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August 2026 Community Update

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Project Update

The cooler months have been filled with maintenance activities at Gullen Range and Biala Wind Farms, with teams focused on ensuring turbines continue operating safely and efficiently through the winter period. Works have included access track grading, vegetation management and scheduled turbine servicing, along with ongoing generator replacement works at Gullen Range Wind Farm.

Gullen Range Wind Farm recently partnered with Local Land Services (LLS) to complete a coordinated fox and wild dog control program alongside neighbouring landholders. The initiative supported livestock protection efforts while also providing valuable training and collaboration opportunities for participants across the region.

Gullen Solar Farm recently welcomed a four-legged creature of another kind - through a trial of an innovative robotic inspection system in partnership with UNSW startup P2AgentX, showcasing how emerging technologies can support renewable energy operations. The autonomous "P2Dingo" robot, equipped with thermal imaging and advanced sensing technology, navigated through the solar arrays to identify hotspots, abnormal heat signatures and other early indicators of potential equipment faults. By detecting issues before they lead to equipment failures or generation losses, the technology has the potential to improve site performance, enhance safety and reduce the need for manual inspections, demonstrating how renewable energy projects can benefit from cutting-edge advances in robotics and artificial intelligence.

Improve energy efficiency at home with the CLEP

The third funding round of Gullen Range Wind Farm's Clean Energy Program (CLEP) closes on 22 September, with grants of up to $8,620 available to eligible homeowners within 5km of the wind farm for energy efficiency upgrades. Now in its 12th year, the program has supported more than 110 projects, helping local residents install solar panels, batteries, double glazing and other improvements that reduce energy costs and carbon emissions. Residents are encouraged to submit an application and take advantage of this opportunity to improve their home's energy efficiency. For eligibility information or application assistance, visit the CLEP webpage on the Gullen Range Wind Farm website.

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2026 Community Fund Recipients Announced

More than $118,000 has been awarded to eight local projects through the latest round of the Gullen Range Wind Farm Community Fund, supporting a variety of local projects that help to improve the lives and wellbeing of local residents.

Funded projects include a new inclusive playground at St Mary's Primary School, a roof replacement for Bannister District Hall, lighting upgrades for the Crookwell & District Basketball Association, food assistance through Vinnies Crookwell and the Australian River Restoration Centre's Rivers of Carbon education program.

Delivered through the wind farm's Community Enhancement Program and guided by a local Upper Lachlan Shire Council S355 committee, the funding helps local organisations deliver projects that strengthen community connections and create lasting benefits across the region. Congratulations to all successful recipients—we look forward to seeing these projects come to life and make a positive impact in the community.

The 2026 Biala Wind Farm Community Fund will open to applications around August, so keep an eye on both the ULSC and Biala Wind Farm websites for announcements.

Community Consultative Committees - staying engaged with the community

Our Biala and Gullen Range Wind Farm CCC's are one way that we continue to update and engage with the community around project developments throughout operations.

The next Gullen Range CCC meeting will be held at 4pm on 21 October at Bannister Hall, while the Biala CCC will meet at 5:30pm on 17 November at Grabben Gullen Hall.

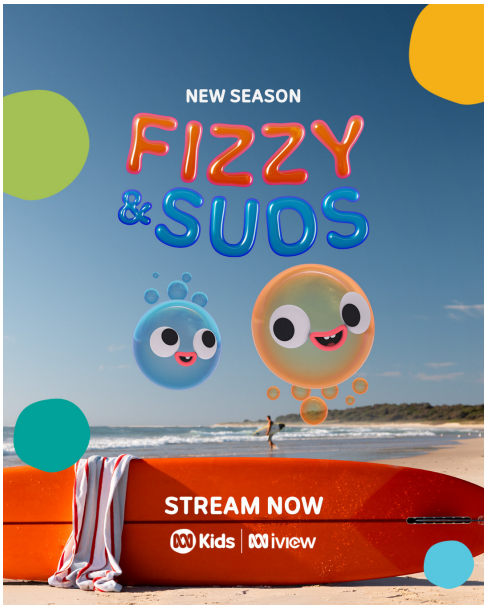
Interested in attending or joining the CCC? Visit our project websites for more information and contact details.

Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm to feature on ABC Kids

Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm will soon appear on ABC Kids' preschool education program Fizzy and Suds, in an episode exploring how electricity is made.

Filmed at the site late last year, the episode follows the animated bubbles Fizzy and Suds as they learn how energy from the wind and sun can help power homes and everyday appliances.

The electricity episode premieres on ABC Kids on Wednesday 19 August at 3:40 pm and will also be available on ABC iview.



Wind and Solar Farm Tours

Interest in public tours of Gullen Range Wind and Solar Farm has remained strong throughout 2026, with visitors keen to learn more about renewable energy generation and day-to-day site operations. The tours provide a unique opportunity for community members to see wind and solar infrastructure up close while learning about how renewable energy projects operate alongside farming.

Our next tour is scheduled for **30 September.** Please visit our website for information on how to secure your seat! If you'd like to join our waitlist to be notified of future tours, please Contact Us.

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Encouraging the Next Generation of STEM

Biala Wind Farm was proud to once again be a sponsor of the Southern Tablelands Science and Engineering Challenge, which was held at Veolia Arena on 31 July.

Teams from high schools across the region travelled to Goulburn to participate in a full day of activities exploring a range of science and engineering tasks, including constructing the most efficient wind turbine.

Wind farm representative, Andrew Sinclair, was on hand to help judge the major challenge of the day - building the strongest bridge using nothing more than paddle pop sticks! As with previous years, it was wonderful to see creativity and engineering skills on display with a highly engaged group of students.

Congratulations to Trinity Catholic College who emerged victorious from the day, and who will go on to represent the region at the NSW Finals.

Did you know...

The 2.5MW turbines at Gullen Range Wind Farm weigh over 280 tonnes each, with around 400 large nuts and bolts connecting the tower sections together.

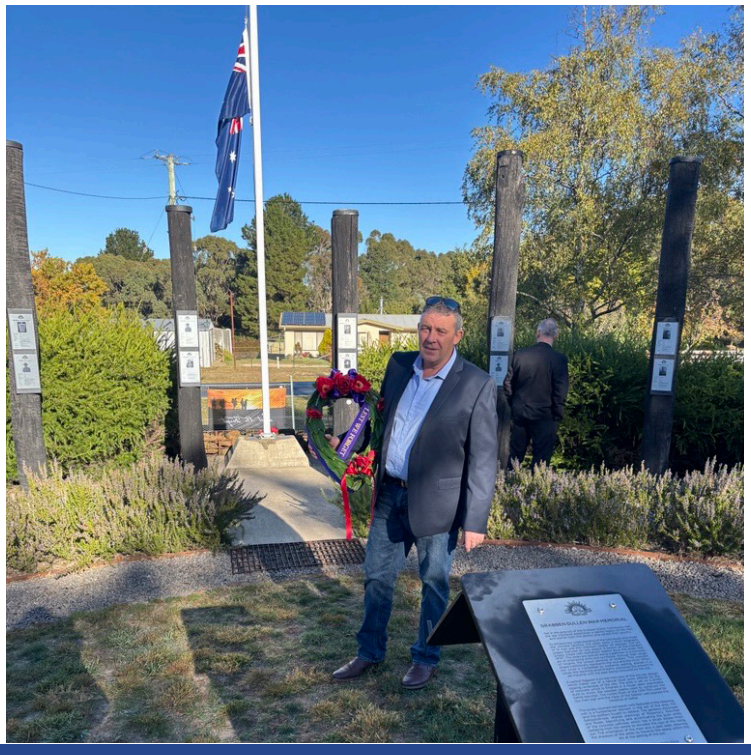
Each turbine is made up of more than 187 tonnes of steel, with the tower's steel plate thickness approximately 46mm at the base. Approximately 820 tonnes of concrete is poured to construct each turbine's foundation.

The height to the nacelle (hub) at the top of our 2.5MW turbines is 80m, with more than 300 rungs on the ladder taking site technicians from the base to the top. Don't worry though - there is also a small lift inside the turbine that helps to take technicians all the way to the top while kitted in their safety gear.

Our site technicians every year need to undergo refresher rescue at heights training - including demonstrating that they can safely jump and descend from the outside of the turbine!

Honouring Anzacs at Grabben Gullen Service

Site Manager Andrew Sinclair attended the 2026 Anzac Day service in Grabben Gullen, laying a wreath on behalf of the wind and solar farms to honour the service and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand defence personnel.



The service provided an opportunity for the community to come together in reflection and remembrance. Andrew said it was a privilege to represent the wind and solar farms and to take part in an occasion that holds deep meaning for many local families.

"It's important we pause to remember the courage and sacrifice of the Anzacs, and to acknowledge the service of today's defence personnel," Andrew said. "Laying a wreath on behalf of the wind and solar farms is a small way we can show our respect and support for the communities we're part of."

We are proud to support local commemorations and to stand with the surrounding community on Anzac Day.

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