

# COPPABELLA Wind Farm



### Project Update

Goldwind is working towards the construction of the Coppabella Wind Farm. Developing a wind farm is a complex process, involving site surveys, environmental assessment, detailed engineering studies, electrical & civil designs and commercial evaluation. This will ensure safe & clean generation of renewable energy into the grid.

The project obtained a modified Development Consent from the NSW Independent Planning Commission on 10 December 2018. The consent allowed for the construction & operation of up to 75 wind turbines, with related civil & electrical infrastructure. Subsequent planning has determined 69 turbines are to be constructed.

We expect that construction will begin in 2024, starting with initial civil works followed by electrical works and then turbine installation. Extensive design collaboration with TransGrid continues to progress the wind farms high voltage electricity transmission connection to the grid. Tendering for the transmission line works is also underway.

### Recent Site Works

Minor vegetation management work was conducted along Whitefields Road in late August 2023, in preparation for next year's Whitefields Road upgrade works. Our team completed the works avoiding the Superb Parrot breeding season. This involved the removal of four small trees & the pruning of branches.

None of these were hollow bearing trees, where local wildlife could seek refuge. The works were undertaken in accordance with the approved Roadside Vegetation Management and Landscaping Plan, available on our website [coppabellawindfarm.com](http://coppabellawindfarm.com).

### Project Information Centre

An information centre has been established with project details, which include maps, photos and other resources. Alison Deale, our Community Relations Officer for the project is, available to answer any questions.

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

Opening hours for the information centre:

- **Monday 12:30pm - 2:30pm**
- **Thursday 9:00am - 12:00pm**

If you would like to learn more about the project outside of these times, please get in touch with **Paul McMahon** on **0400 004 293** or set a time for a face to face with him.



69 wind turbines and related infrastructure are planned



Location: Approximately 30 km west of Yass



Approximate time to construct the project: up to 3 years



Approximate community investment funds available during operations



Approximate number of NSW homes powered once operational: 150,000

## Community Consultative Committee

The purpose 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. The CCC keeps community representatives informed of the project's progress.

The most recent CCC meeting was held on Thursday 27th July 2023. Meeting minutes and associated meeting materials are available on the project website.

The next CCC meeting is currently scheduled for **Thursday 7th December** in Binalong. If you are interested in attending the meeting as an observer, please contact us.

The CCC operates under the Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for NSW State Significant Infrastructure projects.

## Community Sponsorship – An update from Alison (Local Community Relations Officer)

Happy Spring everyone.

In this unusually warm weather for the season, all of us at the Coppabella Wind Farm project team have been working hard. I've been lucky enough to be looking into opportunities where the Coppabella Wind Farm can support local events, fundraisers, and purchasing of equipment for community groups. It was great to again be part of both the Harden Kite Festival on 7 October and the Yass Irish and Celtic Music Festival on September 2023. These events show the community vitality in their respective towns, and we are proud to be part of the community spirit where we can.



## Paul McMahon, Stakeholder Engagement Manager joins the team

I recently joined Goldwind to assist Alison with the Coppabella Wind Farm project. I want to thank all the community members I've been lucky to meet so far.

About me - I've worked in community engagement on many infrastructure projects from planning policy to strategic waste reuse. I'm passionate about this role because wind power offers a tried and tested approach to achieving energy solutions for communities. I think sustainability is an essential ingredient to everyday lives. Sustainability creates opportunities to live healthier and happier.

My plan is to ensure Australia's clean energy transition listens to feedback from local communities, while developing local economies to support environmental protection. Coppabella Wind Farm will change local energy sources and support everyone to keep animals, vegetation and townships pollution free. My plan is to execute these steps with local community insights in mind sums up my working goals.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months.



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