



# Coopers Gap Wind Farm Project

Community Newsletter  
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*Completed Substation Bench*

*Coopers Gap Wind Farm is owned by the Powering Australian Renewables Fund (PARF). Image courtesy of PARF.*

## Tim's construction update

Significant progress was made by GE CATCON on the construction of the earth platform for the Powerlink substation. The first half of the area was handed over to Powerlink prior to Christmas and the remaining half will be completed in the next week/fortnight. Subsequently, Powerlink will then commence construction of the substation.

The upcoming GE CATCON activities in the next two months include the establishment of a bigger compound for the construction site offices, erection of meteorological masts and commencement of the wind farm access tracks.

For an overview of the project and up to date information, visit [www.agl.com.au/coopersgap](http://www.agl.com.au/coopersgap)

*Tim Knill,  
AGL Construction Project Manager*

## Clare's community update

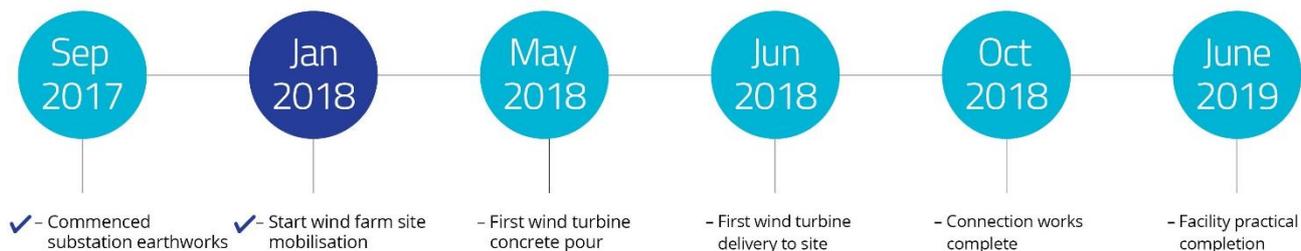
Thank you to all that attended the community meeting and Christmas get-together in November. A special thanks to the helpers in the kitchen and with the barbeque and bar.

Some genuine concerns were raised by landowners and neighbours at the meeting, particularly around weed management. There was also some discussion about two wind farm workers who strayed onto adjacent properties without permission. It is important that these issues are raised and heard so that AGL and its contractors can adapt its work practices to address the issues.

I have already met with key staff in the new administration for the returned Palaszczuk Government. Minister Lynham is the new Energy Minister. He will join us for a sod turn to commemorate works on 7 February.

AGL Managing Director & CEO, Andy Vesey, is speaking at parliament house on 15 February for a TSBE event. You can find details about the event on the TSBE website. [www.tsbe.com.au](http://www.tsbe.com.au)

*Clare Wilkes,  
Senior Manager Government and Community Relations*



### Fast Fact

The wind farm site sits on land where three Aboriginal groups have an interest; the Western Wakka Wakka People, the Barunggam People and the Wulli Wulli People. GE-CATCON and AGL have been engaging closely with all three groups prior to commencement of any ground disturbance work. The groups walk the access tracks, turbine foundation sites, laydown areas and inspect the areas with a high probability of artefact finds during excavation. Any object of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage significance found is collected, bagged, tagged and relocated in accordance with the Cultural Heritage Management Plans. These plans have been endorsed by each of the Aboriginal groups. The project will also be rolling out a Cultural Heritage awareness program to the crew on site during the construction phase.



**Picture:** Aboriginal groups inspecting areas for artefacts during excavation. (Image courtesy of PARF)

### Coopers Gap Community Fund

32 applications were received during the course of four weeks. The panel awarded funds to 13 applicants totalling \$29,500. Successful applicants included school P&C groups, local charities, recreational facilities and sports/community clubs. Applications for the second round of funding is scheduled to commence in April 2018.



**Picture:** Paul and Ray inspect the new fridge at the Bell Community Centre, made possible through the Community Fund. (Image courtesy of PARF)

**Community Consultative Committee**  
 Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, from 1pm at Cooranga North Memorial Hall.



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