



Coopers Gap Wind Farm Project

Community Newsletter
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Community Fund, Round 1 recipients Coopers Gap Wind Farm is owned by the Powering Australian Renewables Fund (PARF). Images courtesy of PARF

Tim's construction update

It has been a very busy period on site for the last couple of months. Earthworks for the wind farm access tracks, crane hardstands, laydown area and wind turbine foundations are well underway in Area 1 and 2 of the wind farm, which is north east of Niagara Road.

GE CATCON has also established two concrete batching plants on site to supply the concrete required for the project.

Outside of the construction site, shipments of the wind turbine components have started to arrive at the Port of Brisbane. The first 10 tower sections arrived on 24 March, 57 blades are scheduled to arrive on 17 April and the nacelles and hubs later in April.



Image courtesy of PARF

Transportation of the wind turbine components from the port to site will commence in May.

Construction of Powerlink's substation is progressing in line with schedule. The electrical transformers are due to arrive on site in July 2018.

For an overview of the project and up to date information, visit www.agl.com.au/coopersgap

Tim Knill,
AGL Construction Project Manager

Clare's community update

Like many, I am getting very excited about the arrival of the first blades and keen to see the turbines reach their destination. The government, too, are excited. It is a great media event and many people interested in renewables and transport take interest in the activity. I can't wait to share the vision of the blades arriving with you.

Many of you will have seen AGL feature in news bulletins and articles recently, especially in relation to energy debate on a federal political platform. If any of you ever have queries about what you see or hear, you are most welcome to raise them with me.

It was fantastic to meet with our federal MP, Minister David Littleproud, in Canberra recently. The Minister was keen to learn all about the updates for the project. He was extremely generous with his time. In true Clare style, I was dropped off at the wrong door and Minister Littleproud had to walk a million miles to meet me and then carry my luggage all the way back to his office. He forgot his pass, so we couldn't use the lift and up the stairs he went, bag in tow! I told him I wish I had a camera to show you all a picture of the Minister carrying my bags around!

Besides from his chivalry, the Minister is also helping me raise the issue of mobile phone reception for the area with the people who can assist us, including Senator Bridgette Mackenzie. I will be talking to a few of you individually about this, during the upcoming months.

*Clare Wilkes,
Senior Manager Government and Community Relations*

Fast Fact: Wind Turbine Blades

Number of blades per turbine: Three

Blade length: 64m for 3.8MW wind turbine
67m for 3.6MW wind turbine

Each blade is longer than the wingspan of a Boeing 777 aircraft.



The transport of blades will commence in May 2018.

The blades will be transported in a truck-trailer combination. Each truck will be accompanied by two escort vehicles and police vehicles.

The transport of blades will be scheduled to occur outside of peak traffic periods. Where night time scheduling is required, over-sized vehicles will depart from the Port of Brisbane at around 10pm which allows them to leave the built up area of Toowoomba by 4am and arrive in Dalby by 6.30am.



Detailed route analysis and planning had been undertaken since November 2017. Vehicle swept path analysis undertaken indicates that the largest over-sized vehicle (carrying the blades) will be able to negotiate the various intersections along the route with temporary removal of some signage. Power and road lighting posts will be clear of the paths.

One of the escort vehicles will be used to manage physical obstructions along the route (i.e. remove and replace sign posts etc.)

Coopers Gap Community Fund

The second funding round closed on 29 March 2018.

A total of 18 applications were received. All applicants will be notified of the panel evaluation outcome by mid-April.

The successful applicants will be announced at the next Community Consultative Committee meeting.

The next round of funding will open in September 2018.

Community Consultative Committee

Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 31st May 2018, from 1pm at Cooranga North



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