



COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Minutes

Date: 12/05/20

Time: Start 7.05pm and 8.15pm finish

Place: Zoom meeting

Attendance: Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Ron Read, Damian Ryan, Sue Witherspoon, Mike Stephens (Chair), Mick Frawley, Shane Murphy

Guests: Heather McMahon (LLEPA)

Apologies: Vanessa Osborn, Peter Britt

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	MS asked if the minutes had been read and correct MS asked for any business arising from the previous minutes No business arising	Accepted Seconded	SW MF	
2	Update from Community Engagement Manager, monthly report for March to May 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape program <p>There have been 326 applications received of eligible dwelling owners within 4kms of the nearest turbine, for landscaping payments and 4 for actual landscaping. One more landscaping application received since the last meeting</p>			

	<p>St Sava has been contacted regarding landscaping, still waiting to hear back from Council regarding the survey conducted at the end of last year regarding the concept plan for Lal Lal Falls, Narmbool is still talking with their members about landscaping but seem to think that no landscaping will be required near the homestead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV reception complaints <p>TV reception complaints will be assessed to see if the issues relate to wind farm operations or if the issues that were pre existing. LLWF will pay for these assessments and feed back the information to the home owner.</p> <p>Central Highland Antenna’s carry out these assessments.</p> <p>MF asked what recourse do people have if the TV reception issues are deemed unrelated to wind farm operations. TW said that people can lodge a complaint with Council or the wind farm commissioner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise testing <p>The post construction noise monitoring program is delayed in commencing due to the fact that LLWF is not operating at full capacity. Currently operating at 102 MW at Yendon at night, 42MW during the day and 5MW at Elaine. Total capacity is 228MW.</p> <p>HMCM enquired as to what would happen if AEMO continues to issue constraints on generation. TW said that this situation was not anticipated and the project is continuing to liaise with Council and DELWP about the situation.</p>			
3	<p>CRG:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of reference, MS lead a review of the CRG terms of reference. <p>The following was agreed by the CRG, the terms of reference to be updated accordingly to reflect the details below:-</p> <p>The Chair position will become vacant on 19/11/20. New chair will be elected by the CRG</p> <p>There will be 3 year terms for both the chair and the committee</p> <p>A third of the committee will be elected each year</p> <p>Limit of 2 terms or 6 years for committee members</p> <p>Retiring committee members are requested to recommend a replacement form their own local community</p>			

	<p>Incumbent committee members can remain if there is no replacement from their own local community</p> <p>In 2021, one third of the committee will rotate off the CRG. In 2022 another third will rotate off the CRG and in 2023 the final third will rotate off the CRG</p> <p>Draw lots to retire off the committee if no one self nominates</p> <p>HMCM enquired as to whether guests can apply for membership for the CRG.</p> <p>Correction 140520: When the minutes were distributed HMCM clarified that she was reminding the CRG members that as a guest, she is happy to stay in that role and derives benefit from attending CRG meetings.</p> <p>MS requested TW to table this for discussion at the July CRG meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of guidelines and community benefit fund application, the CRG is happy for the same application form to be used as last year as well as the guidelines. <p>There was a discussion conducted as to what to do with the CBF application process because of CoVid 19 restrictions.</p> <p>The CRG agreed to go ahead with sticking with the application process as outlined in previous years. Applications will open on 13/05/20 and close on 24/06/20. Applicants will need to provide an acquittal form if they applied for funds in the 2019 round or a provisional acquittal (including an update) if the project has been delayed due to CoVid 19.</p> <p>SW and DR agreed to review CBF applications before the next CRG meeting on 7/07/20.</p> <p>TW will get the applications to SW and DR in time for their review before the July CRG meeting. TW will load the CBF application and guidelines on the website on 13/05/20.</p> <p>TW will send a Zoom meeting invite for the July meeting. If restrictions are lifted this meeting will be held at Bungaree Rec Reserve.</p>			
4	<p>Community issues and complaints (Feedback from TW)</p> <p>Health complaint, National Wind Farm Commissioner is continuing to liaise with the complainant.</p>			

	<p>Aviation lights, power outage the previous night resulted in the aviation lights remaining on all night.</p> <p>There are 2 families where LLWF is working with and investigating noise complaints, one family will be given a digital recorder to gain a better understanding of the noise being experienced. The other family is a new complaint from last week, information is being gathered to assist investigations.</p>			
5	<p>Any further Items?</p> <p>Discussion of the blade repairs at Yendon and Elaine, manufacturing faults in the blades picked up with regular inspections.</p> <p>Next CRG meeting 07/07/20, community benefit fund applications will be reviewed at this meeting.</p>			