



RAW Energy update – April 2016

A message from the RAW Energy team

As we eagerly await news on the Victorian New Energy Jobs Fund submission we now turn to other possible projects. We know that this funding round has been highly competitive and we don't want to put all our eggs in one basket. Below are items that we are working towards and any input would be greatly appreciated.

Our first project - what might it look like

We have identified one funding model that best suits our needs and that is CORENA. Therefore, we are going to contact them seeking further information about their model and how it might fit various sized projects. We are also starting a list of possible sites for our first installation although no contact has yet been made. We are exploring all possibilities so if you have suggestions please forward them to us.

Here is some information about CORENA:

[CORENA's Donation Revolving Fund model](#) – Donation-based models such as CORENA's use voluntary contributions of any amount from citizens to provide a zero interest loan to install solar PV on and undertaken energy efficiency at a community organisation's building. The loan repayments are used to fund even more community energy projects.

Expanding the group

As you know, we are looking for more people to come on board to be a part of the working group. As it currently stands, we are not able to apply for funding or be a lead organisation. However, there are certain roles that we are able to take on as we currently stand:

- assist lead agencies in funding applications (as we did with Wodonga Council)
- promote RAW Energy to the community, in particular the business community
- establish connections with other organisations that share our values
- assess community educational requirements and arrange suitable programs and workshops

Our main objectives are to find out what the community wants and also work as a cross border group. Your input is valuable to us so please let us know if you have any feedback.

Community energy news

Invitation to the Community Powerhouses Campaign Webinar, 4th May

The Community Powerhouses program - outlined in the Homegrown Power Plan released by Getup and Solar Citizens - will boost community energy in Australia, providing expertise and funding for new projects in the start-up phase. [Homegrown Power Plan Summary report](#)
[Join our upcoming webinar to find out more.](#)

When: 6:00-7:00pm on Wednesday 4th May

Where: Online using GoToWebinar.

[RSVP here to get the connection details](#)

Totally Renewable Yackandandah -TRY <http://totallyrenewableyack.org.au/>

'Former Liberal leader John Hewson was ahead of the times when he went to the 1993 federal election with a policy to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent by the year 2000. He would end up losing the election to Paul Keating, but not his passion for renewable energy. More than two decades on, Dr Hewson came to the North East to support the Totally Renewable Yackandandah project, which aims to have the town become 100 per cent reliant on renewable energy by 2022.'

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/3863175/theres-money-in-light/?cs=11>

For those of you who couldn't make it, here is a snapshot of last Saturday's event in Yack with around 200 people listening to John Hewson's wise words. And the music by Shane Howard and the local musos was great! <http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/3867164/the-10m-election-mistake/?cs=11>

Workshops

[Introduction to energy efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning](#)

8.30 am - 12.30 pm , Wednesday 11 May 2016, Robert Brown Room, Albury City Council, 553 Kiewa Street, Albury. Cost \$100

The Office of Environmental and Heritage is hosting an **Introduction to energy-efficient Heating, Ventilation & air conditioning** on Wednesday 11 May in Albury. The course is aimed at Building owners, executive managers, environment officers and sustainability champions, operations and facilities managers, or anyone involved in managing or operating commercial buildings. For information on the course/s and to register for the introduction course visit:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/business/hvac-training.htm>

An **Energy Efficient Lighting** course is also scheduled for Albury (5 May 2016); for further information or to book click [here](#).

Interesting links

Renew Economy

A daily newsletter with great content:

<http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=37a8faee990290c21229d89ff&id=e04f034d32&e=30c402632a>

It takes a village: Why community energy is vital to a 100% renewable Australia

<http://onestepoffthegrid.com.au/it-takes-a-village-why-community-energy-is-vital-to-a-100-renewable-australia/>

Melbourne consortium launches tender for large-scale renewable energy plant

<http://onestepoffthegrid.com.au/melbourne-consortium-launches-tender-for-large-scale-renewable-energy-plant/>

Lismore plans Australia's largest floating solar plant

<http://reneweconomy.com.au/2016/lismore-plans-australias-largest-floating-solar-plant-29874>

Keep in touch

Meeting minutes 21.4.16

If anyone would like to receive the minutes of our meeting on 21st April please let us know and we will forward them to you.

Contact us: renewablealburywodonga@gmail.com

RAW Energy Community Conversation report

Here is a link to the report of the RAW Energy community conversation last November:

http://ecoportal.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/RAW_Energy_Forum_Report_Dec15_Final.pdf

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Renewable-Albury-Wodonga-RAW-Energy-1628745107358278/>

Warm regards

Bobbi, Michelle and Jenny

PS. There will be no RAW Energy update in May. The next one will be in mid to late June after the results of the New Energy Jobs Fund are announced.