

**Minutes of meeting held  
on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Boorowa Recreation Club, Boorowa**

**Attendees:**

Lisa Andrews (LA)	Independent Chair
Jonathan Post (JP)	CWP Renewables (Project Manager)
Tegan Doblinger (TD)	CWP Renewables (Assistant Project Manager)
Malcolm Moore (MM)	CWP Renewables (Site Supervisor)
Lyn Diskon (LD)	CWP Renewables (Community Engagement Officer)
Cr John Walker (JW)	Hilltops Council delegate
Laurie Hutchison (LH)	Ngunnawal Aboriginal Corporation
Terry Sellwood (TS)	Community Representative
Cr Geoff Frost (GF)	Yass Valley Council delegate
Jayne Apps (JA)	Boorowa District Landscape Guardians
Thomas McGrath (TM)	Community Representative (Host Landholder) <i>arrived at 11.07am</i>

**Absent:**

Andrew Winterflood	Community Representative
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***Meeting commenced at 11.04am.***

**Welcome and Introductions**

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the Bango Wind Farm (BWF) Community Consultative Committee (CCC) and introduced Hilltops Council's new delegate Cr John Walker. Cr Walker was invited to provide some background (former Cr with Young Shire Council prior to the amalgamation. His interests are in the whole of the community and potential impacts by the BWF development).

LA advised that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment have approved another stakeholder group on this CCC – the Yass Business Chamber. The secretary, Brooke Watson will be the Chambers delegate on this CCC, however, was unavailable to attend today's meeting.

The attendance sheet was distributed for signing.

**Apologies**

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Brooke Watson and Andrew Winterflood.

**Declaration of Interest**

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The Chair declared her interest as Independent Chairperson of the BWF CCC, approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, and engaged by CWP Renewables to chair the meeting.

No changes to previous declarations by members.

## Business Arising from Previous Minutes

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Minutes of CCC held 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were finalised and emailed to members on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

## Action Items from Previous Meeting

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Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Provide ICN Gateway link when set up (Complete - emailed to members on 9/10/19)	TD
2	Once construction commences - provide figures of local employment/contractors to CCC (held over)	KO
3	Advise of alternate delegate from Hilltops Council (Complete – emailed CCC on 12/9/19 to advise it is Cr John Walker)	LA
4	New CCC members to complete forms and return to Chair (Complete)	LA
5	Acronym Sheet to be prepared to distributed to CCC (Complete - provided to CCC members at the meeting)	TD/LA
6	Confirm venue for next meeting in Boorowa (Complete - sent with meeting notice on 26/10/10)	LA/TD

GF asked what the implications were in putting power into the grid and what the RET impacts were. JP advised that he would take this matter on notice and provide a response. **Action.**

**Acronym Sheet to be updated with RET (Renewable Energy Targets), AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator) and PPA (Power Purchase Agreement). Action.**

## Correspondence

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**Correspondence as sent out with the meeting notice on 23/8/19 with one additional item:**

- 2/9/19 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review.
- 2/9/19 – Email from Hilltops Council advising that Cr John Walker is the new delegate on this CCC.
- 8/9/19 – Email from Yass Valley Business Chamber with a nomination for a delegate to join this CCC
- 12/9/19 – Email to members with the finalised minutes and presentations from the 27/8/19 CCC
- 12/9/19 – Letter to Terry Sellwood with the finalised minutes.
- 7/10/19 – Letter/Report to DPIE for consideration of new stakeholder members.
- 9/10/19 – Email from TD advising that RMS has signed off on the intersection works and the ICN Gateway register has been established. This information was forwarded on to members the same day.
- 19/10/19 – Email to DPIE with additional information for new stakeholder membership on CCC.
- 26/10/19 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice for this meeting. Same information sent to TS.
- 11/11/19 – Email to members with a reminder for this meeting, including the agenda.

**Accepted.**

## **Project Update – CWP Renewables**

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MM provided attendees with a brief presentation with *questions asked and answered throughout the presentation.*

### **Works undertaken to date:**

- Lachlan Valley Way Intersection Upgrade complete – Practical Completion of Intersection achieved on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- Project Corridor - Heritage and Environmental Area demarcation commenced and continues ahead of construction activities.
- Mobilisation of earthmoving equipment from end of September to early October and continues as works areas open up.
- The main access track construction commenced on 12/10/19 and approximately 10kms of 'track' formed from Lachlan Valley Way entrance across to the project substation.
- Approximately 6 kms of track has pavement material in place.
- Tangmangaroo Road upgrade substantially complete, with installation and warning signage of the intersection in place.

### **Works Planned for Next Period:**

- TransGrid and associated staff schedule to mobilise on the 15/10/19 with some minor set out of the area to be undertaken prior to this date.
- Establishment of the site construction facilities and installation of construction office infrastructure will be finalised towards latter part of this year.
- Installation of temporary and permanent metmasts on the western cluster are proposed for the next works period. (MM explained what metmasts were, record wind speeds, temperatures and used for calibrations. Once the WTGs are in place, they will calibrate the system from the permanent masts.)
- Completion of the tracks and formation of the hardstand within the western cluster.
- Mobilisation and installation of the onsite batching plant for the western cluster.
- Mobilisation of work crews into the eastern cluster in the early months of 2020.
- Preparation of foundation area in early 2020, delivery of foundation steel work with the main foundation pours expected to commence in February 2020.
- Substation and interconnecting 132kv OHL construction to continue through this period.
- Windfarm OH Network (33kv) to commence foundation works early February/March 2020.
- TS enquired whether all the internal wind farm lines will be buried or overhead. Response: Windfarm circuits will be a combination of buried and overhead.
- GF introduced concerns that have been raised by the community regarding the amount of water being used from the Yass water supply and the length of time this resource would be required through the construction of the project. JP advised that Downer was currently looking at developing its water source options and have commenced dialogue with YV Council. JP committed that Downer would be providing anticipated water usage to Yass Valley Council and Hilltops Council. **Action.**
- JW enquired where the water was sourced with GF advising that a stand pipe in Yass is used and trucks transport the water to the site.
- JA sought confirmation that the project will not be sourcing any water from the Boorowa River as it is the town's main source of water.
- TS raised concern about pumping down the water table with the use of bores.

- TM commented that you can only pull water from the river if it is flowing and only if you have a licence.
- GF explained Yass Valley Council's water supply system, tributaries, dam and location.
- JP acknowledged communities concern for water, stating that they are looking at options, eg sealing the tracks to mitigate dust suppression and the use of water trucks.
- JP confirmed that all roads (tracks) will be built to the required Australian Standard (building 5.5m wide, 26-38 kms of roads, etc). Downer will be forming the water requirements into their construction plans.
- **Action: Provide further information on agreement between Downer/YVC & Hilltops Council regarding water requirement/usage.**
- LH commented that as a daily commuter between Young and Yass, the impacts to drivers has been minimal. JP stated that RMS have been very organised and helpful to deal with.

## General Business

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- JA sought clarification on the Tangmangaroo Road upgrade. MM advised that they are not using this road, upgrading of the intersection only for crossing from east/west side and visa versa of windfarm. Tanmangaroo only intended for emergency access or light vehicles access to properties. All deliveries/contractors and employees will be via the Lachlan Valley Way access. TS was shown on a map where these works will be carried out.
- JA advised that she had heard that an on-site workers accommodation camp will be constructed. JP confirmed that this was not the case. All buildings are for office use only.
- MM advised that there are currently 50-60 personnel on site at the moment.
- GF reiterated the importance of employing locals and to be able to prove the potential economic impact on the project in the region. MM confirmed that there are earthmovers from Young and Yass on site with local workers. LD commented that she is now a permanent employee (and local) with CWP.
- TM raised concerns by local land holders with trespassers coming onto their land, commenting that normal rules apply to anyone accessing private property. Issues such as work, health and safety, security, weed control, etc. JP noted these concerns and reiterated that all access will be by Lachlan Valley Way and proposed road network (tracks). Project signage will soon be erected providing details as well as temporary fencing.
- TM raised an issue that had been posted on the project Facebook page, including photographs taken from drones.
- MM advised that whilst they are still putting figures together on local employment, he wished to advise that Maylion Horizon, an indigenous group from Cootamundra is providing civil construction works.
- JP advised that CWP is in ongoing discussions with both Council's regarding the Volunteer Planning Agreements; however, asked community representatives to speak with the community on possible worthy causes that the wind farm may contribute to and would like this placed on the agenda as a standing item. This is separate to the community enhancement grant program.
- LD is tasked with the community engagement plan and currently working through the area meeting local groups and preparing a presentation for schools and services clubs (Lions, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, etc).

## Meeting Schedule for 2020

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LA advised that as the project is under construction, the CCC will meet on a quarterly basis. It was agreed to continue with alternate venues between Yass and Boorowa:

- 📅 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Yass
- 📅 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Boorowa
- 📅 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – Yass
- 📅 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - Boorowa

***Meeting closed at 11.48am with LA thanking all for their attendance.***

## Action Items

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Item	Issue	Responsibility
1	Downer to provide its water source strategy for construction to Yass Valley Council and Hilltops Council	JP/MM (Downer)
2	Once construction commences - provide figures of local employment/contractors to CCC	TG/JP
3	Implications on putting power into the grid and what the RET impacts were	JP
4	Update Acronym Sheet (ongoing)	TG
5	Possible contributions to the community by CWP (standing agenda item moving forward)	All