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Wind farm grants program supports regional WA communities

The Country Women's Association (CWA), a local playgroup and a group of inspired locals are the recipients of the 2021 Bright Energy Investments (BEI) Warradarge Wind Farm Community Grants program.

Creating opportunities for communities to come together was a common theme across the 2021 recipients, who will benefit from the grants for their communities of Coorow, Leeman and Green Head.

BEI General Manager Tom Froud said he was pleased by the number of applications received from community groups in the region.

"We look forward to seeing the grants being used to provide opportunities for these grassroots organisations to run a variety of support services and activities for the whole community to access," Mr Froud said.

"What struck us was the clear sense of community ambition in the Shires of Coorow and Carnamah to create events and services that will bring their local community together and support some iconic community groups such as the CWA."

BEI offers grants of up to \$5,000 to not-for-profit organisations or local government authority groups within the Shires of Coorow and Carnamah.

The grants program aims to support local events, short term projects and equipment or fit outs for organisations delivering community projects and services which are vital to regional WA communities.

The Warradarge Wind Farm is located near Eneabba and has generated over 750,000MWh of power since its completion in late 2020.

The 2021 community grant recipients:

- Coorow Playgroup to purchase kinder gym equipment to cater for growing families.
- Leeman Townscape and Tourism Advisory Group to purchase a projector for an indoor/outdoor cinema to create social events for the community.
- Coorow Waddy Country Women's Association to maintain their site to support a broader range of community uses with a ride on mower.

The successful applicants will receive certificates at Warradarge Wind Farm later this month.

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Editors Note: Images, contact details of grants recipients or information on Warradarge Wind Farm available on request.

About Bright Energy Investments

Bright Energy Investments (BEI) is focussed on the development of large-scale renewable energy projects in Western Australia. Established in April 2018, BEI is an investment vehicle established between WA electricity generator and retailer Synergy, global infrastructure investment fund DIF and industry superannuation giant Cbus, to develop up to 210MW of renewable energy projects.

The BEI portfolio currently includes the Greenough River Solar Farm in the state's Mid-West, the Albany Grasmere Wind Farm in the Great Southern Region and the development of the 180MW Warradarge Wind Farm near Eneabba which is expected to be recognised as one of the best renewable energy projects in the country.

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