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MEDIA RELEASE

Apply now for Bulgana Community Fund grant

Applications can now be made to the Bulgana Green Power Hub (BGPH) Community Fund.

Established by Neoen Australia, owner of BGPH, the \$120,000 annual fund will provide financial support to community groups to build capacity and grow the Northern Grampians region.

To be eligible for a grant, organisations must be established in the Northern Grampians Shire or near BGPH and projects must align with at least one of Neoen's community growth focus areas – environmental sustainability, health and wellbeing, strong connected communities, sport and recreation, arts and culture or skills, education and training.

To be distributed under the auspice of Northern Grampians Shire Council, grants of up to \$20,000 will be available each financial year.

Applications will be assessed by a BGPH Community Fund Advisory Panel which comprises members of the community, Northern Grampians Shire Council and Neoen.

When calling for applications, Neoen's project manager Stephen Thompson said each year, Neoen would invests funds in organisations through an open and competitive process.

He encouraged organisations to download a fact sheet about eligibility criteria from the Northern Grampians Shire website www.ngshire.vic.gov.au and to contact the Shire's Investment Attraction Officer for assistance or information should it be required.

Application forms are available by calling the Investment Attraction Officer on (03) 5358 8700, emailing or downloading a form from www.ngshire.vic.gov.au.

Applications close on August 27. The Community Fund will be open for applications just once each financial year.

Mr Thompson said the Community Fund demonstrated Neoen's commitment to the Northern Grampians region while offering organisations a wonderful opportunity to deliver projects for the betterment of their community. Full details about the Community Fund are available at www.ngshire.vic.gov.au

About BGPH

Bulgana Green Power Hub is an integrated wind farm and battery storage facility being constructed north east of Stawell. At the peak of construction, it will create up to 230 new jobs. With a targeted delivery of August 2019, the \$350 million BGPH will generate over 740,000 MWh of emission-free, clean, competitive renewable energy per annum upon completion.

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