

# Hawkesdale Wind Farm

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## Project Update

### Permitting

- Planning permit 20060221-3 has been extended to 31 December 2024
- All plans and permits are now ready for the operation of the wind farm

### Activities On Site

- 23 turbines are fully erected
- Commissioning has commenced and the final hold point is completed
- Broilga surveys have commenced and will continue fortnightly until December
- Post construction noise monitoring has commenced in line with Permit and EPA conditions

## Transmission Line & Tarrone Terminal Station

- Monthly meetings with Moyne Shire around project works and community impacts
- All works completed at Hawkesdale Collector Substation
- Minor rehabilitation works to be completed



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# Community Engagement & Benefit Sharing

## Community Engagement Committee

The **Hawkesdale Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee (CEC)** July meeting was held. This was the last meeting with the current committee. The committee charter requires the tenure to be in line with the Moyne Shire Council election periods. A new committee will be formed after the local government elections in November.

GPGA would like to thank the contribution of the committee since it was formed in 2021 by the Moyne Shire Council. This CEC has been a valuable contributor to the development and operation of the wind farm.

Minutes from CEC meetings are available on the **Moyne Shire web site**, from CEC members or please contact Debra Dumesny on 0428 867 646 or by email [debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:debra.dumesny@globalpower-generation.com.au) to request a copy of the minutes.

We encourage you to nominate as a **CEC representative**, the CEC has a constructive position in the life of the project.

## Hawkesdale Township Community Grant Program

The 2024 round of the Hawkesdale Township Community Grant Program closed in August and recipients have been notified. Currently agreements are being signed and payments made.

The successful projects for 2024:

- Hawkesdale Memorial Hall – update ramps and access on the northern entrance
- Hawkesdale Recreation Reserve – Refurbish kitchen facilities
- Hawkesdale Racecourse Reserve – Upgrade clubrooms
- Hawkesdale P12 College – Storage shed
- Hawkesdale Cricket Club – Portable shade marquee
- HADDAC – Christmas lights and decorations for street display

The Hawkesdale Township Community Grant works diligently through all the applications, we are all looking forward to seeing the outcome of these projects. It is never too early to start planning for projects that will have a long term benefit to the community and contribute to a sustainable Hawkesdale.

## Complaints Investigation and Response Plan (CIRP)

The **CIRP** has been endorsed and can be found on our <https://hawkesdalewindfarm.globalpower-generation.com.au/> following the link **The Project>Relevant documentation**.

Complaints can be made in the following ways:

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# Do you know about?

## Why are the turbines not spinning?

When the wind farm has completed the commissioning and testing phase, there will be times when you drive past the wind farm that some, or all, of the turbines will not be spinning. This can be for a number of reasons:

**Weather conditions:** The wind turbine generators (WTG) will start to spin when the wind speed reaches 3 meters/second or 10.8 km/hour and stop at 27meters/second or 97.2 km/hour.

**Servicing:** A WTG is an intricate construction that relies on advanced communications and technology to operate a mechanical contraption. As it is basically mechanical there are a lot of parts that need regular servicing. The WTG is shut down for 3 monthly and annual servicing.

**Breakdown:** The WTG is a piece of machinery and occasionally, despite a comprehensive maintenance schedule, may breakdown. The regular maintenance minimises the breakdown occurrences but does not always eliminate them.

**Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO):** AEMO can also stop and start the turbines remotely in response to the market demands. This ensures a steady and reliable supply of electricity to consumers.

## Further Information

### Do you want to know more?

If you would like to know more about the **progress at the wind farm**, check the latest updates on the web page or maybe you are a **member of a club or group** that would like us to **visit and explain** further about the construction and operation of the wind farm, please contact Debra on 0428 867 646

## Contact Us

### Hawkesdale Office

The office at the Hawkesdale Memorial Hall has closed and moved to the operations offices at the internal substation on the wind farm.

Contact Debra on **0428 867 646** or by email [hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:hawkesdalewindfarm@globalpower-generation.com.au)

### How to be included on the Email List

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