



RAW Energy update – October 2016

Success!! Victorian New Energy Jobs Fund grant

Excellent news! And at last we can share it!

Wodonga Council, in conjunction with Renewable Albury Wodonga Energy, has been successful in a New Energy Jobs Fund Grant from the Vic Dept. Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR). \$80,000 has been granted to conduct a feasibility study and develop a plan for a solar farm within Wodonga that can benefit the community. Accompanying this, Wodonga Council has added \$20,000 towards the study. It will also be possible to apply for further funding in future rounds.

So what does this mean? The study will investigate how a larger scale solar system could be installed locally and the benefits shared with the community. It will also seek to develop a community education centre where the benefits of renewable energy and energy efficiency can be shared through educational experiences. Wodonga Council wants to partner with organisations, businesses and the community to ensure we are well placed to increase our generation and access to local renewable energy as we imagine a more sustainable future for our city.

Solar future sky-high | The Border Mail

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/4216579/solar-future-sky-high/?cs=11>

Border Mail editorial

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/4217537/solar-commitment-shows-new-way-forward/?cs=14>

The project has been officially announced in a media release along with a number of others in the region. <http://www.jaclynsymes.com.au/media-releases/funding-boost-for-local-energy-projects/>

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and belief in RAW Energy's vision for a renewable energy future in Albury Wodonga. This has come as a direct result of our Community Conversation in November 2015. At this event a stand out preference of the audience was to build big solar and the feasibility study is the first step towards making it happen.

Next meeting

You are cordially invited to attend our next general meeting where we will provide further updates and start to plan ahead for the coming year.

Time: 5.00pm, Tuesday 1st November 2016

Venue: Albury City Council, Room 2, 1st floor

The agenda is attached and please feel free to forward any extra items

Contact us: renewablealburywodonga@gmail.com

Building the RAW Energy team

We thank everyone who has helped us to date and we have been incredibly lucky to have received some wonderful support. However, it is time once again to acknowledge that, for our continued success, we are going to need to more people to come on board to assist. We understand your time is precious but if you have a certain skill that you think we may be in need of then please make

contact. Some of the skills required include legal, accounting, engineering, administrative, marketing, proof reading documents and website design. So please contact us if you want to lend a hand as this will be greatly appreciated.

On another note, we are also seeking some start-up funding. This funding will go towards officially setting up our organisation and marketing requirements such as posters, banners, flyers and a website. So if you know of grants or sponsorships that we can apply for then please put your suggestion forward.

Contact us by email at: renewablealburywodonga@gmail.com or ring Bobbi on 0418 293 423.

Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Festival

This year Albury-Wodonga's Sustainable Living Festival will run for all of November and includes a host of interesting events. For the full list of events see here: alburycity.nsw.gov.au/slf2016

Professor Ross Garnaut – The Paris Climate Summit and the Emerging Role of Battery Storage Technology, Tuesday November 15, 7pm - 9pm, Albury Entertainment Centre

Professor Ross Garnaut presents a 'Post Paris' debrief on what is required for the global transition to a low carbon economy and the economic opportunity this presents for both Australia and our local region. ZEN Energy founder, Richard Turner will also take the audience through the latest Home and Commercial Solar and particularly Energy Storage Technologies (Batteries) and highlight how home and business owners can significantly reduce their electricity costs by installing these systems. ***This is a session not to be missed and seats will fill fast so book now to avoid disappointment.***

Event Date: Tuesday 15 November

Event Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Albury Entertainment Centre, Swift Street, Albury

Cost: This is a free event. However, bookings are essential by 11 November [Book your place here](#)

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Warm regards

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