



COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Minutes

Date: 01/10/19

Time: Start 7.05pm and 7.44pm finish

Place: Bungaree Recreation Reserve

Attendance: Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Ron Read, Damian Ryan, Sue Witherspoon, Mike Stephens (Chair), Mick Frawley, Shane Murphy, Peter Britt,

Apologies: Kate Banner

Guests: Heather McMahon (LLEPA), Vanessa Osborn (Moorabool Shire Council)

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	MS asked if the minutes had been read and correct and if there was any business from the previous minutes Business arising from the previous minutes Include details of health complaint with Sept meeting minutes, request from HMCM	Accepted Seconded	RR SW	
2	Update from Community Engagement Manager, monthly report for September 2019 Landscape program The landscaping program will close 12 months after the date of the last turbine being commissioned. There have been 163 applications for landscaping payments lodged with 3 applications for landscaping.			

	Discussions are continuing with Council regarding landscaping at Lal Lal Falls. Narmbool has been contacted to see if they would like their landscaping plan updated now the turbines have been completed. Still no luck contacting St Sava. • Construction Construction of all the turbines has been completed. Reliability testing and commissioning still continuing at Elaine. • TV reception complaints There have been 11 TV complaints received. Ten of these have been resolved. Central Highland Antennas has made an appointment next week to conduct and assessment on TV reception of the 11th complaint. • Noise testing TW has written a memo for the board to request seasonal post construction noise testing as well as another round of post construction noise testing after 5 years. Request from the CRG in August meeting. Outcome to be discussed in Dec 2019 meeting. MS mentioned that he has been meeting with Council to discuss noise testing. VO said that there will be a meeting with Council and DELWP regarding noise testing pitched at CEO level. • Blade failure, 150919 Vestas is preparing a report in 3 months time with the outcome of the safety investigations.			
3	CRG:- • Terms of reference, TW to distribute the current version. • Frequency of meetings, quarterly meetings from 2020, extra meetings can be set up as required • Membership, do we need to recruit new members? Review this in March 2020. Recruit from towns in project footprint. Idea discussed of retiring a third of the CRG and rotating in new members after 3 years. Retiring members may be bale to recommend a local replacement. • SCADA demonstration, to be discussed in 2020, to set up a time and day and also meet Site Manager. Skype for people who can't attend site.			

Lal Lal Wind Farms

Project Update November 2019



Construction has concluded, demobilisation activities have commenced

Works currently taking place

- Commissioning, reliability testing of turbines at Elaine.
- Demobilisation at both Yendon and Elaine, removal of site sheds etc.
- Metmast installation at Elaine.
- Rehabilitation works will continue Elaine.

Blade incident

A turbine blade at Yendon was struck by a lightning strike in September. The stub of this blade at Yendon tower 9 has been removed and a new blade will be installed sometime in November 2019. See information below from Vestas regarding this blade incident.

Around 6:40pm local time on 15 September 2019, a blade broke and fell to the ground from a V136-3.6 MW turbine at Lal Lal Wind Farm in the Moorabool Shire of Victoria, Australia. No injuries or property damage occurred as a result.

The impacted area was cordoned off, and a Vestas crisis management team formed within 12 hours.

In the early morning of 16 September, the team:

- notified WorkSafe Victoria
- notified the customer and owners of Lal Lal Wind Farm
- as a standard precautionary safety measure, suspended the operation of all turbines at Lal Lal Wind Farm

Vestas understands that prior to the blade break, the site experienced severe weather conditions, including lightning. Based on a turbine inspection carried out by Vestas technicians on 16 September, Vestas confirms that the damaged turbine was struck by lightning. On the afternoon of 16 September, the team decided to resume operation on all turbines at the Lal Lal Wind Farm, except those in the Yendon section which remain under inspection. The on-site technical team is investigating the root cause.

Having concluded its response, the crisis management team has now dissolved and has appointed Pierre Pretorius, Vestas AUNZ Construction Director, to manage the inspection process to determine and communicate the root cause.

At Vestas, safety is our absolute priority. Within 12 hours of the incident occurring, Vestas took immediate action, including: (i) securing the incident zone, (ii) initiating a proactive inspection of all other turbines at the wind park, (iii) temporarily suspending all operations at the wind park until each turbine had been individually inspected.

In terms of our turbines and projects more generally, Vestas actively monitors the statistical likelihood of extreme weather incidents. We are aware that these events, while rare, do occur; we therefore go to great lengths in our engineering design and planning to minimise risks to physical safety or property in the surrounding area. The fact that this incident occasioned no such damage shows the effectiveness of these efforts. If there was ever any suggestion that this, or any other wind farm, posed a safety risk, we would cease operations immediately.



COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP Minutes

Date: 04/12/19

Time: Start 7.15pm and 7.45pm finish

Place: The Wallace Hotel

Attendance: Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Ron Read, Damian Ryan, Sue Witherspoon, Mike Stephens (Chair), Mick Frawley, Shane Murphy, Peter Britt,

Guests: Heather McMahon (LLEPA), Vanessa Osborn (Moorabool Shire Council), Andrew Aitken

Apologies: Kate Banner

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1	MS asked if the minutes had been read and correct MS asked for any business arising from the previous minutes No business arising	Accepted Seconded	SW MF	
2	Update from Community Engagement Manager, monthly report for October/November 2019 Landscape program The landscaping program will close 12 months after the date of the last turbine being commissioned. The date of closure of the program will be 18 November 2020. There have been 221 applications for landscaping payments lodged with 3 applications for landscaping.			

Lal Lal Wind Farms

Project Update June 2020



Generation and wind farm operations

With all turbines constructed, currently Lal Lal Wind Farms is able to generate up to 42MW during the day and 144MW at night at Yendon. Elaine can generate 5MW under the current constraints imposed by the Australia Energy Market Operator (AEMO). When the wind farm is under full capacity, a total of 228MW can be generated. Lal Lal Wind Farms continues to engage with the multiple stakeholders including AEMO and the Network Service Provider (Powercor) to overcome the many challenges associated with achieving grid connection. The Project is optimistic that completion will be achieved by the third quarter of 2020.

Lal Lal Wind Farms Community Benefit Fund is now taking applications

Applications are now open for the 2020 round of funding and close 24 June 2020 at 5pm. Local community groups and schools that are located within 5kms of the project footprint are welcome to apply for funding. Applications and funding guidelines can be accessed through the website:- <http://www.lallalwindfarms.com.au/community/benefit-fund/>

Aviation lights, radar activated at Yendon and Elaine

Aviation lights at Yendon and Elaine are now being activated by radar. When a light aircraft is in the vicinity in darkness, the radar activates to aviation lights. With occasional power outages in the area of the wind farm, aviation lights default to safety mode, to ensure the turbines are visible to aircraft.

Community information, Buninyong Information Centre, closed

The Buninyong Information Centre closed in March 2020, due to social distancing restrictions associated with the CoVid pandemic. Community information and enquiries can now be lodged through the community hotline on 1800 187 183 or by email, info@lallalwindfarms.com.au

Landscape Screening Program, have you applied for a payment or landscaping?

Landscaping is available for the owners of dwellings within 4kms of the nearest turbine. Application forms are available on the website <http://www.lallalwindfarms.com.au/environment/landscaping-program/> or by phoning the community hotline 1800 187 183. The landscaping program will remain open until the 19 November 2020.



For more information

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