

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### ***Local community visit White Rock Wind Farm***

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On Saturday 29 April, White Rock Wind Farm played host to some lucky members of the local community who saw first-hand the scale of the construction underway.

Three of the site visit attendees were community representatives for the WRWF Community Consultative Committee (CCC). The CCC community representatives' role is to represent and communicate the interests of the local community to White Rock Wind Farm. The purpose of the CCC is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of White Rock Wind Farm, the community, local councils and other stakeholders.

Sandra Royal, Local Representative for White Rock Wind Farm, said that showing the CCC community representatives the construction site has increased their understanding of the project.

'CCC community representatives have an important role in acting as an interface between the local community and White Rock Farm. Having CCC community representatives on site allowed them to experience first-hand the sheer scale and scope of the ongoing construction works and will assist them in performing their important role.' Said Sandra

The remaining site visit attendees were successful raffle winners from several local events including the Glen Innes Show Jump, Glen Innes Club Rose Carnival and the Glen Innes Debutant Ball. The raffle prize included a tour of the project site, personalised hi-vis safety vest, a model Goldwind turbine, and a photo of their time on site.

'White Rock Wind Farm aims to contribute to the community through support and sponsorship of local community initiatives and events. Our donation of raffle prizes to several local events generated a lot of interest and allowed these organisations to raise money towards their relevant causes.' Said Sandra.

Site visit attendees were accompanied on site by Sandra, Stuart Hitchcock Project Construction Manager, David Davies Health Safety Environment Quality Site Supervisor and other key site personnel.

'As construction is underway, site visits such as these require substantial resources from the on-site team. Safety is a number one priority and all attendees had a full safety induction before being escorted around the site. Showing local community members a glimpse of the construction progress and answering questions was a real pleasure' said Stuart.

Construction of stage one of White Rock Wind Farm commenced in May 2016 and is aimed to be complete by late 2017. 16 turbines are now installed and the grid connection is expected to be energised in June.

## About White Rock Wind Farm

The \$400 million White Rock Wind Farm (WRWF) project is in the New England/Northern Tablelands region of NSW, approximately 20 kilometres west of Glen Innes and 40 east of Inverell. Project approval was granted by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 10 July 2012 for the construction and operation of up to 119 wind turbines in addition to related infrastructure. The project will be staged with 70 turbines in the first stage. Construction completion is targeted for late 2017. Once operational, the 175MW White Rock Wind Farm will generate enough renewable energy to service 75,000 homes.

Goldwind retains a 25% interest in the WRWF, whilst partnering with China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group Wind-Power Corporation (CECEP) for a 75% investment for full construction and operation of the project.

## About Goldwind Australia

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## About CECEP

China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP) is China's largest technology-based service group in the field of energy conservation, emission reduction and environmental protection. CECWPC, a subsidiary of CECEP, was founded in 2006 and listed in Shanghai Stock Exchange in 2014, specializing in development, investment, management, construction and operation & maintenance of wind power projects.

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