

Community Engagement Committee

August 2023 Minutes

Date, Location and Time:

- Monday August 7th, Wallinduc CFA at 10am

Attendees:

- Garry Moorfield – Corangamite Shire Council – Community Development Officer
- Ben Middleton – Golden Plains – Senior Economic Development Officer
- Peter Ridsdale - Coordinator Economic Development
- Philip Beattie – GPG (Chair)
- Haridian Fuentes Cabrera GPG Local Community & Stakeholder Engagement Manager
- Luke Hatherell – GPG Berrybank Site Manager
- Benn Remington – GPG Berrybank Community Engagement Officer
- Robyn Alexander – Community member
- Peter and Brenda Rumler - Community Members
- Malcolm and Jane Cooper– Community Members
- Avon Buchholz – Community Member
- Ben Keating – Community visitor

Apologies:

- Max Kerr- Community Member

Chair of Meeting

- Philip Beattie

Declaration of pecuniary or other interests:

- N/A

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

- **Moved:** Garry Moorfield
- **Seconded:** Peter Ridsdale
- **In favour:** All

Business arising from previous minutes - response to issues raised or provision of additional information requested:

- Phil to send out building inspection reports for – Wallinduc Church and Berrybank Hall

Correspondence:

- N/A

GPG update:

BERRYBANK 1 UPDATE

- Availability is now 99%
- Vestas have completed the 2 yearly service on all 43 turbines – 35 up from last meeting.
- Luke expanded on what a 2 year service involves.
- Landscape Screening Program – 53 properties within the 4kms almost all have received application packages, some cannot be contacted. We have received a number of them back.
- A Landscape architect has been appointed for the designing and planning.
- Landscape screening options explained – **Option 1**. Is a one off payment to plant trees themselves. **Option 2**. Trees planted and maintained for two years by a local contractor.

BERRYBANK 2 UPDATE

- The three month service has been completed, including the transformer.
- AEMO wanted some additional tests, delaying the handover process by another week.
- Provisional acceptance sent to Vestas – BB2 “100% under Operation.”
- 26 Turbines in full production
- Landowners will be contacted in coming weeks to fully execute their Deeds.
- Berrybank-Walliduc Rd maintenance has been completed.

GPG Community & Stakeholder Engagement Update

Federation University Scholarship Program

- Nothing to update from last meeting as scholarships have been awarded for 2023.

Deakin University Scholarship Program

- Nothing to update from last meeting as scholarships have been awarded for 2023.

RMIT Entrepreneurship & Innovation Program

- Meredith Sharing Shed is now the hub for this initiative.
- Free interactive workshops are planned for the last Thursday of each month.
- The first 4 workshops have been well attended with very positive feedback.
- Workshops have been moved to evenings to allow for more participation.
- Next workshop is on August 31st with the topic being **“How to use a 3D milling Machine.”**

Corangamite Shire Council Update

Berrybank Wind Farm Grants | Round 2

Interest in this year’s second round of Berrybank Wind Farm Grants was even stronger compared to the inaugural round in 2022. There were 28 applications in all requesting a total of \$466,343 to support beneficial community projects within 75 kilometres of the Berrybank development.

Under the Voluntary Agreement the Annual Monetary Contribution for 2022 was \$52,500, and Council decided not to exceed this budget and further add to the deficit it is carrying forward from 2022. That meant that only four project applications were able to be funded in 2023, namely:

- **Derrinallum Recreation Reserve Committee of Management**

Netball court upgrade \$20,000

- **Derrinallum Bowling Club**

Painting of Bowls Clubrooms \$12,000

- **Noorat A & P Society**

Enclose and clad the Homecrafts Annex \$10,000

- **Lismore Land Protection Group**

Restoring connectivity and on-farm biodiversity \$9,995

Berrybank Wind Farm Grants | Round 1 (2022)

Four of the six projects funded through Round 1 have now been completed.

- **Installation of basketball half-court** - at the Skipton Swimming Pool
- **Improving ecological connectivity through revegetation** - around Lismore
- **Restoration of the Thomas Seymour memorial gates** - at the Lismore Rec Reserve
- **Construction of ramps, handrails and shelter** - at the Lismore Mens Shed.
- **Cressy Water Tower Public Art** - project is expected to be completed in October 2023.
- **Restumping the Darlington Hall** - The quoted cost has increased by \$20,000 over the original estimate. The Hall Committee is looking to secure additional funding and to engage the contractor.

Community Benefit Deed

There is little to report on the finalisation of outstanding projects supported through the Community Benefit Deed. Eleven of the 15 projects have been completed, with 3 more close to being finalised.

- ***Darlington hall roof replacement***
Installation of run-off French drain pending (\$5,000). Waiting on plumber.
- ***Glenormiston South Hall upgrade***
Exterior painting and gravel to be laid (no report on progress).
- ***Bradvale Hall upgrade***
Project completed, but plumber certification of septic system yet to be supplied.

- ***Derrinallum Change Rooms***

Work is progressing on first stages of this \$300,000 project after delays in securing a builder (and after the first appointed builder pulled out). Project has been broken up into smaller stages, to be tackled progressively by the Committee of Management. Corangamite Works staff are providing guidance.

Larger local projects

Community members are being supported to develop some larger high-impact local projects for which Berrybank Wind Farm funding support will/ may be sought. These include:

- **Derrinallum Skate Park at the Derrinallum Rec Reserve**

Design specification and cost estimates completed by CONVIC, supported by local donations and a Corangamite Shire Enabling Grant.

- **Browns Water Holes footbridge replacement**

Structural engineer has inspected – yet to provide quote for development of design specification for wooden replacement footbridge.

- **Berrybank School renovation**

GPG/ BBWF arranging for a building assessment as part of preparations for scoping assessment.

Golden Plains Shire Report:

Berrybank Windfarm Community Grants.

Applications now selected for the Berrybank Windfarm Community Grants in the following two categories:

- Economic Development, Tourism Projects and Events
- Community Projects and Events over \$10,000, with one off and recurring funding available.

- There was no application from Walliduc Community submitted.
- The topic of the mower was raised.
- Phil explained that proximity to the wind farm is highly regarded in the selection process, but this was not possible as there were no applications from the immediate area.
- We spoke about the need to organise some kind of sessions with local groups to encourage/help them to apply.

7 of the 14 applicants were awarded, Peter informed of all the projects awarded.

- Shelford Public Hall Reserve
- Inverleigh Dachshund Derby
- Shelford Duck Race
- Maude, Sheoks & Steiglitz Community Planning Group
- Inverleigh Bowls Club
- Cape Clear Recreation Reserve
- Inverleigh Sporting Committee

Streetscape project funding

- Peter reported that the Council were using the funds as leverage for a Federal funding application.

Issues and comments identified by the community or local government.

General business/feedback from the community

- Robyn provided an update on the Cressy Water Tower project, works are due to start towards the end of the year when the weather is better.
- Corangamite council are questioning whether to sell the Berrybank Hall, Gary will review the condition assessment. They are unsure if it is worth refurbishing.

Meeting closed – 10.55

Next meeting:

- Monday 2nd October 2023, Wallinduc CFA 10am

