

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

***Coppabella Wind Farm invites local community members to apply for the Community Consultative Committee and local community groups to apply for sponsorship opportunities.***

**20 June 2017**

Coppabella Wind Farm invites interested members of the local community to nominate to become a member of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the wind farm project.

Sunny Rutherford, Community Engagement Manager for the project, said local community members that have an interest in the project may wish to apply to be part of the CCC.

‘The purpose of the Community Consultative Committee is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of the community, local councils, Coppabella Wind Farm, and other stakeholders within the local community. We are looking for a mix of people who live locally to be part of the CCC.’

‘In line with NSW Department of Planning and Environment CCC Guidelines, Nic Carmody, Independent Chairperson for the Coppabella Wind Farm CCC, will manage the appointment of members. Please be in touch with him directly if you would like to find out further information.’ Said Sunny.

Tom Nielsen, Development Manager for the project, said Coppabella Wind Farm will have a strong focus on engaging with the direct local community for the project.

‘One of the ways we are aiming to contribute to the local community is through support and sponsorship of community initiatives and events. Last year we had the opportunity to sponsor several local community events such as Binalong Bush Poetry Prize, the Murrumburrah Harden Show and Sergeant Parry Memorial Day in Jugiong. I would like to invite interested local community groups to be in touch if they would like to discuss areas where we could provide financial support.’ Said Tom.

Coppabella Wind Farm is located in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, approximately 30km west of Yass. Previously called ‘Yass Valley Wind Farm’, the project has recently been renamed Coppabella Wind Farm to reflect the change in the original project scope and to better represent the geographic area for the project.

For further details on the nomination process for the CCC:

Nic Carmody: E: [nic.carmody@bigpond.com](mailto:nic.carmody@bigpond.com) | Mob: 0429 354 582 | P: PO Box 213 YASS NSW 2582

## About Coppabella Wind Farm

Coppabella Wind Farm is located in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, approximately 30km west of Yass. Coppabella Wind Farm will extend 12 kilometres west to east and 10 kilometres north to south along the Coppabella Hills near the towns of Bookham and Binalong.

The project was approved by the NSW Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) on 30 March 2016. The determination by the PAC granted consent for the construction and operation of up to 79 wind turbines along the Coppabella ridgeline.

Once operational, wind farm will provide renewable electricity capable of servicing up approximately 80,000 homes annually<sup>1</sup>.

Further information can be found at [www.coppabellawindfarm.com](http://www.coppabellawindfarm.com)

## About Goldwind Australia

Established in 2009, Goldwind's local Australian team offers comprehensive wind power solutions, including investment, construction, and operational and maintenance services.

Goldwind Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology; a leading vertically integrated global wind power company offering comprehensive wind power solutions.

Goldwind Australia has commenced planning for construction of the Coppabella Wind Farm project. Goldwind Australia aims to commence work on site in early 2018, with the latest model of Goldwind's advanced technology wind turbines aimed to be installed. Goldwind Australia's involvement in the project will continue after construction by operating and maintaining the wind farm.

## Media Contact

Sunny Rutherford

[info@goldwindaustralia.com](mailto:info@goldwindaustralia.com)

+61 2 9008 1715

---

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using the NSW Wind Farm Greenhouse Gas Saving Tool on the Office of Environment and Heritage website (Based on an average NSW household electricity consumption of 7.3 MWh annually.)