

# Berrybank 1 & 2 Wind Farms

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## Berrybank 1 Wind Farm: Operations update

- ✓ The 2-year services are now over 75% complete.
- ✓ Availability continues to be above 98%.
- ✓ Noise monitoring has now been completed and all of the units deployed have now been retrieved.
- ✓ Landscape Screening program documents are being prepared for distribution to eligible residences.

## Berrybank 2 Wind Farm: Construction update

- ✓ All 26 turbines are in full production now totalling 109 MW installed capacity
- ✓ Corangamite Shire Council has begun the shoulder maintenance on Berrybank-Wallinduc Road.

# Community Engagement and Benefit Sharing

## 2023 GPG - Federation University Scholarship Program



At Federation University Ballarat campus on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the university held the presentation event that awards the 2023 Foundation Scholarships, which eases the financial burden experienced by students in need of assistance. Without this support, many of these students may not have been able to continue their studies.

The GPG Berrybank scholarships have been provided for the first time in 2023 by the Berrybank 1 Wind farm and were available to students who are undertaking studies across both TAFE and Higher Education which have direct relationship to workforce demands in the renewable energy sector.

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Ten students received GPG funded Foundation Scholarships, four studying a Bachelor of IT, three a Bachelor of Engineering and three studying a Cert III in Electrotechnology (Electrician).

The scholarships were presented to the students by GPG representatives Berrybank Wind Farm Site Manager, Luke Hatherell and Community & Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Philip Beattie. There was an opportunity for the donor organisations to meet their respective recipients before the presentation.

## 2023 GPG – Deakin University Scholarship Program

Deakin University has announced two successful recipients of the Berrybank Development Scholarships for 2023.

Deakin Warrnambool Campus Director Alistair McCosh said this scholarship program will provide valuable support for students to pursue their higher education dreams and deliver a vital boost to the region.

This scholarship program that was implemented last year is supported by a collaboration between Deakin Warrnambool University and Global Power Generation (GPG), the international power generation division of the Spanish multinational Naturgy Group.

Mr McCosh emphasised this commitment will provide much needed funding for undergraduate access and equity scholarships for Warrnambool students into the near future.

## GPG – RMIT Entrepreneurship & Innovation Program

### Meredith Sharing Shed Mini Tech Hub Launch



As part of the GPG funded Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program, RMIT has joined forces with Linda Wong and Chris Ardrey. Linda and Chris manage the

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Meredith Sharing Shed, a community-based learning centre with a focus on building and developing small business ideas and initiatives on a local scale.

The Sharing Shed is set up as a mini tech hub with significant capability. Included in the tech line up are a flat bed milling machine, 3D scanner and printers, virtual reality headsets, drone technology, vinyl plotter and more. The stakeholder launch was on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May with Michaela Settle MP, RMIT, Golden Plains Shire, GPG and the Meredith Primary School all represented.

## Corangamite Shire Berrybank Windfarm Grants

The Berrybank Wind Farm Grants Program provides Project and Leverage grants to assistance local community groups and individuals who support local community projects that operate within 75 kilometres of the Berrybank Wind Farm.

Community, environment, facilities, events or other beneficial projects are eligible for these grants. Applicants may apply for annual funding over two consecutive years to fund a larger project.

Applications closed Sunday 28 May and have been well oversubscribed.

## Golden Plains Shire Berrybank Windfarm Grants

Delivered in partnership with GPG, the Berrybank Wind Farm Community Grants Program provides funding opportunities to support local events and projects in Golden Plains Shire.

Applicants will be eligible to apply for grant funding in two categories:

- ✓ Economic Development and Tourism projects and events
- ✓ Community projects and events over \$10,000, with one off and recurring funding available

Applications open 1st June 2023 and closes 30th June 2023.

For more information please contact Council's Community Development and Grants Officer. Phone: 5220 7111

## Contact Us

If you are looking to contact GPG about the Berrybank 1 or 2 Wind Farms, you can use the specific project 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.

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