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Bullawah Wind Farm
COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER NEWSLETTER



Community update April 2024

Read the latest news on the Bullawah Wind Farm development and the work BayWa r.e. is doing in your community.

Launch of 2024 Community Grants program

Drop in to our April Community Information Session

2024 Hay Business Awards winner

Bullawah Country Education Foundation Scholarship

BayWa r.e. community sponsorships & grant projects

Project progress

Calling all community groups!

our 2024 Community Grants Program on 8 April. Not-for-profit groups from Edward River, Hay and Murrumbidgee are welcome to apply for funding for projects between \$500 and \$5,000. Check out the [website](#) for more info.

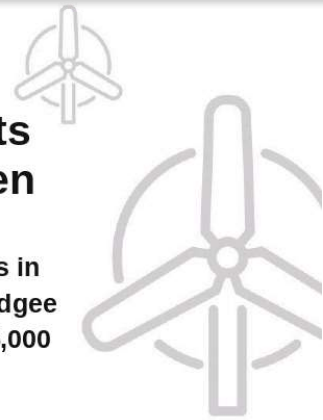


The Bullawah Grants Program is now open

Local not-for-profit organisations in Edward River, Hay, and Murrumbidgee Shires can now apply for up to \$5,000

Applications close: May 3

[Learn more at bullawah-windfarm.com](https://bullawah-windfarm.com)



April community information session

All community residents, groups, businesses and others are invited to attend a drop-in session on 23rd April 2024 between 8am and 6pm at the Hay Library (RSL Room), Lachlan Street, Hay. The project team will be available to discuss the project plans and answer questions. Please drop in for a cuppa!

Congratulations Apprentice of the Year

a bang in early March. Congratulations to Amy Young from Tantrum Hair and Beauty, who took out the top prize for 2024 Apprentice of the Year.

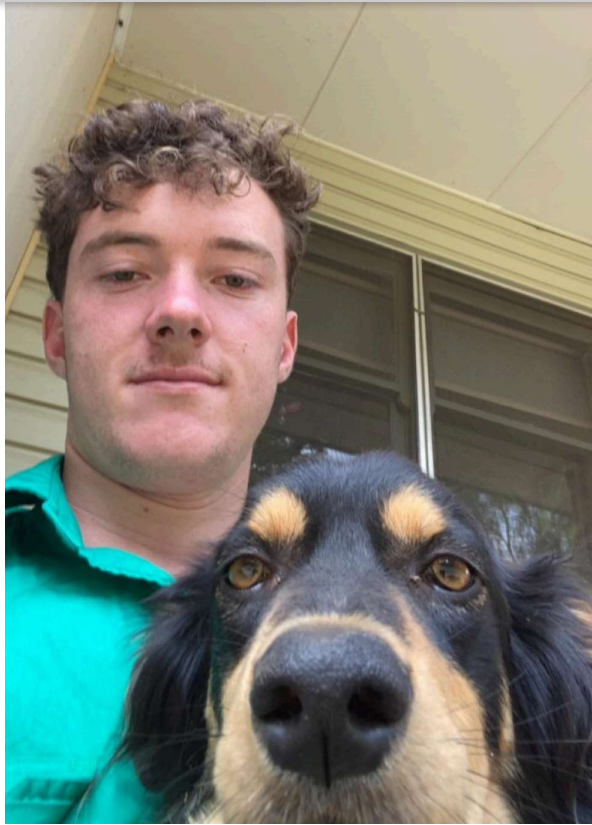
This award recognises Amy's stand-out commitment to learning her trade, including accelerated progress through TAFE training. She was also recognised for exceptional customer service and achieving outstanding rebooking rates, particularly as an apprentice.

BayWa r.e. was pleased to support the Hay Business Awards for the third consecutive year. Our thanks go to the organiser's at the Riverine Grazier, who outdid themselves again with planning and running a successful competition and superb awards night.



Amy Young - Hay Business awards

2024 Apprentice of the Year



Xavier Chirgwin and friend. Xavier is the inaugural recipient of the 2024 BayWa r.e Bullawah Wind Farm Scholarship

Country Education Wins Big

BayWa r.e. was pleased to support the Country Education Foundation (CEF) of Coleambally - Darlington Point in the inaugural Bullawah Wind Farm Scholarship.

In January 2024 Xavier Chirgwin was awarded the scholarship. Xavier is in the second year of a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Melbourne. He will use the grant to purchase textbooks and for travel and accommodation expenses. 'I am majoring in agriculture and the scholarship is really beneficial as it allows me to focus more on studying and finding my way in Melbourne'.

The CEF of Australia helps young rural and regional Australians achieve their dreams through supported access to further education, training and jobs.

BayWa r.e is proud to support two local foundations- Coleambally/Darlington Point and Edward River. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who work so hard to support young people in the bush. You can read more about CEF's student impact on [their website](#).

Griffith LALC bringing the community together

BayWa r.e is proud to have supported Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) in to run two recent cultural events - Survival Day 2024 in Griffith and the Cocoparra Corroboree.



*Photos from the Cocoparra
Corroboree held in September 2023,
including the newly-opened wagadyi
(dance ground) in the middle.*

The event was run in the Cocoparra National Park, near Griffith and included the official opening of the Wagadyi (dance) ground, storytelling, basket weaving, dance and traditional practices such as fire starting and lap lap competitions.

‘Well over 200 Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people attend the event, feedback was very positive, and we all hope that the event would be held annually,’ GLALC CEO Stephen Young said.

Mr Young and Gary Curry (NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service Aboriginal Coordinator Riverina Murray Region) were instrumental in getting the event off the ground. GLALC now co-manages Cocoparra National Park, near Griffith.

During the event, one attendee connected the LALC with a person who was involved in the construction of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area in the 1920s. This helped organise the return more than 60 Aboriginal ancestral artefacts. ‘If we had not held the Cocoparra Corroboree we may not have seen these artefacts being returned... For myself this made the event even more special, and a sign of our ancestor being pleased with what we were doing for our people and reconnecting and caring for the land...’ Mr Young said.

Survival Day 2024

On January 26 GLALC hosted Survival Day at Griffith's Aquatic Centre.

Bullawah Project Developer Aidan O'Mahony was thrilled to take part in the event. Aidan said it was an honour to be part of the day, watch the traditional dancers and congratulate the award winners.

The event brought together people from across the Griffith community to enjoy a day of pride and fun.



Left - right: Aidan O'Mahony (BayWa r.e) with event organisers Desma Newman (long standing GLALC Board Member) and Stephen Young (CEO, GLALC).

Bullawah Wind Farm project progress

The BayWa r.e. team have made good progress on the development of the Bullawah Wind Farm in 2023 and early 2024.

We continued work to finalise the wind farm project design. Umwelt, our environmental and social consultants, completed most of the ecological and cultural heritage fieldwork, as well as noise and visual impact assessments. Findings from the field work culminated in a re-design of the project to ensure that potential impacts are

BayWa r.e. are on track to submit the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in mid-2024. We will continue to share our progress towards finalising the EIS and sharing the findings with local communities. If you have any questions or comments please contact us via the project website.

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