



RAW Energy Inc - July update 2018

A message from RAW Energy's President

This newsletter brings some exciting news! It was one of our visions to have a person in a paid role with RAW Energy. With the success of our application for the Victorian Climate Change & Innovation Grant, we are now seeking a Community Development Officer to bring our business case to life. This will be a contract position for 6-18 months, 2-3 days per week,

I would also like to draw your attention to the Wodonga Community Energy Forum on 31st July – see below for details. The three speakers are amazing and highly regarded in this sector. The event will also provide an opportunity to hear about the Community Energy Retailer that we are hoping to launch early 2019. Imagine if you could purchase your electricity from a retailer who not only valued renewables but was also a not for profit organisation, distributing profits back into the community via various projects or donations. This event is certainly one NOT to be missed. Please click on the link to RSVP.

Wodonga Community Solar Project

Community Development Officer

As you know from the May update, an application for a DELWP Climate Change Innovation Grant with the title 'Putting the Wodonga Community Solar Project business case into action' was successful. This will allow a project officer to be employed part time on a contract basis over an 18-month period to advance the business case developed by Moreland Energy during 2017. The position has now been advertised and we hope to appoint someone in the next few weeks, Exciting times!

Please see attached link to Renewable Albury Wodonga Energy Inc's SEEK ad for a Community Development Officer for our Wodonga Community Energy Project. If you could share throughout your networks, we would greatly appreciate it.

Applications close midday 30th July 2018. <https://www.seek.com.au/job/36697539?type=standard>

Wodonga Community Energy Forum

Tuesday 31st July 7pm – 9pm, Huon Hill Hotel, 48 Reid Street, Wodonga [View Map](#)

Come and find out how community energy can benefit Wodonga and our region!

Community energy gives local towns and regions power over how they generate and consume electricity. Locally generated renewable energy will create local jobs, cleaner energy and allow the community to control where their energy comes from. Three great speakers who are leaders in this field will outline what community energy is and how we can benefit from it.

Speakers

Professor Kate Auty, ACT Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment

Nicky Ison, Co-founder of the Community Power Agency.

Alison Rowe, Chief Executive Officer of Moreland Energy Foundation.

The speakers will outline how communities can make the most of this investment in renewable energy across the region and ensure that we all benefit from them. Community energy is a model that gives local towns and regions power over how they generate and consume electricity. This includes the setting up of a local community energy retailer that will source locally produced energy, create local jobs and invest profits straight back into the region.

The forum is free but please RSVP to make sure you get a seat at the Wodonga event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wodonga-community-energy-forum-tickets-47536443783>

Similar events are also happening in these towns:

- [1st August - Wangaratta](#)
- [2nd August - Bright](#)
- [3rd August - Benalla](#)
- [4th August - Beechworth](#)
- [5th August - Tallangatta](#)

The forums are being hosted in conjunction with the Community Energy Retailer project, the Victorian Government and local energy groups including Renewable Albury Wodonga Energy, Wangaratta Sustainability Network, Benalla Sustainable Future Groups, Totally Renewable Beechworth, Sustainable Upper Ovens, and Totally Sustainable Tallangatta. Find out more at www.communityenergyretailer.com For further details please contact Cambell Klose, Communications & Engagement, Community Energy Retailer Project: - cam@communityenergyretailer.com t - 0490 436 948. And read this **Living Lightly** article about the [Community Energy Project](#)

Other news

Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference, Melbourne, July 20th

Victoria's premier climate change conference for local government will highlight best practice in climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, drawing on experts and case studies from across Australia. It is designed to encourage councils to learn about future opportunities in encouraging a transition to a climate adaptive, clean energy future.

Robyn Nicholas from Wodonga Council is presenting on the importance of engaging with the community in this space, including a brief overview of RAW Energy and the Wodonga Community Solar Project. We thank Robyn for her tireless support for RAW Energy during the short time she has been in the role.

DELWP (Dept Environment, Land, Water and Planning) workshop

RAW Energy's President Bobbi McKibbin and Robyn Nicholas, Sustainability Coordinator at Wodonga Council, attended an information session in Melbourne in April to receive further information about the grant. The Department and the Minister's office are really interested in seeing where our project takes us. Here's a video from the Melbourne workshop. Bobbi and Robyn weren't interviewed but there's a nice shot of them at the end with Minister Lily D'Ambrosio:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kb_rIR48_M4

Membership

Our small membership fee supports volunteer work to promote renewable energy in our community. Becoming a member formalises your support for renewable energy projects locally and connects you with volunteers working to achieve our goals. Any community member can join Renewable Albury Wodonga Energy Inc (even if you don't live in Albury-Wodonga) \$5 per annum – payable each January. Our membership form is here [[download PDF](#)]

2018 office bearers and committee members:

President: Bobbi McKibbin

Vice President: Michelle Wilkinson

Secretary: Katrina Passey

Treasurer: Tas Davies

Committee Members: Jenny Davies (newsletter editor), Guy Rowson, Narelle Martin

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