in which applications for funding are to be made
- assessing applications and making recommendations on which should be supported
- recommending to Council which applications should be funded.

Council will advertise in local newspapers, newsletters, and on the website when funds are available and to call for applications to be made to the committee.

If no suitable local projects are identified as a priority during any funding round, either applications from within wider Council boundaries may be considered or the funds may rollover into the next funding round.

The Fund offers an exciting opportunity for community groups and organisations in the area of Bango Wind Farm to obtain funding for projects or events that will demonstrate community enhancement measures such as:

- improvements to community infrastructure and services
- sustainability initiatives
- opportunities for local economic and tourist development.

Both Yass Valley and Hilltops councils have appointed their committees and will soon meet to decide how they are going to meet their responsibilities.

To find out more about the Community Enhancement Fund contact us on 1300 634 865 or email [info@bangowindfarm.com.au](mailto:info@bangowindfarm.com.au), or contact the relevant Council.

## Community Enhancement Fund key areas of focus

- Education
- Community Development
- Health & Wellbeing
- Environment



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## CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP COMPETITION

After another year of fantastic displays, the Yass and Boorowa Christmas Light Up competition, sponsored in 2022 by Bango Wind Farm and Woolworths Yass, was very successful.

Households and businesses took up the challenge to brighten up their communities for Christmas with some very creative light displays.

CWP Renewables, Bango Wind Farm and Woolworths Yass would like to thank the residents and businesses of Boorowa and Yass areas for supporting the competition and look forward to seeing the Christmas 2023 creations!



## TOY DONATIONS

Bango Wind Farm donated toys for Christmas to both Yass and Boorowa Vinnies Conference community support organisations.



## FOODBANK DONATIONS

Workers from across Bango Wind Farm collected and donated food and other goodies to the Vines Foodbank in Yass.



## SPONSORSHIP

CWP Renewables has been running community sponsorships funds over the past few years.

To ensure we support a range of community organisation and events, we are now offering quarterly sponsorships rounds. Applications are now open for round 1, with applications due by Friday 3 March 2023.

Over the Christmas period, we proudly sponsored four community activities, including the Yass Christmas Street Parade and a special Christmas lunch for residents of Carinya Court in Boorowa.



The Community Sponsorship Program Guidelines and Application Form are available at:  
[www.cwprenewables.com/communitysponsorship](http://www.cwprenewables.com/communitysponsorship)



Carinya Court, Boorowa, Christmas lunch for residents

Please get in touch using the contact details below.

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