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# Berrybank 1 & 2 Wind Farms

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# Berrybank wind farm – Who's who?

## Luke Hatherell – GPG Operations Site Manager



The most recent addition to the GPG team is Luke Hatherell. As Operations Site Manager Luke's role manages the day to day operations of the wind including environmental and technical aspects.

Luke grew up in Hamilton Victoria, and currently resides thirty minutes from Berrybank, he is a qualified electrician with a wealth of experience in domestic, construction, mining and renewable's working in Western Australia and Victoria.

Luke joins us from from close project partner Vestas where he held the position of Berrybank Site Supervisor. Luke's local experience and pleasant demeanour makes him a great fit into the GPG team. Luke and his young family enjoy hooking on the caravan every chance they get and getting away to enjoy northern Victoria.

### Operations update BB1

- ✓ Currently the service team are completing the 2 yearly service of the BB1 towers
- ✓ Availability continues to be above 99%
- ✓ Noise monitoring has started again with units being deployed around the wind farm. This is a 6 week data collection process per unit
- ✓ Nature Advisory have just finished another round of crop, fauna inspections as per the planning permit.

### Construction Update BB2

- ✓ 20 of the 26 turbines have completed their five day reliability test
- ✓ Turbine 62 has been dismantled and is in the process of being rebuilt
- ✓ The new anchor cage has been installed and the concrete pour was on February 11
- ✓ There were almost 70 concrete trucks arriving from both Geelong and Colac

### Neighbour Benefit Program

Voluntary deeds for neighbours whose household is located within a maximum radius of 2 km of the wind farm are available at any time during the construction and operational periods of the wind farm. These deeds offer the opportunity to share the benefits generated by the Wind Farm over many years. For more information contact Phil Beattie using any of the contacts below.



## Turbine 62

The closest Berrybank wind turbine to the Hamilton Highway on the south side is Turbine 62. Last year after testing there was an issue identified in the foundation that required the turbine to be dismantled and the foundation replaced. After the new reinforcing was in place (pictured), the new foundation was poured on



the 11<sup>th</sup> February and needed nearly seventy concrete trucks coming from Geelong and Colac to deliver the nearly five hundred cubic metres of concrete needed for the foundation. It will take about a month to cure before the the turbine can be rebuilt on the new foundation.

## Residents of Smythesdale and surrounds once again have access to dedicated health services at “The Well”.

As part of a Golden Plains Shire initiative, two medical practitioners are now operating on site, with \$50,000 of support from the State Government, and another \$50,000 from Global Power Generation Australia operators of the Berrybank 1 and 2 wind farms. Member for Buninyong Michaela Settle said local health services are integral to regional communities.

*“This is incredibly important. When doctors’ services closed down here, a lot of people got in contact,” she said. “They put together a petition and were really crying out, and it’s especially important for many of the older members in the community who don’t want, or can’t travel, to Ballarat.”*



The facility had been without a medical practitioner following the departure of Ballarat Community Health earlier last year.

The Well’s clinic rooms have been fitted out with new equipment and amenities, with plans to incorporate allied health and podiatry alongside general practice. An independent clinic group have taken on the lease and are operational now.

## Contact Us

If you are looking to contact GPG about the Berrybank 1 or 2 Wind Farms, you can use the specific email address to send through any feedback or complaints: [berrybank1and2windfarms@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:berrybank1and2windfarms@globalpower-generation.com.au) You can still also contact our community engagement officer **Phil Beattie** by phone: **0400 403 282** or email: [philip.beattie@globalpower-generation.com.au](mailto:philip.beattie@globalpower-generation.com.au) or Monday, Wednesday and Friday in person at the wind farm office located at **578 Padgetts Lane, Wallinduc Vic 3324**.