



COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Minutes

Date: 03/09/19

Time: Start 7.03pm and 7.40pm finish

Place: Bungaree Recreation Reserve

Attendance: Tracey Ward (Community Engagement Manager, Lal Lal Wind Farms), Ron Read, Damian Ryan, Sue Witherspoon (Chair)

Apologies: Mike Stephens, Kate Banner, Mick Frawley, Shane Murphy, Peter Britt, Vanessa Osborn (Moorabool Shire Council)

Guests: Heather McMahon (LLEPA)

Minutes: Tracey Ward

Meeting Agenda

Item	Description	Action	Who By	Due
1	<p>SW asked for apologies for this meeting, then called for the minutes from the previous CRG meeting 130819 be accepted and seconded</p> <p>Business arising from the previous minutes</p> <p>There was a request to provide a more comprehensive summary of the CRG request for seasonal noise testing. This explanation is provided below under Noise Testing.</p>	Accepted Seconded	DR RR	
2	<p>Update from Community Engagement Manager, monthly report for August 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape program <p>There have been 110 applications for landscaping payments lodged with 3 applications for landscaping.</p>			

	<p>Question in regards to lack of flexibility with landscaping options. Planning permit condition to offer landscaping and to follow what is outlined by the DELWP endorsed 'program of works'. There have also been 113 completed offers for landscaping and payments and to change the offer would not be fair on those that have received landscaping and payments. As well as this there are nearly 600 households that can apply for landscaping and it would be too hard to administer potentially 600 variations.</p> <p>Discussions are continuing with Council regarding landscaping at Lal Lal Falls. Narmbool will be contacted when all turbines have been constructed. Still no luck contacting St Sava.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction <p>Construction is complete at Yendon and there are 4 turbines to be constructed at Elaine. Total completion of turbine construction is expected to be completed this month.</p> <p>Reliability testing and turbine commissioning at Elaine is expected to take 4-6 weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV reception complaints <p>There have been 10 TV complaints received. All have been resolved. If people are experiencing TV reception challenges LLWF can send a TV technician out to conduct an assessment of whether or not these challenges are related to the wind farm operations. If the issue does relate to wind farm operations LLWF will rectify the situation and restore reception to same quality prior to operations commencing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise testing <p>TW will write a memo to the board and request season noise testing as well as another round of post construction noise testing after 5 years. Request from the CRG in August meeting.</p> <p>See below for explanation regarding season noise testing:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise propagation is affected by a great many factors, one of which is ground attenuation • Sound propagation near the ground is affected by absorption and reflection of the sound waves by the ground. Sound can either leave a source and follow a straight path to a receiver or be reflected and/or absorbed by the ground. How the sound wave reacts with the ground is influenced by the ground impedance. It is perhaps useful to understand that that "acoustically hard ground", which 	<p>Memo to board by TW</p>		
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	<p>includes water, or smooth ground with little to no grass, attenuates noise less than “acoustically soft ground” (e.g. long grass etc) and provides some context as to why more traditional considerations of ground hardness (e.g. how hard is it to dig a shovel in the ground) are counter-intuitive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With respect to seasonal influences on background noise surveys include most background noise provided by natural noise sources (e.g. wind in vegetation and foliage) background noise versus wind speed regression analysis can have some differences and trends that are seemingly seasonal. To hypothesise, this may be a result of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ seasonal changes in vegetation surrounding the monitoring site (e.g. deciduous trees, longer grass etc.) ○ seasonal changes in prevailing wind conditions (e.g. direction or shear) • undertaking monitoring (baseline & wind farm compliance) across multiple seasons would serve to capture a variety of conditions, however, it should be noted that compliance is typically based upon the “average” of all monitoring 			
3	<p>Community issues and complaints (Feedback from TW)</p> <p>TV reception complaints, all finalised and closed out. Construction and road concerns at Elaine, similar to what was encountered at Yendon.</p> <p>TW will be based at site from 9/09/19 at Duggans Lane Lal Lal instead of at the Buninyong Information Centre. For community enquiries and landscaping application lodgement.</p> <p>HMCM asked how the project was working with the recent health complaint. TW responded that the project is continuing discussions with the complainant about the situation of her health. The complainant has said that an incident report will be supplied to the project at the end of September. The complainant has also lodged a complaint with Council.</p>			
4	<p>Any further Items?</p> <p>Next CRG meeting will be on Tuesday 1 October 7pm, Bungaree Rec Reserve.</p> <p>There will be a Christmas get together, date and venue to be decided. The next meeting for 2020 will take place 4 Feb, Bungaree Rec Reserve.</p>			

