A NEW GENERATION

Bodangora Wind Farm has delivered its first generation to the National Electricity Market, marking an important milestone for the development.

Connection to the grid signifies commencement of the commissioning phase for the wind farm as the first of its kind in the area.

Depending on the wind speed, each turbine can generate up to 3.4 MW of power, with the wind farm providing enough output to supply power to up to 49,000 homes each year once fully commissioned.

Upon completion, the Bodangora Wind Farm will feature 33 turbines generating up to 113.2 MW of power into the electricity network, making a valuable contribution towards Australia meeting its Renewable Energy Target by 2020.

ABOUT BODANGORA WIND FARM

Bodangora Wind Farm is being constructed by a consortium of Civil and Allied Technical Construction Pty Ltd (CATCON) and General Electric International Inc. (GE) who manufacture and supply the wind turbines. The overhead powerlines connecting the wind farm to the electricity grid have been built by TransGrid.

Infigen Energy is the owner of the project and overseeing construction. The project is supported by a long-term full-service operation and maintenance agreement provided by GE who have supplied all the turbines for the project.

For more information about Bodangora Wind Farm’s development, visit www.infigenenergy.com
WHAT’S HAPPENING ON SITE?

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
Since our last newsletter in April 2018, construction on-site has progressed well and the following work has been completed:

• All turbine foundations have been poured
• Roads and crane hardstandings are complete
• Installation of medium voltage cabling connecting the turbines has largely been completed
• 22 turbines are fully installed with four others installed up to hub height
• Work has commenced on the operation and maintenance building

With most civil works now completed, the focus for CATCON is to complete the operation and maintenance building as well as complete remediation and drainage works at site.

DELIVERY OF TURBINE COMPONENTS
Delivery of turbine components to site will continue throughout August 2018 and turbine installation works using the main cranes at site is set to continue into September 2018.

SAFETY
Safety is always our first and top priority at Infigen. At Bodangora Wind Farm, as with all our projects, we and our contractors work actively to maintain an injury-free and healthy working environment and promote an open and proactive health and safety culture.

This can only be achieved with the active participation of all the main contractors and sub-contractors involved at site. During the construction phase the overall goal for all parties is that we plan, design and execute the project without harm to people, the environment or assets.

Infigen will continue to work with contractors to ensure a collaborative and proactive approach to planning, managing and monitoring performance of all works at site until project completion.

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Jun 2017 - Mar 2018
Nov 2017 - Apr 2018
Feb-Aug 2018
Mar-Sept 2018
Jul-Oct 2018
Spring 2018

Construct roads and turbine foundations
Construct grid substation and overhead line
Wind turbine transportation to site
Wind turbine installation
Commissioning and testing
Operational

For enquiries regarding transport and deliveries, please contact CATCON at 1800 996 955 (between 7am and 6pm) or Infigen Energy at 1800 917 372 (all hours).
MICHAEL BULLOCK, OPERATIONS SITE MANAGER
From Wellington, NSW

What does your role involve?
I am responsible for management of site operations and commercial activities.

What is your professional qualification or trade?
Bachelor of Commerce (University of Newcastle)
Electrician
Instrumentation Technician

What career path has led to your current position?
Upon completion of high school in Wellington, I relocated to Newcastle to undertake a Bachelor of Commerce. I took on a role as a trainee tax accountant at a practice on the Central Coast whilst completing my degree. Not content to be restrained to an office, I embarked on a career change. This took me from the Central Coast of NSW to the other side of the country. There I was able to complete my trade qualifications working primarily in the Pilbara region of WA on some large and some small projects in oil and gas, iron ore and gold. I returned to Wellington a little over three years ago, continuing my electrical work and assisting my parents on their farm. When this position became available I believed this to be a good opportunity to combine my previous work experiences in a new sector.

What is your previous connection with Wellington?
I was born in Wellington and completed all my primary and secondary schooling here. Both my parents are from multi-generation farms in the Wellington district.

What are your thoughts on working on the first wind farm in the region?
The renewable energy sector is rapidly growing in Australia. The construction and subsequent operation of this wind farm has allowed locals including myself the opportunity to be part of an exciting unchartered era of power generation in Wellington.

What goals do you have for your new role?
Not only to ensure the successful operation of the Bodangora Wind Farm but to establish and maintain thriving relationships between Infigen and the greater Wellington community.

LIZZY RICH, GE SITE ADMINISTRATOR
From: Wellington, NSW

What is your role on the project?
Administrative support for the General Electric Projects and services teams at Bodangora Wind Farm.

Best part of your job?
The people I work with. We are a multinational company and our team is made up of personnel from around the world. It makes each day interesting and they are a great group of people to work with!

What is your most memorable moment?
At work, seeing the first turbine installed. They are very impressive! In life, having my sons - Archie and Albert. Becoming a mum is a pretty hard memory to top!

What was your best breakfast ever?
Mother’s Day breakfast is fast becoming a favourite now that my boys are old enough to help make it!

If you had a superpower, what would it be?
Time travel - so I could travel forward and find out the lottery numbers in advance!

What is your best party trick?
It’s not a party trick, but I LOVE karaoke!

Best piece of advice?
Do things that make you happy because life is too short to be miserable!
COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND:

Round 2 of the Bodangora Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund has been announced, with eight Wellington organisations receiving a share of $25,000.

From 18 submissions, there were eight successful applications:

- Twin Rivers Fishing Club - $3000 to boost Macquarie River fish stocks
- Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum - $3500 for propagation of native species
- Wellington Lions Club - $2300 generator for the catering van
- Wellington Warriors Football Club Incorporated - $4800 barbecue trailer for community sporting groups
- Wellington Arts Centre Inc - $3000 towards lantern-making workshops
- Wellington Amateur Theatrical Society Incorporated - $4768 towards new equipment and costumes
- Salvation Army Orana-Wellington NSW - $1114 first aid training
- Mount Arthur Reserve Trust - $2518 wheelbarrow and pallet forks

The next round of the Community Benefit Fund will be advertised later in the year. Contact Dubbo Regional Council on 6801 4000 or council@dubbo.nsw.gov.au for further information.

Pictured are the recipients from round 1 of the Community Benefit Fund.

WINTER SPONSORSHIPS

The weather may be cold but it’s been heart-warming to assist with community sponsorship in the past few months. Infigen has given funding to support events including silver sponsorship of the upcoming Wellington Arts and Sculpture Festival, platinum sponsorship of the recent Mt Arthur Challenge and the President’s Award and People’s Choice Award at the Wellington Eisteddfod.

Site manager Gavin Paul was special guest at the Wellington Public School assembly on July 30, 2018 where he contributed Woolworths gift cards to the school’s breakfast club, an important aspect of the students’ social and physical wellbeing. He is pictured with Maddison Eade and Levi May, with the school very grateful for the support.

The company has also sponsored the U6 Infigen Blades soccer team who are performing very well in the competition and putting lots of energy into their games! Pictured are best friends Spencer (Infigen Blades) and Albert (GE Power Turbine).

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