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BJCE Australia helping to inspire the next STEM generation

BJCE Australia is investing in renewable energy as well as in the future of young Australians, through its educational initiatives and interactive tours for local school and university students.

Well-known for being Australia's first co-located project, Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm (GRWSF), is also becoming recognised as a hub for ideas and creativity. During 2018, BJCE Australia hosted 5 local schools including Crookwell, Laggan, Binda and Bigga Public Schools and Crookwell High School.

In late 2018, BJCE Australia partnered with Regional Development Australia Southern Inland (RDA Southern Inland), in a pilot program funded by the NSW Department of Education, which aimed to provide students with age appropriate Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) skills. This STEM Industry School Partnership Program (SISP) has empowered students to be able to learn about new technologies, renewable energy and future STEM-related jobs while getting up close to turbines and solar panels at Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm.

Isabel Nelson, Community Engagement Officer at BJCE Australia, said, "We really enjoy hosting students at Gullen Range; they ask thought-provoking questions and are genuinely interested in STEM technologies, which is exciting."

In the middle of 2018, BJCE was approached by UNSW's Sunswift Solar Car Racing Team. The idea was to take some photos of the state-of-the-art Gullen Solar panels alongside the world's fastest solar vehicle. BJCE invited Crookwell High School to attend as well, meaning budding engineers and scientists got to rub shoulders with UNSW's talented students and BJCE engineers, as they compared notes on their respective technologies.

Derek Powell, Deputy General Manager at BJCE Australia, said, "We are privileged to be able to operate our facilities in the Crookwell area. We see it as part of our role in the community to open the wind and solar farms to students, explain how renewable energy works and inspire them to learn more about STEM. Our work with RDA Southern Inland is really helping us make that happen and we are very happy to assist with their excellent program."

BJCE Australia is an active member of the local community, regularly hosting free public tours, participating in community BBQs and sponsoring local sports and community organisations. Establishing and maintaining a good relationship with the community is a priority to BJCE.

Gullen Range Wind Farm is 100% owned by BJCE Australia and began operation in 2014. It consists of 73 turbines and produces enough energy to power in excess of 70,000 homes on an average day of wind. It is co-located with Gullen Solar Farm which has 42,000 solar panels and has been in operation since 2017.

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About BJCE Australia

Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy (Australia) Holding Pty Ltd (BJCE Australia) is wholly owned by Beijing Jingneng Clean Energy Co. Limited through its Hong Kong subsidiary (BJCE HK). BJCE was established in August 2010 and is the leading supplier of wind power in China. Listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange in 2011, BJCE's energy portfolio includes gas, wind, solar PV and hydroelectricity. As at 2017 BJCE owns and operates in excess of 8GW of clean and renewable energy generation assets. In 2014 BJCE entered the international market by acquiring a 75% stake in the 165.5MW Gullen Range Wind Farm. BJCE Australia's growing team consists of ten people, moving towards an ambitious target of owning and operating 1GW of generation in Australia by 2022. BJCE is based in Beijing and the headquarters of BJCE Australia are in Sydney.