

# Ryan Corner & Hawkesdale Wind Farms

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# Ryan Corner Wind Farm

## Project and Site Managers

Our project manager **Camino Cabanillas** has recently arrived from Spain. Camino has worked with GPG for about 20 years and has played a major role in several renewable energy projects around the world. Due to Camino's extensive experience, she was promoted 5 years ago to lead the Construction Department in the company, supervising all projects under construction internationally. Her assignment to Australia, being a key manager in the company, reflects GPG's significant commitment to supporting the developments of the Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale projects.

**Michael Kerr** has also joined the team for Ryan Corner as site manager. Michael grew up in Warrnambool and is a civil engineer with 20 years of construction experience in Australia, Ireland and PNG. Most recently, Michael worked on the new Melbourne Metro Rail Tunnel and Station project in Melbourne. Michael is looking forward to returning home to Warrnambool with his family.

## Project Status

- **Wind Farm Planning Permit:**
  - ✓ Final layout has been updated and will be submitted with the Pre-Construction Management Plans to DELWP, Council, VicRoads, etc. in May.
- **Connection application & agreements:**
  - ✓ Connection application has been submitted to AEMO.
  - ✓ Agreements on-going.
  - ✓ Traffic Management Plan – feedback has been received and discussions are continuing.
  - ✓ Public road detailed design submitted to the Council. Feedback has been received and discussions are continuing.
  - ✓ Ryan Corner quarry waiting on final approval.

## Activities on site

- **Under progress:**
  - ✓ Finalising project scheduling and access with associated landowners.
  - ✓ Completed review of all residences within 5km of windfarm site and maps are being updated to reflect this.

## Further project information

Additional information about the project is available on the GPG Australia website:

- <http://globalpower-generation.com.au/>  
Home > Projects > VIC > Ryan Corner Wind Farm

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# Hawkesdale Wind Farm

## Project Status

- **Wind Farm Planning Permit:**
  - ✓ Submitted Pre-Construction Management Plans to DELWP, Council, VicRoads etc.
  - ✓ Submitted optimisation proposals and final layout to DELWP, with accompanied survey and assessment data for DELWP consideration.
- **Connection application & agreements:**
  - ✓ In process of submitting Connection application to AEMO.
  - ✓ Agreements on-going.

## Activities on site

- **Under progress:**
  - ✓ Finalised geotechnical investigations.
  - ✓ Finalising project scheduling and access with associated landowners.
  - ✓ Completed review of all residences within 5km of windfarm site and maps are being updated to reflect this.

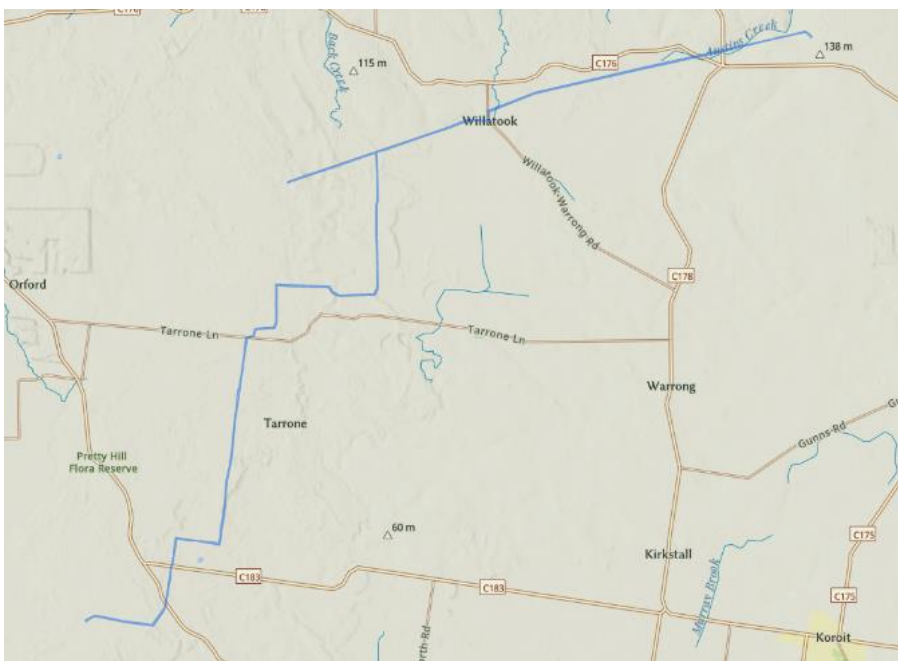
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## Transmission Line

AusNet Services is working with landowners to finalise the pole locations and access tracks for the transmission line. The map below shows the approved route of the transmission line from both Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale to the Tarrone terminal station. AusNet Service is incorporating landowner feedback in relation to pole locations and access tracks into the final transmission line design.



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# Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing Plan

## Neighbour Deeds

The Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing Plan (CEBSP) implemented in each project includes a neighbour benefit sharing program. This program provides a voluntary neighbour benefit deed to neighbours within 2km of the wind farm. The purpose of the deed is to recognise that those living closest to the wind farm may be impacted by the activities at the site during the construction and operation periods and to offer a benefit that can be used to offset these impacts. Similar neighbour benefit sharing programs are commonly provided to residents that live in the vicinity of wind farms in Australia.

The voluntary deed is negotiated individually with each neighbour and is available at any time during the construction and operational period. In the event that the neighbour sells the property a new voluntary deed will be offered and negotiated with the new owner if they wish to join the neighbour benefit program. The voluntary deed will provide benefits until the wind farm has been decommissioned.

Entering into the voluntary deed does not restrict the owner of the residence in any activities on their own property. Instead, it enables neighbours to share in the benefits generated by the wind farm. The voluntary deed has no effect on their rights to take action through the endorsed complaints process if the wind farm operates outside its obligations under the planning permit.

## Community Engagement Committees

Community Engagement Committee (CECs) meetings for the Ryan Corner Wind Farm and Hawkesdale Wind Farm projects were held on Monday, 17 May. The unconfirmed minutes from these meetings will be available to be downloaded from the Moyne Shire Council Website, from a CEC member, or the Hawkesdale Post Office. Alternatively, please contact Debra on **0428 867 646** or by email **[debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au)** and request a copy of the minutes.

We encourage you to contact a CEC representative if you wish to bring concerns to the CEC for discussion or if you wish to be included on a mailing list for the distribution of the confirmed minutes.

Contact details for your local community members can be found by contacting the Moyne Shire Council.

The next CEC meeting will be held on Monday, 5 July for Ryan Corner. A date has not been set for the Hawkesdale CEC meeting at this point.

## New Websites

New websites are currently being developed for both Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale Wind Farms by Ballarat based Hstudios. We are currently reviewing the draft of the Hawkesdale Wind Farm website. We look forward to launching both new websites soon.

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## Hawkesdale Office

Please call in, phone or email if you have any enquiries. A sign is placed on the nature strip outside the office when the office is open. Office hours are 9 – 5 weekdays. At times, the office will be unattended, please contact beforehand if you wish to visit.

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## How to be included on the Email list

To be included on the list for receiving the newsletter and updates via email please contact our Community Engagement Officer Debra on **0428 867 646** or by email **debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au**.

## Do you know about...

### Decommissioning

Decommissioning is the process at the end of the design life of a wind farm turbine. At the designated end of life of a turbine, decisions are made to either upgrade and recommission the turbines using newer wind turbine technology, or to decommission the whole facility and return the land to its original condition. The required outcome of decommissioning is contained within the wind farm permit and mirrored in the agreements with the host landowners. The Enforcement of the clause is the responsibility of the Consent Authority granting the permit, but it is the permit holder (owner or operator of the wind energy facility), who must comply with it prior to any enforcement action. This Consent Authority may be the local government or the department issuing the permit.

The result of decommissioning is that towers are dismantled and removed, all above ground facilities are removed unless otherwise useful for the landowner, all tracks and access points are restored unless otherwise useful for the landowner, and the land is revegetated. All this is done at the expense of the permit holder and under specific guidelines that are approved by the department and/or responsible body. Individual agreements are negotiated with the host landowners to ensure the process is conducted to the level stated in the permit and that the landowners are protected from any loss. All salvageable items such as copper and steel may be sold to offset decommissioning costs.

As a subsidiary of Spanish utility Naturgy Group, GPG is an experienced and responsible global developer and operator of power generation assets. Currently, GPG manages around 4.3GW of power generation projects across 8 countries. GPG has a long-term owner vision and intends to operate the wind farms for the 30-year design life in partnership with the community. At the end of the operating life of the wind farms, GPG is committed to fulfilling all decommissioning responsibilities and returning the site/land to the local community.

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