

Welcome to the first edition of WalchaEnergy's 2023 community newsletter regarding the RubyHillsWind project.

It's was a busy 2022 and 2023 will be no different as we continue to develop the proposed RubyHills renewables project in preparation for the Scoping report submission.

We reported in our last community newsletter that we had planned to have the project Scoping report submitted year end 2022, however due to meeting delays with the DPE, we now expect the Scoping report will be submitted late March. This Scoping report will be publicly displayed for a period of 18-24 months at; www.planningportal.nsw. gov.au/major-projects, or Google Ruby Hills Wind Scoping Report.

Walcha Energy plan to present to Walcha Council again (in the near future) to outline and discuss how we can work together in achieving the needs for both council and the wider community key concerns.

Walcha Energy will also be reviewing its community funding proposal with Local Councils and the State Government. Information regarding this review will be circulated and communicated to council.

Energy Co. (Government department responsible for delivering the REZ's in NSW) last year released an EOI, (Expressions of Interest) requesting renewable energy developers within NSW submit an application to become a generation partner. All WalchaEnergy projects have been selected as an eligible electricity generation partner with Energy Co. This now triggers key design discussions between WalchaEnergy and State Government to ensure network infrastructure is built for purpose and considers the work that has been done in the region. This is a significant step for our company giving us the ability to provide sensible input and advice in shaping the network.

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At a glance

UP TO 140 WIND TURBINES, 860 MEGAWATTS



10-15 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES



RubyHillsWind 💸

We want to hear from you – so please contact us via email info@walchaenergy.com.au or call us on 0419 613 471 (admin) or drop into the office at 13W Fitzroy Street, Walcha.

Indicative project timeline





Initial planning



Government

Government



Find local



Prepare for



Grid



STAGE 1-INVESTIGATION

STAGE 2 - DESIGN & APPROVAL

STAGE 3 - CONSTRUCTION







2022











WE ARE HERE

2019

2024

2025

Sponsorship

WalchaEnergy have supported many events over the last 12 months and look forward to supporting our community into the future. WalchaEnergy recently supported the inaugural Walcha Utility Dog Trial, the Australia Day award winning event Walcha Motorcycle Rally, the principle sponsor of the upcoming NSW State Veterans Mixed Sand Green Championships and the Walcha Show.

Community Engagement

Our Community consultation has been and will remain consistent and ongoing.

WalchaEnergy held an information evening at the Woolbrook Hall, Wednesday 8th February 2023 for residents in the Woolbrook area and properties neighbouring the project. WalchaEnergy will be holding a community information drop in day at Walcha Road in March. Dates will be advised in the Apsley Advocate as well as circulated emails for residents in this area.

If in the meantime, you would like any information please do not hesitate to visit us at 13W Fitzroy Street, Walcha.

WalchaEnergy have and will continue to hold meetings with both landholders and neighbours regarding the proposed RubyHills Renewables

Project to ensure they're well informed as information comes to hand.

WalchaEnergy will be at the Walcha Show again this year for all of the community. Come and see us if you have any questions or want to learn more about the project.



Current project footprint and subject to change



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