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Bullawah Wind Farm

COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER NEWSLETTER



October 2023

Dear residents and community members,

Find all the updates on the Bullawah Wind Farm in this action-packed newsletter.

What's happening:

- Community Grants Program- round one **closing soon!**
- BayWa at Hay Show
- Country Education Foundations scholarships now available
- Project progress
- Community benefits
- Continuing the EIS
- Winding up - repurposing and recycling wind turbines

Bullawah Wind Farm Community Grants closing soon

Applications close this week for the Bullawah Community Grants Program. Through

this program, BayWa r.e is supporting the communities of Hay, Murrumbidgee and Edward River Shires.

We're calling for interest from all community groups from all walks of life. Whether it be a group that supports environmental, education, youth or sporting activities, we're here to help.

The 2023 Program is offering grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. It's your chance to turn your community vision into reality. With an easy application process and quick turn-around for funds, take your chance to apply. If you miss out on this round, we will announce more opportunities in early 2024.

Learn more and apply today!



*Aidan, Lynette, Krista and Marteen from the Bullawah team
at the Hay Show in September 2023.*

Hay! Ho! Off to the Show!

The local Hay community came out in force to support the 149th Hay Show in early September. BayWa r.e sponsored the show and the team was happy to attend this fabulous event. We enjoyed the ag displays and impressive craft, cooking and art entries. The team were honoured to be asked to judge the Hay Show Young People's competition. It was a tough call, and all entrants from the Spring Chickens to the Hay Teen were out to impress.

The team had a stall in the Pavilion and chatted to well over 150 community members throughout the day. We met lots of local people and answered questions about the Bullawah Wind Farm. Thank you to those who completed our survey- your views on the project will form an important part of the project planning.

BayWa r.e also handed out 300 Tarzy's Treats cupcakes and the Lego and Hay Love gift voucher giveaway was very popular. Congratulations to the winners- Benji Swan (Lego) and Lily Swan (Love Hay gift card). Although we mixed the entries very well and had an impartial person draw the prize, a brother and sister from the same family won both prizes. Congratulations! A big thanks also to the hardworking CWA caterer Jodie Lugsdin, who drew both raffles.

Well done to the Hay Show Society volunteers for the show's success, and we look forward to returning next year for the 150th Show Celebrations.



*Thanks Tara Dixon from Tary's Treats for the popular and delicious cupcakes,
and to Tania Nisbet for the distinctive BayWa toppers.*

BayWa r.e partners with the Country Education Foundation

BayWa r.e are proud to support the work of the Country Education Foundation (CEF) of Australia through two local foundations- Edward River and Coleambally/Darlington Point. CEF is a national not-for-profit organisation helping rural and regional youth access education, training and jobs through grants, scholarships, support services and resources.

buy textbooks and laptops for uni students, purchase tools and equipment for apprentices and assists rural and regional youth to relocate to take up career opportunities.

As part of our support for local community initiatives, BayWa r.e is proud to support both the CEF Edward River and CEF Coleambally/Darlington Point Foundations with scholarships of \$2,500 each. These funds will help support learning outcomes for young people in the Bullawah Wind Farm project area. Applications for CEF Coleambally/Darlington Point are open now and Edward River opens on 1 January 2024.

For information and criteria, see the CEF website at www.cef.org.au.



***Edward River's CEF committee - Paul Fellows, Marg Bull, Sue Laing, Wayne Bradley
Jodie Sefton, Mardi Chartres, Barb Lyne and Pam Sinha
Absent: Bruce Simpson, Richard Fogarty and Anita Ingram.***

Bullawah Wind Farm project progress

Field work is in full swing to support the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the wind farm. The cool, dry winter weather on the Hay plains has been perfect for the teams undertaking Aboriginal Cultural Heritage surveys and flora and fauna studies. We are grateful to the large number of Traditional Owners and other Registered Aboriginal Parties for their support in the cultural heritage survey through August and September.

The Bullawah Wind Farm site spans two Local Aboriginal Land Council boundaries, and we had representatives from both Griffith LALC and Hay LALC sharing their knowledge and supporting the survey work. The team of archaeologists from Umwelt Social and Environmental Consultants coordinated the field surveys and are now collating the findings. We will continue to work with Traditional Owner groups to include these findings in the design of the wind farm.

Extensive environmental site research is well advanced and includes bird, bat, flora and fauna studies. Environmental professionals have spent weeks walking the site and recording species of significance. Along with our desktop work, this field work will help us design the wind farm to minimise disturbance to local ecosystems.



Next steps

Community benefits

Community benefit sharing is important for BayWa r.e and the communities we work in. The Bullawah team recently met with each of the local government area councils of Murrumbidgee, Edward River and Hay. We discussed potential approaches to community benefit sharing and ideas on how we can work together to develop these in the coming months.

BayWa r.e will work with councils to ensure the approach to community benefits sharing for the Bullawah Wind Farm maximises the long-term benefit for decades to come. Stay tuned for more details.

Continuing the EIS

BayWa will continue to work on field and desktop research for the EIS for the remainder of 2023 and into early 2024. We are looking to finalise and submit it to the NSW government in early 2024.



BayWa r.e's Ferguson Wind Farm in Victoria

Winding up, repurposing & recycling wind turbines

A new report by the Clean Energy Council shows that between 85 and 94 per cent of existing Australian wind turbines (by mass) can be recycled or repurposed. The industry is seeking further opportunities to eliminate waste disposal during the end-of-life pathways, including composite materials such as carbon fibre and fibreglass commonly used in turbine blades.

BayWa r.e takes its holistic sustainability footprint seriously and will seek out best in class technologies to ensure as much as possible can be re-used and recycled.

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