



Coopers Gap Wind Farm Project

Community Newsletter
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Coopers Gap Wind Farm



Transportation of blade on site

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

Construction Update

Early 2019 has seen the completion of a majority of the civil and cable installation works. All 91km of internal access roads have been built with final gravel capping applied. The last of the 123 concrete foundations were poured on 12th February 2019, being a fantastic achievement by all and a key milestone for the project. Together with the civil works completion, the underground and overhead cabling finished during March of 2019.

Tower component deliveries have continued to increase and in mid-May we are now seeing four sets of blades and three full towers being delivered per week. By mid-May, we had achieved approximately 40% of the major components being delivered to site. Additionally, we have also taken delivery of the first 3.8MW tower component with the first trial run occurring on 15th May. From this trial, the expectation is the delivery of the 3.8MW components will be incorporated into the weekly delivery schedule.

Tower installation in mid-May had progressed to 25 erected towers utilising the three large installation cranes. Cranes and crews are now settling into an installation rhythm to ensure optimisation of all three cranes, in alignment with the commissioning sequence. Early commissioning works have commenced with first power output expected to be late June / early July 2019.

For further information about the project, please visit www.agl.com.au/coopersgap

*Brian McEvoy
Project Director*

Clare's Update

Changes in management within our AGL team and GE-Catcon have seen us transition into a more focused and determined unit as we continue in the construction phase of the project.

Brian and his team have certainly hit the ground running and I have been impressed with the skills they bring to the project.

Energy policy and lack of a policy framework continues to haunt me. In saying that, we continue to meet to find a solution for mobile coverage.

I have also been meeting with Ministers Fentiman and Furner. Minister Fentiman is responsible for small businesses and training, including TAFE. I am keen to see our sub-contractors explore engaging at least one local apprentice to work long-term on the project.

In April, I hosted our new CEO, Brett Redman, in Queensland. Brett visited the wind farm and spoke with workers to gain further insight into the onsite operations. In partnership with TSBE, Brett then presented to a function at Parliament House in Brisbane, where he shared AGL's vision for transformation, growth and social licence as well as our commitment to all involved in the AGL community.

The PARF board recently visited the wind farm site to see the progress being made. It was a perfect Queensland day, and we took the opportunity to visit many areas of the wind farm. They were impressed by seeing a blade being attached, and they also chatted to contractors to gain a better understanding of the unique challenges associated with the landscape. Michael Yeo did a fantastic presentation to the board,

who can clearly understand the logistical issues associated with transporting the blades and components from the Port of Brisbane and the associated delays.

We also supported Western Downs Regional Council's Big Skies festival by conducting a tour of the wind farm as part of the Regional Tours. Seventeen visitors enjoyed asking a myriad of questions to understand the project and its impact on the region.



Big Skies Tour

Given my increased workload both here and interstate, I have engaged Sharyn Garrett to assist me, on a short-term contract. Sharyn is known to many of you, having worked at both South Burnett and Western Downs Councils. Sharyn will be our new Community Officer. Sharyn can be contacted on 0437 145 154 or email sgarrett@agl.com.au.

Cheers

*Clare Wilkes,
Senior Manager Government and Community
Relations*

A focus on safety at Coopers Gap

A two-hour 'safety restart' meeting was held at Coopers Gap Wind Farm project last month, where the new integrated management team was introduced.

The integrated management team will refocus and reinforce the Project Management framework to encourage a more consultative element between consortium partners, sub-contractors and AGL.

This will ensure that appropriate resources are allocated to tasks and that the focus remains on completing the construction of the wind farm in a timely, safe and environmentally friendly manner.

"Safety continues to be our priority and we can already see the hard work that the team has put in, pay off," said Brian McEvoy, Project Director at Coopers Gap. "The meeting also marked the start of the 'Interaction with people and machinery' campaign which will run for about six months."

"The campaign will raise awareness of different aspects of vehicle/machinery interactions, including Alcohol, Drugs and Fatigue, Situational Awareness, Mobile Phones, Changing Conditions."

The event was followed by a barbecue breakfast for the entire site team, prepared and cooked by the Owners Team.

Coopers Gap Wind Farm also recently hosted James Wood, a professional safety speaker, who shared his story about a workplace accident that led him to become paraplegic.



James Wood addressing the team.

James talked about the accident that broke his back and how the injury affected his family and friends, and how he adapted to life after a workplace injury.

While driving a truck in wet conditions from the mine he was working in, eager to get to his lunch break, he lost control over his vehicle and rolled the truck down the side of a hill. He wasn't wearing a seat belt.

"In recent times we've had a spate of breaches of AGL's Life Saving Rules on Cooper Gap Wind Farm where employees were found not to be wearing seatbelts whilst driving," said Brian McEvoy, Project Director at Coopers Gap Wind Farm.

"James was not wearing a seatbelt when his truck rolled over so it was fitting to have James come and talk about the serious and possible consequences that might follow when not prioritising safety.

"He's a passionate safety speaker with a powerful message and if there's one thing I'd like the team to take away from the session, it's that Safety is a daily choice that you individually make.



From left: John French, Peter Gibson, Carl Allcorn, Len Gillespie, Phil Girault, Brian McEvoy with James 'Woody' Wood.

To learn more about James's story or if you'd like to book James to visit your site, [click here](#).

Coopers Gap Community Fund

The fourth funding round was again very well received, with 16 applications received and 12 awarded with funding.

The fifth round of funding will be opened for applications on 2 September 2019.

Community Consultative Committee

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 12th June 2019, from 1:00pm-2.30pm at Cooranga North

Projected timeline



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