

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting	Rye Park Wind Farm - Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meeting #40		
Attendees (* = online attendee)			
Garry West – Independent Chair (GW)		Mike Gilmour – Community Member (MG)	
Federica Frew – Community & Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, Tilt Renewables (FF)		Claude Morson – Community Member (CM)*	
Samantha Mar – Rye Park Wind Farm Asset Manager, Tilt Renewables (SM)		Jayne Apps – Community Member (JA)	
Daved Owen – Manager, Enviromental Compliance, Tilt Renewables (DO)*		Chris Hawkins – Community Member (CH)	
Cr Paul Culhane – Mayor, Upper Lachlan Shire Council (PC)*			
Cr Alvaro Charry – Yass Valley Council (AC)			
Apologies			
Andrew Field – Community Member (AF)			
Cr James Blackwell – Hilltops Council (JB)			
Location	Yass Community Centre	Date & start time	7 July 2026 at 4pm

Topic	Discussion
1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	- The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land within the project area and on which we meet, being the Ngunnawal and Wiradjuri people, paying respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. - The Chair (GW) welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that he was recording the meeting to assist with minutes taking; there were no objections.
2. Introductions	- The Chair (GW) introduced himself as the Independent Chair appointed by the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure (DPHI). - GW noted the apology of AF. It was noted that Cr Blackwell (Hilltops Council) is overseas.
3. Declarations of Interest	CH noted she no longer a non involved neighbour as she had sold her property.
4. Correspondence	None
5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Minutes of the last meeting of the Rye Park CCC (#39) on 11 November 2025 were taken as approved, as a draft had been circulated to all members for comment and have now been uploaded to the Project website.

6. Business Arising from previous minutes	Action item – 8 dilapidation surveys MG noted the road at Cooks Hill, in the Yass Valley Council area still requires work. JA noted that Long Street, Boorowa had not been fixed. FF wasn't aware and will follow up with Hilltops Council. AC noted that Transgrid don't have a Roads Management Agreement with YVC. It is only an informal arrangement. Do the councils have such agreements with Tilt? FF advised that it was only during the construction phase. AC believed that ongoing agreements with Tilt should be in place as the wind farm increases pressure on local roads which is a major cost burden to local government. FF noted and agreed to review if post-construction roads management plans are required with local councils. Action (14). Action item 8 to remain open. Action item 10 – wind farm signage FF noted that an internal review has been conducted and resolved that the majority of the signage should remain insitu as a reminder that contractors should use authorised travel roads as a safety issue. CH observed some are very reflective. Action item now closed. Action Item 11 – Aviation lighting FF noted this is still not resolved. Confusion is where agreement is in place for some wind farms to have the aviation lights turned off but not for a neighbouring wind farm. CH noted that the CASA guidelines are not compulsory. FF explained if CASA makes a recommendation it is compulsory. Community complaints are needed to increase local pressure, whether directly to CASA or to Tilt who can pass onto CASA. It was suggested to liaise with Bango Wind Farm and see if a joint approach could be coordinated. FF and GW will continue to work on this item. General feeling is that there needs to be a consistent approach. Action item 11 remains open. Action items 12 & 13 – night time noise impacts FF noted that this item is ongoing and will be closed out of session with AF. Current investigations show that the wind farm turbines are operating within the approved operational limits. It was noted one turbine had bearings replaced and that has been fixed. Action items 12 & 13 remain open.
7. Proponent's Report	Project Update • SM advised the annual internal safety and environmental audits have been completed. Some minor administrative non-conformances were identified. • SM reported the 3rd year annual service has commenced. • Inspections of the internal overhead lines has been completed. Noted that some insulators need repairs. • Following consultation with RFS new signage has been installed on site. Installed QR codes on turbines to assist emergency services with location. • SM advised there was a bearing failure in a turbine A01 and this was repaired promptly. • Work with Transgrid on scheduled maintenance and substations is continuing. • JA asked if the audit report was available on line? SM advised internal audits are not posted to the Project website, only the external and mandated audits which are all available online.

Environmental Compliance

- DO reported that the on-site rehabilitation monitoring is complete and the BOP contractor is finalising any further remediation of native vegetation.
- DO advised the Year 1 monitoring report for bird and bat monitoring was submitted to DPHI in January 2026 and comment was received in May. The report will now be published on the Project website.
- Year 2 of a 5 year monitoring program is underway.
- DO reported that the ecologist's investigation into the White Throated Noddletail bird impacts concluded that the 3 impacted would not affect the population of the species.
- In February 2026 the EPA conducted a site visit as part of their 3 yearly cycle and no findings came out of the visit.
- JA asked if Pudman Creek been investigated post construction? DO advised no investigations have been undertaken as they were not required. It was agreed to review this as an **Action (15)**.
- AC asked if there are any other areas that had been of concern during construction relating to biodiversity management? DO advised there are no outstanding areas of concern but monitoring is ongoing. The Remediation Plan requires constant reviews to see if any areas require ongoing work.
- JA asked for an update on the impact on eagles? There were 3 early eagle strikes on the northern end soon after operation commenced. DO advised there have been further impacts and all have been reported to the department.
- Tilt have been proactively working with DPHI to develop a Wedge-tailed eagle mitigation plan. This entails working with landholders to reduce the attractiveness of food sources in the vicinity of the turbines, for example, removing rabbit warrens. Since this plan have been implemented there has been a decrease in the number of eagles impacted and Tilt monitor what the impacts are on the total population.
- JA asked how many eagles had been impacted? DO advised there were 20 impacts in the 18 months since commissioning in December 2023. JA noted the submissions on the project identified the presence of eagles in the area.
- DO advised that they are working with their ecologist and DPHI in the exploring additional mitigation measures to reduce eagle impacts, and Tilt takes this issue seriously.
- CH indicated that the report to the department should be made available. FF and DO noted the Year 1 BBAMP report will be published to the website when it is finalised.
- AC noted these issues are very important and require cultural sensitivity. GW advised this will be an agenda item for the next meeting looking at the total picture not just statistics in isolation. **Action 16**.

- JA asked if there has been any impact on the Supurb Parrots, particularly over the summer? DO advised there have been no reported deaths of Superb Parrots.
- JA asked about biodiversity management planning and specifically about trees that have been removed. Are they being left insitu and has there been any evidence of firewood harvesting of these trees? DO reported there is no evidence of firewood harvesting and the trees are still serving a role in the local biodiversity.

Modification 3 Update

- FF advised that Tilt submitted the Notice of Intent to Modify to DPHI, noting this modification will not and does not substantially alter the nature of the existing project.
- The key change is to provide three site access points for light vehicles (previously one). Mod-3 proposes to provide alternate access for operational staff via Blakney Creek Road South Rye Park, via High Rock Road and at Days Road via Bushs Road. In addition it includes the construction of a smaller, permanent O&M building at the site of the pre-existing temporary central O&M facility.
- The next steps now include the development various assessments and consultations with councils and key stakeholders including the CCC.
- Members requested a map of the access points. FF advised that maps and details will be included in the consultations. Members requested detailed information as early as possible.
- GW asked what are the time expectations for the submission of the Mod. DO indicated he expected to submit by November 2026. GW suggested the need to take this into account when deciding on the date for the next CCC meeting.

Community Enhancement Funds

- Yass Valley Council - \$55,413.29 distributed in 2024/25 funding rounds. Next funding round dates to be announced soon by Council.
- AC noted YVC is planning to consolidate all funds from various projects VPAs so larger legacy projects can be considered. FF noted that any changes will need to align with the VPA and this will be discussed during the Fund committee meeting.
- Hilltops Council - \$164,942 was distributed in the previous funding round. Next funding round dates to be announced soon by Council.
- Upper Lachlan Shire Council - \$46,403.91 to be distributed. Applications were evaluated in June. To be approved by Council at their next meeting.
JA noted the Rye Park Uniting Church is to be sold and maybe council should consider asking for a refund of the proposed funds.
- Annual Newsletter is planned for distribution in December 2026

8. General Business	- JA requested a review on tree planting in accordance with the condition of consent that provides for trees as visual mitigation within 5 years of commencement. FF believed Visual Mitigation program was for 5 years post construction - FF to review. Action 17. - JA asked if Tilt is considering any involvement with the wind farm proposed at Rugby? FF noted she wasn't aware. - Resolved to hold the next meeting on 6 October 2026 either in Rye Park or Boorowa at 6pm. TBC																																
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