

COPPABELLA Wind Farm

Information centre
now open!

Welcome to the second edition of the Coppabella Wind Farm newsletter. Further editions will be issued regularly as the project progresses.

Coppabella Wind Farm information centre is now open. The information centre has project details, including maps, photos, and other resources. Alison, Community Relations Officer for the project, is available to answer questions.

The information centre is located at:
30-32 Fitzroy Street, Binalong.

Opening hours for the information centre:

Monday – 9:00am - 11:00am
Wednesday – 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Friday – 3:30pm - 6:30pm
Saturday – 9:00am - 1:00pm



Project Overview

Coppabella Wind Farm is located in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, approximately 30km west of Yass.

The Wind Farm was originally a distinct precinct within the larger proposed Yass Valley Wind Farm. The project was renamed Coppabella Wind Farm to reflect the change from the original project scope and more accurately represent its geographic location.

Coppabella Wind Farm recently sought modifications to the Development Consent and is currently initiating preparations for commercial and contractual arrangements that, with suitable approvals, would enable the project to start construction in late 2018.



*Inside the new Coppabella Wind Farm information centre.
Inset: Alison Deale on site at
Goldwind's White Rock Wind Farm in Northern NSW.*



Alison started working for Goldwind Australia, project owners of the Coppabella Wind Farm, in January this year. Alison's role is to represent the project in the local area and assist with the provision of community relations and engagement for the project during the pre-construction and construction phases.

"The highlight of my time so far with Goldwind for the Coppabella Wind Farm project has been visiting an operating wind farm. Getting to stand under a turbine and experience the scale for myself was an awesome experience!"

- Alison Deale

Since starting, Alison has been busy learning about wind energy and the Coppabella wind farm project. She has visited Goldwind's Gullen Range wind and solar farm in the Southern Tablelands and White Rock wind and solar farm in Northern NSW.

Introducing Alison Deale

– Community Relations Officer

Coppabella Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

The aim of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of the project, the community, local councils and other stakeholders, and to keep the community informed of progress.

The most recent CCC meeting was held in early March. Meeting minutes and associated meeting materials are

available on the project website.

The CCC operates under the Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Infrastructure projects. These guidelines were released by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in November 2016. These guidelines are available on the project website.

Information Centre OPENING EVENT

Coppabella Wind Farm will be holding an event to celebrate the recent opening of the information centre.



What: Drop by to learn more about the project, enjoy some tasty snacks, activities for the kids and potentially win some great local prizes.

When: Saturday 5th May
9am – 1pm (usual Saturday morning opening hours).

Where: Coppabella Information Centre, 30-32 Fitzroy Street, Binalong, NSW 2584.

Who: Any interested members of the local community are invited to drop in to the event. Alison (Community Relations Officer), Tom (Development Manager) and Sunny (Community Engagement Manager) will be at the event for an informal chat and to answer questions about the project.

KEY:

-  Site Boundary
-  Indicative of the 75 approved turbine locations

Proposed Project Modification

In September 2017, Coppabella Wind Farm submitted an application to modify the project's Development Consent to the NSW DPE. This project modification is required to enable optimum development, efficient operation and, competitively priced power to be provided into the National Electricity Market.

Public exhibition of the modification application occurred in September-October 2017. 104 non-duplicate submissions were received by DPE during this period, including:

- Nine submissions from government agencies, and
- 95 submissions from 89 members of the public.

A Response to the Submissions Report has now been submitted to the DPE. In response to submissions, the following changes will be made to the project.

- The removal of four wind turbines from the approved layout.
- A commitment to develop a supplementary community investment model of \$100,000 annually during operations.

The DPE will now undertake a detailed assessment of the application. Due to the number of submissions received during the public exhibition period, DPE will refer the application to the NSW Planning Assessment Commission.

All materials relating to the project modification are available at the Coppabella Information Centre and on the DPE Major Projects Register website.



Local Business Participation Program

The Local Business Participation Program, launched in September 2017, is currently ongoing for the project.

Coppabella Wind Farm is committed to local sourcing where feasible. The Local Business Participation Program will be a key initiative to identify capability and capacity in the local community and maximise

opportunities for local suppliers to participate in the project. The project is expected to employ 150-200 staff during construction peaks and approximately 10-15 permanent staff when fully operational.

The majority of sub-contracting and employment opportunities will be directly with the main contractor. The tendering process for the main contractor is currently underway.

Learn more details about this program by visiting the project website.

Recent Sponsorships

Coppabella Wind Farm aims to contribute to the local community through support of local community initiatives and events. Recent sponsorships in the local area, include:

- **Murrumburrah Makers Market** – advertising for the event.
- **Binalong Mechanics Institute** – installation of reverse cycle heating and cooling in the kitchen area.
- **Binalong NSW Swimming Club Inc.** – training of four swimming coaches and aqua instructors.
- **Binalong Brahmins** – gold sponsor for 2018 season.
- **Binalong Public School** – contribution to Market Day.
- **Binalong CWA Building** – commitment to support major works planned for the building.
- **Bookham Shearing Competition** – contribution to prizes and event materials.
- **Yass Public School P & C** – contribution to new school sign.
- **Bash Car Event** – contribution to having the car in the event and donation to Beyond Blue as part of the event fundraising efforts.
- **Spencer Swim Safe** – prize donation for Luck Numbers event.

Interested local community groups are invited to contact us if they would like to discuss potential opportunities for sponsorship.



Members swimming as part of the Binalong Swimming Club.

'Learning how to swim is really important in a rural community. Thanks to support from Coppabella Wind Farm we have trained four people to coach our swimming program for the next couple of years.'

Belinda Pigram, Swimming Coach, Binalong Swimming Club



Binalong Swimming Club Coaches



How to find out more information.



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