



2019 in Review |

Wodonga Community Solar Project

– Climate Change & Innovation Grant

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- Follow on from our Business Plan (NEJF)
- Partnership with Wodonga Council
- Aim
- Develop prospectus for investment
- Community Benefits Scheme designed
- **Objectives**
 1. To assist low-income households through an energy benefits program
 2. To allow community investment in a solar farm of a minimum of 2 MW in size
- Hit crossroads in our project
- Conducted a SWAT analysis in January
- Decision was made to hand back the funding and end our project
- Primary reason being in the time since we applied and were successful, to now, there are now funding options
- 2MW stand alone solar farm not viable due to land costs
- Partnering with industry was incredibly difficult
- handed to Wodonga Council & DEWLP with full report in Feb





Energy Benefits Program

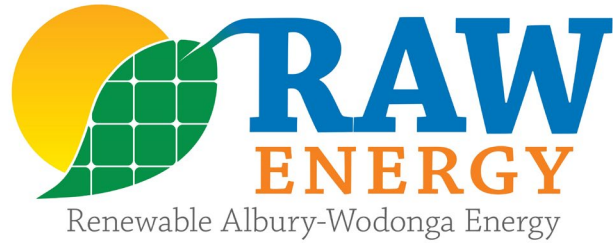
BEYOND HOUSING

- 10 x 4kw solar systems with full energy monitoring
- Beyond Housing – social housing organisation – chose the houses & the clients
- Included education around energy and how to get the most of out solar
- Due to go back in August 2020 to do follow up so we can complete the case study
 - Social & financial
- Last year the #1 wish for how to spend savings was:
 - Medical bills
- <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1456990114463450>



Thank you to Simon from Green Energy Videos

Indigo Power Roadshow



- First event to kick off the launch of Indigo Power across the region
 - Almost the last due to Covid
- 60 people in attendance
- Included an information session about current rebates on offer

Other Activities

- Sustainable Living Festival – Elmwood
 - Had stand talked to many across the day
 - Approx 200 people in attendance



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- Continue to participate in Regional meetings and activities
- Mentoring some groups as they start up