



**COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP
Minutes**

Date: 05/06/18

Time: Start 7.10pm and finished 8.15pm

Place: Bungaree Recreation Reserve

Attendance: Mike Stephens (Chair), Tracey Ward (Lal Lal Wind Farms), Sue Witherspoon, Andrew Aitken, Peter Britt, Shane Murphy, Kate Banner, Mick Frawley

Apologies: Tony Trigg, Ron Read

Guests: Heather McMahan (LLEPA)

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	MS asked for apologies, then a call for these be accepted and seconded Previous minutes discussed, MS asked for a vote that the meeting minutes were read and correct. No business arising from the previous minutes	Accepted Seconded Accepted Seconded	MF AA AA SW	
2	MS asked for feedback on community noise assessment meeting, Monday May 7, at 7pm, Bungaree Rec Reserve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 30 people attended • Good informative meeting • Everyone was able to ask questions • Some people down the back had trouble hearing • People presenting should have been facing the audience • MS asked for feedback on content • HMcM said that LLEPA was disappointed with the content • Harry Grynberg from AECOM could have explained his report in more detail • Ground hardness and turbine interference should have been addressed 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLEPA has identified a mistake in the Sonus report, out by 2dB • Two questions raised by HMcM:- 1)noise curtailment, how can the community have a sense of comfort that this is being carried out correctly? 2) If Macquarie on sells the project, what will stop the new entity from winding things back and not calculating correctly? TW said she will take these questions back to the management team 			
3	<p>Update from Community Engagement Manager, monthly report for May 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Info centre: Averaging about 3-4 visitors a week. Enquiries about landscaping and employment. TW will be changing her days to Monday, Wednesday and Friday to allow being on site the other days. These details will go on the website. • Voluntary landscape program: appointments are continuing. Averaging 8-15 appointments per month. Ads have been placed in the local papers, inviting people to apply. HMcM commented on plants will be relatively slow growing and won't totally screen people's houses. HMcM also asked about people wanting landscaping elsewhere and not near their house, choice of plants and budget. TW responded that there are planning permit constraints and LLWF can offer to organise a landscape plan cost this out and offer a payment in lieu of LLWF carrying out the landscaping. There is also some latitude with vegetation options depending on people's taste's and requirements. LLWF wont remove existing trees that have come to the end of the life but can in fill with other plants. This program is inclusive of 2 years maintenance if LLWF carried out the landscaping. • Construction update: Construction has commenced at Duggan Lane. Site establishment, access tracks. Question about where water is sourced. Currently being sourced from metered fire hydrant in Yendon (permit with Central Highlands Water). During the project bore water 			

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	<p>will be sourced through Lal Lal Estate and Horsehill Road Elaine. Permit with Southern Rural Water. New bores have been put in on land owners properties. Comment on speeding trucks in Elaine, LLWF is not in the Elaine area at the moment. Questions about how long it will take for shiny transmission towers to dull, 3 months over winter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of venue for CRG meetings: Meetings will be rotated between Yendon, Bungaree and Elaine. TW to send a text on the day of CRG meeting with venue details. July meeting will be Elaine and August meeting will be in Bungaree (CBF allocations) • Community Benefit Fund: Ads placed in local papers. TW has only had 2 enquiries from community groups in Buninyong. Suggestion from AA to include Scotsburn school kids when turbine components arrive. SW mentioned she met with the Lal Lal photography group and they wont be applying the funds as they see this as endorsing LLWF. TW said she will go and meet with them. KB mentioned that Elaine Mechanics Hall will be applying as well as Elaine Rec Reserve (toilets). Clarendon cemetery may also apply. 			
4	<p>LLEPA joining the LLWF CRG, discussion</p> <p>MS explained that LLWF CRG is a community lead group that accepts membership from individuals and not representatives from sub groups.</p> <p>HMCM wanted it noted that LLEPA did not apply for membership, Macquarie extended an invitation to attend these meetings.</p> <p>LLEPA will send 1 representative to CRG meetings unless specified by the CRG that a closed meeting is required for voting purposes.</p>			
5	<p>Request for LLWF's to part fund money towards water and waste water/sewerage infrastructure in the district, (request from KB) for discussion</p>			

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	<p>Kate mentioned there are some infrastructure challenges in her area. Most of the CRG said they have similar challenges in areas where they live. Agreed to allocate CBF money to local community groups.</p>			
6	<p>Plans for 'get together' for the start of construction Suggestion by the CRG to put this off until Spring when the weather is warmer and perhaps having a marquee on site somewhere.</p>			
7	<p>Community issues and complaints (Feedback from TW) Landscaping: some frustrations from some people regarding wanting their landscaping completed before now. Some other potential delays with having these plans signed off by the Ministers office.</p>			
8	<p>Any further Items?</p> <p>HMCM asked why council is not mentioned on the complaints procedure. TW responded that people are encouraged to approach LLWF if they have a complaint. Council is under resourced at the moment until they hire a wind farm officer.</p> <p>The CRG elected to send a letter on behalf of the LLWF CRG requesting community support with wind farm projects in the area and to be more proactive with wind farm noise compliance. MS will write a letter on behalf of the CRG.</p> <p>Next meeting Tuesday 3 July at 7pm, Elaine Mechanics Institute Hall, 20 Pearson Road Elaine</p>			