



RAW Energy update - February 2016

A message from the RAW energy team

Welcome to another RAW Energy update. We are very pleased to report there is quite a bit happening at the moment. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who were able to attend our most recent meeting on 11th February and to those who sent apologies. If you would like to see the full set of minutes then please contact us. We are starting to build a great group of people who will be able to move RAW Energy into the future.

Community Conversation report

We have recently sent out the final report from our forum to our original contact list. The report can be accessed at http://ecportal.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/RAW_Energy_Forum_Report_Dec15_Final.pdf

Thanks for the great feedback from many of you. We have also had an email from Wodonga Mayor Anna Speedie requesting a meeting to further discuss RAW Energy. This is exciting as Anna wasn't at our forum and was actually voted in as Mayor the day after. So we look forward to this meeting with her

New Energy Jobs funding

Wodonga Council in conjunction with RAW Energy will be putting in an application for the New Energy Jobs Fund (Victorian Government funding). We have also asked Ausnet Services, Wodonga Chamber of Commerce and Uniting Care Wodonga to come on board as possible partners. If the funding application is successful then a feasibility study will be conducted on the installation of a large solar farm in our area. Things to be considered will be size, location and how the power produced will best service the community. Wodonga Council will be the lead not-for-profit organisation in this funding application.

We are really keen on making this a flagship project, one that we can all be proud of and that will be of benefit to our community. Applications close for the first round (\$20m) on 16th March and the successful applicants will be notified in June.

ABC Goulburn Murray

Bobbi McKibbin was recently invited to speak on ABC radio with Joseph Thomson about the future of battery storage. This was a great way to build our profile and quite exciting to be called on to share our knowledge and expertise.

TRY - A sustainable approach at Yackandandah Folk Festival, 18-20 March

Yackandandah Folk Festival has a reputation for great music and community vibe. It is also gaining a reputation for sustainable practices. This year the festival is sharing profits with Totally Renewable Yackandandah (TRY) for their community Perpetual Energy Fund see <http://totallyrenewableyack.org.au>

TRY is forming a Green Team of volunteers to handle the drinking water points, recycling and rubbish for the festival. To volunteer go to <http://yackfolkfestival.com/join-in/volunteers/>
More details here: <http://ecportal.net.au/event/rubbish-a-sustainable-approach-at-yackandandah-folk-festival/>

So give yourself a treat and have a great weekend of music while helping a community to achieve their aspiration of becoming totally renewable by 2020.

Other news

Below you will find a few links to relevant articles that we have come across recently. Click on and have a read. We hope you find them as interesting and exciting as we did.

Australian Solar Power Installations hit 5GW

<http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=42fd4df03ff8ae1bbc2c1395e&id=2bd3216d70&e=47baa55b67>

Community groups in South Australia go solar thanks for government program

http://ecogeneration.com.au/news/sa_community_groups_go_solar_thanks_to_govt_program/101125?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest_article&utm_content=sa_community_groups_go_solar_thanks_to_govt_program

Trading solar-generated power between households to change the way consumers buy electricity

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-02-17/tesla-trading-solar-generated-power-change-electricity-market/7156934>

Solar company sees potential for NSW Riverina to become renewable energy hub

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-02-16/solar-company-envisages-nsw-riverina-energy-hub/7170684>

Melbourne Girls' College pedals toward carbon neutral status with outdoor cinema, solar installations

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-02-19/melbourne-girls-college-pedals-toward-carbon-neutrality/7180684>

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Warm regards

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