

Bullawah Wind Farm

Newsletter - December 2022

Renewable energy developer BayWa r.e. and its Bullawah Wind Farm project 30km southeast of Hay made solid progress in its first year of development, this year.

It can take three to five years to complete the development stage of a project, and two or three years more to construct. So, it's still early days.

The company with the tricky German name (pronounced Buy-var R.E.) arrived in the region at the start of 2022 introducing the project with the name True Blew, changing it later to Bullawah to better reflect the location.

In February, we started a round of project presentations to the Edward River, Hay Shire, Murrumbidgee councils.

In March, BayWa r.e. Projects Australia Managing Director Fleur Yaxley and Bullawah's Project Manager Aidan O'Mahony enjoyed being on hand to announce Lenny O'Hara of Crighton's Rural Engineering as the Apprentice of the Year, part of BayWa r.e.'s now ongoing sponsorship of the Hay Business Excellence Awards.

In May, we hosted community information sessions in Coleambally and Hay and later completed our project presentations to the councils.

Following the community information sessions it was decided to change the project name to Bullawah to better reference its geographical location.



BayWa r.e.'s Aidan O'Mahony and Apprentice of the Year Lenny O'Hara (right) at Hay Business Excellence Awards

Talks started also with First Nations' communities in Hay, Deniliquin and Griffith, as well as TAFE and Landcare groups.

In September, we welcomed Hay businesswoman Krista Schade to the Bullawah team. Krista is the project's community liaison, a local point of contact for Bullawah (krista.schade@baywa-re.com, 0406 624 447).

In November, we submitted our Scoping Report to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). This is our first formal submission to the authority about the Bullawah development. The NSW DPE will issue a list of all the requirements that BayWa r.e. and specialist consultants must address for the next stage – the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed project. A very important document, one of several more to come over the next few years as we move carefully and methodically through the development of the project. A copy of the Scoping Report can be found on our website (bullawah-windfarm.com).



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In November, five members of the BayWa r.e. team travelled to Hay from our Sydney and Hobart office hubs to support our role as major sponsors of the Rainbow On The Plains Festival. We marched in the parade, hosted a Bullawah information stall at the Fair Day and met many people. See you next year.

These early conversations, meetings and introductions have been pleasingly positive. We extend a big thank you everyone involved. We value your time.

Our aim for 2023 is to further inform and involve stakeholders about Bullawah Wind Farm and help ready them to maximise the opportunities and meet the challenges coming with the energy transition.



*BayWa r.e. Projects Australia
Major Developments Leader (NSW) Aidan O'Mahony
at Rainbow On The Plains Festival 2022*



Aidan O'Mahony
– Major Developments Leader NSW

Aidan is the project developer for Bullawah Wind Farm. He's based in Sydney and travels regularly to the project area to manage progress and build relationships with communities and stakeholders.

Aidan is an avid sports fan and true to his Irish heritage enjoys playing Gaelic football. He loves to discuss the project and gain feedback about Bullawah's development.



Mariana Pais Soto
– Assistant Renewable Energy Developer

Mariana is an environmental scientist who brings to Bullawah the experience of having worked on large wind developments in NSW and QLD. She's based in Brisbane and regularly travels to the project area.

Mariana has successfully managed environmental compliance for wind farms under State and Commonwealth legislation. She enjoys running, soccer and is passionate about her job. Get in touch with her.



Krista Schade
– Community Liaison

Krista is based in Hay and brings to Bullawah her considerable communication and organisational skills. She is a local point of contact for the project, supporting Aidan and Mariana's work, and can be found at The Riverine Grazier office, 95 Lachlan Street.

Krista is an avid reader and writer, with a somewhat unhealthy relationship with coffee. She is available to help answer queries about Bullawah so catch her for a coffee some time soon.

Meet The TEAM

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Bullawah Scoping Report: Message From The MD

It was great to see our 477-page scoping report for Bullawah completed in October.

The report is part of the excellent work already put into this State-significant infrastructure project by the BayWa r.e. Projects Australia team and our expert partners in preparing the report, Umwelt Environmental & Social Consultants.

The report is an early part of the State Significant Development (SSD) application process under which the project is being assessed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

The report among other things describes the project in simple terms, takes in early community views, describes a community engagement plan, and identifies matters for further assessment in our Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS comes next.

The scoping report also identifies environmental, social and economic matters of relevance to the project to inform the preparation of the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

The SEARs identifies specific assessment considerations relevant to the Bullawah project that must also be addressed in our EIS.



*BayWa r.e. Projects Australia
Managing Director Fleur Yaxley*

So next steps is preparing the EIS to accompany our SSD application.

BayWa r.e. look forward to continuing engaging with the community as we move forward with the development of the Bullawah Wind Farm.

[READ THE SCOPING REPORT ON OUR WEBPAGE.](#)
Go to Community Engagement/Download Documents

“ *As this big year winds down, we take this opportunity to thank the communities surrounding the Bullawah Wind Farm site for their support and for welcoming the BayWa r.e. team.*

We look forward to continuing the journey with them in 2023.

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