

Hawkesdale Community Benefit Fund Committee (HCBF)

Global Power Generation Australia has developed a Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing Plan for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm to engage and empower the local community to realise positive social outcomes associated with the Hawkesdale Wind Farm.

The Hawkesdale Community Benefit Fund (HCBF) is one program contained in the plan. The HCBF will be implemented through two individual grant programs:

1. **Hawkesdale Township Grant Program:** \$100,000 annually targeting the needs of the Hawkesdale township. These funds are available during the construction and operation of the wind farm.
2. **Hawkesdale District Grant Program:** \$57,500 annually based on \$2,500 per turbine during the operation of the wind farm. These funds become available after the first 12 months of operation to the broader Hawkesdale district community.

Charter/purpose

To provide funds to benefit the community surrounding the Hawkesdale Wind Farm. The funds will be used for projects and initiatives that assist the community to grow and prosper. Priority will be given to those that provide a benefit to the broader community.

Committee

We are currently asking for expressions of interest to be a member of the committee that will be managing both programs. An outline of the proposed committee is below.

Duties

- Assist in the development of the grant eligibility guidelines.
- Support the grant decision process.
- Review and analyse grant applications.
- Contribute to the grant application decisions.

Members

2 x GPGA representatives – Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager and Officer.

6 x community members

1 x Moyne shire council representative – non voting (advice only)

There are six selection criteria for membership to the HCBF committee that will be considered when assessing the membership applications.

- Distance residing from the Hawkesdale township.
- Age – GPGA encourages residents from age 16 onwards to also apply to ensure a wide representation of the community.
- Must not be a member of the existing Hawkesdale wind farm Community Engagement Committee. GPGA would like to broaden the members of the community participating in the committees related to the wind farm.

- Connection to the local community.
- Relevant experience.
- Attributes/skills you will bring to the committee.

How can we share the Community Benefit Fund?

Community Development:

- Community facilities and infrastructure.
- Community enterprise and local employment.
- Health and wellbeing.
- Cultural and arts events.
- Sport and recreation.

Environmental:

- Solar panel and solar hot water programs.
- Energy efficiency programs.
- Native wildlife and vegetation protection programs.

Education:

- Equipment purchases.
- Facility upgrades.
- Scholarships.
- Education programs.
- School trips and excursions.

Notes:

- Unless otherwise decided by the Committee (when formed), the initial term of appointment will be for a period of three (3) years. This would be flexible when considering the age of the members.
- The Committee may meet both face-to-face (ideally) and online. It is estimated that members may need to contribute up to 20 hours of their time over the course of a year.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COMMITTEE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM. WE WOULD LIKE MEMBERS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH A VARIETY OF INTERESTS, AGES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

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