

Construction Schedule and Christmas Closure

Upgrading of Aarons Pass Road and permitted Pre-construction activities have started on the Transmission Line, and upgrading of Bombandi Road.

GEZ Consortium will be closing the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm upgrade works along Aarons Pass Road during the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

The works will cease as of COB Friday 20th December 2019 with works to recommence on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7am.

All plant, equipment will be removed from Aarons Pass Road during this time. Please also note that some temporary safety signage and bunting will remain in position over this period. Also, a friendly reminder to continue to be mindful of the work area speed restrictions for your own safety and that of the work crews in the area coming up to the break.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding the notice, please do not hesitate to contact the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Project Call Centre on 1300 524 463 or via email info@crudineridgewindfarm.com.au



Project Modification Update.

In the last newsletter we outlined the process involved in the Modification of the Approval. The DPE prepared an Assessment Report of the Project Modification and made a recommendation to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) to approve the Modification.

The IPC undertook its own review of the Modification which included the input gained from a public meeting held at the Pyramul Hall, together with meetings they held with the DPE, MWRC and CWP.

The Modification was approved by the Independent Planning Commission 21st of June 2019. This wasn't an immediate green light to recommence construction. We had to redraft several of our management plans which in turn had to be approved by the Secretary for Planning. This was all done by early August.



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Crudine Ridge Wind Farm

Community Newsletter
November 2019



Project Update

Project Director's Welcome

Hi Everybody

Welcome to our third Crudine Ridge Wind Farm newsletter. Since the last newsletter the Modification to the Approval was approved and works have commenced on upgrading Aarons Pass Road. In this issue we'll cover the works on Aarons Pass Road, on-site maintenance and introduce some new team members.

As always, myself and my team are available to answer any questions or concerns you may have so please contact us if you have any questions.

Brendan McAvoy
Project Director

The Team at CWP Renewables would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.

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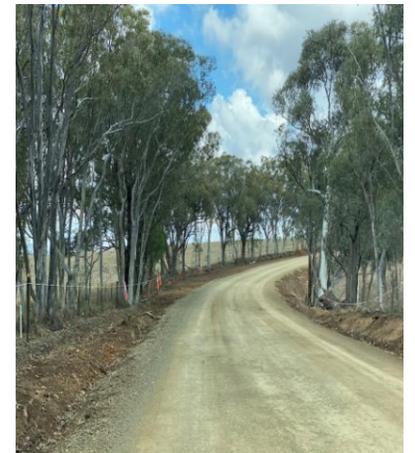
Construction Schedule

Construction Update

Construction on the Project recommenced in August with works along Aarons Pass Road. The upgrade of Aarons Pass Road must be completed before we recommence construction works on site. However, we are allowed to undertake a range of what is called "Pre-construction minor works" on the wind farm itself. This includes fencing, surveying, environmental works and minor clearing and translocation of native vegetation management.

Before we commenced clearing near Perks Road, we had to translocate over 50 specimens of the Threatened Species *Acacia meiantha*, see article on page 2.

At the time of publishing the first six kilometres of Aarons Pass Road have been completed. You will notice the difference in the pavement and visibility.



In preparation for the construction of the overhead powerline from the windfarm to the TransGrid line we have completed the installation of five new heavy-duty grids and two new culverts on Bombandi Road.

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AARONS PASS ROAD UPGRADE

- Aarons Pass Road (APR) is set for completion during the first quarter of 2020.
- Over the Christmas period APR will be open to all traffic.
- Please drive to the conditions and exercise caution on the sections that are not complete.
- Christmas Site Shutdown 20 December 2019 to 6 January 2020.
- There will be some locally based GEZ staff around who will undertake maintenance, environmental inspections and bushfire emergencies.

Meet Marie Hensley



CWP Renewable's Community Engagement Officer

Marie started with us in October and will be the local area contact for community sponsorship and project information. Marie holds a Master Degree in Regional Development and has accumulated 23 years working with communities in rural and regional Australia. Marie comes from a farming background in the Mudgee/Gulgong district, Central West NSW.

As CWP Renewable's Crudine Ridge Community Engagement Officer, Marie will be a direct point of contact for Landholders and local community in regard to the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm project. You can call Marie on 0428 225 417 and email Marie.Hensley@cwprenewables.com



ACACIA MEIANTHA TRANSLOCATION

Aarons Pass Road is one of three locations in the Central West where *Acacia meiantha* grows.

The upgrade of Aarons Pass Road identified that of number Acacia plants would be impacted on.

After several subtle redesigns of the road alignment the number of Acacia's requiring removal was reduced to a minimum.

The plants to be removed were all individually located by our ecologists. Once identified and tagged each of the plants was carefully dug out of the ground, pruned and placed into a pot of local soil.

The pots have been taken back to Mudgee and are in the care of the Watershed Landcare Group.

Once construction on Aarons Pass Road is complete, we will replant the surviving Acacia's.

We would like to thank the members of the Watershed Landcare Group for their expertise and assistance.



What is Acacia meiantha

Acacia meiantha is a straggling shrub usually 1.5 m high but sometimes up to 2.5 m tall flowering in July to October.

It produces fruit from November to December and occasionally in August.

Acacia meiantha occurs as three distinct populations all located within the Central Tablelands, at Clarence, Mullions Range and along APR.



Drought is all around us at present and although we cannot wave a wand and make it rain there is assistance and support available and here are some links and information regarding where to go to access information: Find out what [drought response events](#) are happening near you.

Get the [drought management best practice](#) (publications and factsheets) to see the range of services and support available from the NSW and Australian governments. [Visit NSW DPI's DroughtHub](#)

The NSW government has just announced a further [\\$185 million to continue the NSW Emergency Drought Relief Package](#), to help farmers manage the effects of the drought

If you require assistance with drought transport subsidies, other financial assistance or are in need of, or know someone who may be in need of rural financial counselling services, [please contact the Rural Assistance Authority \(RAA\)](#) on 1800 678 593

The Australian Government has released a drought response, resilience and preparedness plan.

Their plan is focused on 3 themes:

- Immediate action for those in drought.
- Support for the wider communities affected by drought.
- Long-term resilience and preparedness.

Read the detail in the [Australian Government's Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan](#).



OUR COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

ABOUT:

CWP Renewables is very pleased to be launching its Crudine Ridge Wind Farm Community Sponsorship Program.

Crudine Ridge Wind Farm (CRWF) has a genuine interest in building the capacity and long-term sustainability of the communities in which it operates. The Crudine Ridge Community Fund (CRWF), established by CWP Renewables, provides funding to local initiatives that benefit the Mid-Western Shire communities and communities surrounding the wind farm that are located within the Bathurst Council area.

Through the CRWF, CWP Renewables support initiatives that strengthen the local community, through programs that make a positive and lasting contribution and enhance the local region and surrounding areas.

DOWNLOAD GUIDELINES

A Sponsorship Committee has been appointed to assess applications and determine how best to allocate funds and in-kind contributions to maximise benefits for the community.

The Guidelines and Application form are available from Crudine Ridge Windfarm website although to access these directly you can click on the link below.

For information regarding the Community Sponsorship program contact CWP Renewables Community Engagement Officer Marie Hensley 0428 225 417 email Marie.Hensley@cwprenewables.com

CRWF COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

EMERGENCY REDI-KIT



Think like a scout and **"Be Prepared!"** Build your own survival kit with a handy emergency checklist. Red Cross have a detailed emergency redi-kit to help you be better prepared in case you need to leave quickly.

DOWNLOAD YOUR EMERGENCY PACK LIST

Get the mobile phone app **GET PREPARED**

Red Cross Emergency Services can provide a local workshop in your area to ensure you, your family and community are more prepared in case of an emergency.

Call Marie Hensley 0428 225 417 to organise.