

Ryan Corner & Hawkesdale Wind Farms

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Ryan Corner Wind Farm

Project Status

- **Wind Farm Planning Permit:**
 - ✓ Final layout has been updated and submitted with the Pre-Construction Management Plans to DELWP, Council, VicRoads, etc.
- **Connection application & agreements:**
 - ✓ Connection application has been submitted to AEMO.
 - ✓ Agreements on-going.
 - ✓ Traffic Management Plan – feedback has been received, and discussions are continuing. A new revision has been submitted to DELWP, MSC and VRR.
 - ✓ 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.
 - ✓ Imminent commencement of geotechnical investigations on the Collector Substation bench area.

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.

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Further information for both projects

Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing Plan

✓ 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 draft minutes from these meetings are available on the Moyne Shire Council Website, from a CEC member, or from the Hawkesdale Post Office. Alternatively, please contact Debra on **0428 867 646** or by email debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au to 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 the distribution list for the confirmed minutes and updates.

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.

In the meantime, additional information about both projects is available on the GPG Australia website:

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

Landscape Screening Program

All non-stakeholder residential dwellings existing as of the date of issue of the amended permits and which are within 4km of an approved turbine is eligible to apply for the Landscape Screening Program. The Landscape Screening Program will commence concurrently with the commencement of construction of wind turbine pads and remain open for 6 months after the final turbine has been commissioned.

The Landscape Screening Program will strategically use vegetation (i.e., trees and shrubs) to screen visible turbines from affected dwellings. The program involves a site visit and meeting with a landscape consultant, and subsequently, preparation of a dwelling landscape plan. The dwelling landscape plan:

- Will propose plantings sufficient to screen visible turbines from dwellings;
- Details the proposed landscape works including fencing, gates, ground preparation and proposed planting. These details will be mapped to show the location and extent of planting, including the number of species that will be planted and the expected height and spread of the plants at maturity, and;

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- A timetable of implementation of the landscaping works, including a planting schedule, and timeframes for maintenance of works over a two-year period.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE LANDSCAPE SCREENING PROGRAM?

The following criteria below determines eligibility to apply for the Landscape Screening Program:

- Do you own the dwelling?
- Do you live within 4km of the nearest wind turbine?
- Do you have views of the turbines from habitable rooms from within the dwelling?
- Do you have views of the turbines from the main entrances or exits of the dwelling?
- Do you have views of the turbines from outdoor private open spaces that are within 50m of the dwelling?

Bat and Avifauna Management Plan (BAMP)

A Bat and Avifauna Management Plan (BAM Plan) is required in accordance with conditions in the Ryan Corner Wind Farm Permit and Hawkesdale Wind Farm Permit for the construction of both wind farms. The BAM Plan is developed in conjunction with DELWP Environment Portfolio, and approved by the Minister of Planning before commissioning.

The BAM Plan includes objectives and strategies for detecting, managing, and mitigating any significant bird and bat mortality arising from the operation of the wind energy facilities consistent with the methods provided in the Australian Wind Energy Association (2005) and where appropriate, based on more up to date knowledge.

The complete BAMPs can be found by following the links: Hawkesdale – [Hawkesdale Wind Farm: Bat and Avifauna Management Plan](#), and; for Ryan Corner – [Ryan Corner Wind Farm: Bat and Avifauna Management Plan](#).

News from other GPG Australia's projects

We are hiring a trainee for Berrybank 1 Windfarm!

Are you a local, well organised team-worker who can meet deadlines and work accurately and neatly? Do you have good communication skills and an aptitude for working with computers? GPG has partnered with Westvic Staffing Solutions, and we are currently hiring a full-time Business Admin Trainee who will support our community engagement team and be based at our Berrybank Wind Farm Site.

If you would like to join the GPG family and begin your career in the Wind Industry, please email your resume to Nathan Micallef at nathan.micallef@globalpower-generation.com.au.

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Berrybank 1 Wind Farm supports the wind turbine training in Ballarat

GPG Australia is very pleased to announce that construction on Australia's first wind turbine training tower at Federation University Australia in Ballarat has commenced. The tower is the first stage of the \$1.8 million Asia Pacific Renewable Energy Training Centre (APRETC) – a partnership between Federation TAFE and a renewable energy industry coalition that includes GPG.

Construction on the new wind turbine training tower is expected to be finished later this year. The tower will feature ladders and safety equipment to give students real-world experience when training to work in the wind industry. Stage two of the APRETC is expected to get underway in 2022. This includes a classroom, workshop, and training equipment to deliver specialised training courses, such as wind turbine maintenance and blade repair. This will allow electricians, mechanical fitters, and automotive technicians to gain the skills needed to work in Australia's growing wind energy industry. The programme also includes an internship with wind turbine manufacturers and service organisations, covering electrical, mechanical, and hydraulic systems training.

Once completed, Federation TAFE will be the only globally recognised training provider in Australia able to deliver the Global Wind Organisation basic safety training and refresher training courses from a simulated wind turbine tower.

David Santo Tomás Menocal, GPG Project Director, said, "Federation University's new training program and facility will play a critical role in training tradespeople for the thousands of job opportunities that will be created by the transition to renewable energy in Australia. We are delighted to contribute to this important initiative, and we look forward to employing graduates of the programme at wind farms that we develop in the future."

In addition to funding the APRETC initiative, GPG will also provide scholarships that will broaden access to education and training opportunities to underrepresented groups – including female and indigenous Australians.

Further information on our contribution to the APRETC can be found [here](#).

Did you know?

More about GPG Australia

Global Power Generation (GPG) is the international energy generation arm of Spain-based Naturgy. GPG Australia established in Australia in 2008 to develop, construct, and operate on a long-term basis our renewable assets in the country, based on the valuable experience of our parent company, GPG.

Our mission in Australia is to provide clean, renewable energy in a secure, reliable, and sustainable way and at a competitive price, that results in lower prices for the final energy consumers.

As an independent power producer, we have a long-term owner vision in all the countries in which we develop, construct, and operate our renewable. That means that GPG endeavours to become a real 'neighbour' to communities during the 30

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years of average design life of our renewable assets. We are committed to contributing to the community through the implementation of Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing Plans. These plans identify and fund projects that benefit the entire community and put in place specific measures to mitigate the potential impacts during the construction of our power plants (dust, noise, traffic, etc).

Our investments are 100% made in Australia. This investment results in a direct return to **local industry** through our main contractors, all of them Australian companies or **Australian subsidiaries of global companies**.

Contact us

Hawkesdale Office

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

Contact Debra on **0428 867 646** or by email debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au



How to be included on the Email list

To be included on the distribution list for our 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.

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