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Local community members attending the White Rock Wind Farm Open Day.

## Welcome to the newsletter for White Rock Wind Farm stage one and two and White Rock Solar Farm.

The 175 megawatt (MW) White Rock Wind Farm is in the New England Tablelands approximately 20 km west of Glen Innes and 40 km east of Inverell. The project has approval for construction and operation of up to 119 wind turbines and associated infrastructure.

Stage one consists of 70 wind turbines along with the related civil and electrical infrastructure. Stage one of the project is expected to be fully operational shortly. Planning for stage two of the project is currently underway. The 20 MW White Rock Solar Farm is currently under construction, located adjacent to the northern end of the Wind Farm.

## Happy holidays!

On behalf of all the teams working on White Rock Wind and Solar Farms, we would like to wish the local community an enjoyable and safe holiday period and best wishes for 2018.



## Construction Update

Work on stage one of the wind farm is now focussed on commissioning of wind turbine generators, as well as rehabilitation of the site area. Stage one will be fully operational once the final commissioning is complete.

Construction work on the solar farm is underway. Construction of the civil works on the boundary fence and access and internal roads has been completed and recent activity on site has seen significant progress in structural work on frames and pile installation, as well as installation of the first solar panels. The solar farm aims to be fully operational in early 2018.



## First panels installed at the solar farm

In November, the first panels were installed at White Rock Solar Farm.

Dan Ford, Goldwind Owner's Representative for the project said reaching this project milestone demonstrates construction is well underway.

'The first of the solar panels have now been installed. In total 72,000 panels will be installed over the coming months. Once operational, the solar farm will have the capacity to generate electricity to supply the equivalent of approximately 7,200 average NSW homes.' said Dan.

### White Rock Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee

The aim of the Community Consultative Committee is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of White Rock Wind Farm, the community, local councils and other stakeholders, and to keep the community informed of progress of stage one and stage two of the wind farm and also the adjoining solar farm.

Meeting minutes and associated materials are available on the project website and at the public libraries in Glen Innes and Inverell.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8 February 2018 from 1:30-3:30pm at the Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre (71 Grey Street, Glen Innes).

Any person may attend the meeting as an observer. If you wish to attend or for further details on the committee, please contact us.

### White Rock Wind Farm Stage Two

Stage two of the project allows for a further 49 wind turbines to be constructed, based on the original approval granted in 2012. To take account for emerging turbine technologies and improved efficiencies in site design, a modification application is being prepared for submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. The application will seek to optimise the location of wind turbines, including relocating some of the approved turbines, and increase the tip height from 150 metres to 200 metres. Other minor modifications will also be sought to maximise the efficiency of the stage two design whilst aiming to reduce impacts where possible.

Information days will be held in the local area early next year, and the community will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes during the public exhibition period, expected in early 2018.

### Open Day

White Rock Wind Farm held its first Wind Farm Open Day on Saturday 4 November 2017. Over 1400 interested community members and visitors from across the region experienced first-hand the scale of the Goldwind wind turbine generators installed at White Rock Wind Farm.

People gathered as early as 8am at the old Glen Innes Railway Station to take one of chartered buses to White Rock Wind Farm. Onboard the bus with a guide, visitors could ask questions about the project. Once on site, groups were able to stand underneath a turbine, and the Operations Manager and technicians were on hand to



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provide explanations of how the turbines were installed and how they operate.


Sandra Royal, Local Representative for the White Rock Wind Farm project, said the Open Day was an opportunity to showcase the project and thank the local community for their ongoing support.

'It has been a great pleasure to show everyone White Rock Wind Farm. Local communities across the district have been very supportive of the project throughout construction. It is only fitting that we provided this opportunity to thank everyone for their support' said Sandra.

'We would also like to thank all the people and businesses directly involved in making the event possible. These include Glen Innes Rotary, Glen Innes Lionesses, SES, Ben Lomond Community Memorial Hall Committee, Glen Innes Bus Service, The Abbies, Steven Wright, Daniel Hayden, Glen Innes Waste, Ben Lomond RFS and the Glen Innes Severn Council' said Sandra.

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