Project Update ten: July 2019

This Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap project update asks you to share your values and visions for renewable energy in our region by doing our survey. The Roadmap also invites you to the Roadmap launch dinner on Thursday 1 August and to join the renewable energy coach tour on Friday 2 August.

The Roadmap is a 12-month project funded through the Goulburn Valley and Ovens Murray Regional Partnerships and hosted by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Have your say about renewable energy in our region – take our survey

Share your values and visions for the renewable energy future in our region. Completing our short survey before the end of July will help the Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap represent:

- the voice of the community
- its values,
- identify local barriers and issues, and
- what communities expect from the renewable energy transition.


REGISTER NOW: Hume Roadmap launch dinner Thursday 1 August
Renewable energy coach trip, Friday 2 August 2019

You are warmly invited to help celebrate the launch of the Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap and hear inspiring stories from our very own Goulburn Valley and North East Victorian renewable energy leaders. This dinner also marks the conclusion of the Hume Renewable Energy Roadmap project. We will be sharing learnings from the project, including what the renewable energy future might look like for the Hume region.

The following day a Renewable energy coach tour will be departing and returning from the same venue as the dinner. The coach tour is an opportunity to see the region’s existing and emerging renewable energy industry. While travelling between sites you will hear from local leaders and use the opportunity to network and make meaningful connections.

Roadmap Launch dinner and celebration
Date and time: Thursday, 1 August 2019, 6:30pm to 9:30pm
Venue: Gateway Hotel Wangaratta
Ticket includes admission and dinner. Drinks at bar prices.
$15 per ticket: Not for profits, community organisations and individuals
$30 per ticket: Business and government
Please RSVP via this link: RSVP link

Renewable Energy bus tour
Date and time: Friday, 2 August 2019, departing 8:00am returning 4.30pm
Venue: Coach departing and returning to Gateway Hotel, Wangaratta
Please RSVP via this link: RSVP link

We welcome you to forward this invite to your networks and friends who may be interested in attending.
More details are available at the Eventbrite links or for queries contact us at: HumeRenewableEnergy.Roadmap@delwp.vic.gov.au

Plug in, Take Charge - Follow and share The Good Energy

The Good Energy is showcasing the inspiring work of local individuals, organisations, businesses and communities in our region while encouraging others to follow in their footsteps.

Join with the Roadmap to spread the good energy message further into our communities and inspire others to come on board our renewable energy future.

Be part of The Good Energy, by following us and sharing our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts to build community awareness of our renewable energy future in Hume.

If you have anything you would like to share with us just use the hash tag #thegoodenergy on your post in any of these social media platforms.

Historic agreement to power DELWP Broadford work centre with renewable energy

Delivered in partnership with Taungurung Land and Water Council (TWLC) and Indigo Power, the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP) regional work centre in Broadford will be powered by renewable energy, following an agreement signed during NAIDOC week.

Through investment from TWLC, community energy company, Indigo Power, will install and manage a 17kW solar system at the Broadford site. The project will supply almost 30 percent of the site’s energy needs.

Taungurung Land Water Council, Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Burns said the partnership provides an opportunity for Taungurung to invest in a sustainable renewable energy project on Country. “We look forward to the delivery of this project and seeing how this business model could be applied to other sites on Taungurung Country in the future,” Mr Burns said.

Indigo Power Managing Director, Ben McGowan said this was a flagship project for communities partnering with government and First Nations people to deliver renewable energy solutions.

For more information check out the ABC News article.

Community energy mini grant projects – All About Solar Expo

DELWP community energy mini grants helped support a very successful event organised by Sustainable Upper Ovens with over 100 people attending the All About Solar Expo in Bright 14 & 15 June.

For more information, great pictures and a look at the Expo program, visit the Sustainable Upper Ovens facebook page via this link.
What’s your renewable energy future? Photo and video competition

Our photo and video competition for young people brought out some inspiring creativity and heartfelt words about the renewable energy future. The awards evening was hosted by The Centre for Continuing Education in Wangaratta on Wednesday 5 June. Check out the facebook posts on The Good Energy and The Centre for Continuing Education to view more photos and videos. Thank you to our sponsors FRV Winton Solar Farm, Wangaratta Sustainability Network and Indigo Power.

Solar Making A Difference
Most renewable energy, is derived directly or indirectly from the sun. Sunlight can be captured directly using solar technologies. Solar farms are a step forward in making sure we protect our environment and Regional Victoria is making a difference to the future of our environment.

The Government have set renewable energy targets for Victoria and I’m proud to say that in my region, they are being proactive, and several solar farms are being erected. These farms will not only supply the Victorian Government with green energy but local investments, jobs and a better future for our environment.

Liam Hindle (17)
Judges Award 16-18 years
Sponsored by FRV Winton Solar Farm

Future in the Breeze
In the past, wind power has been captured on farms to pump water from dams or bores without the need for electricity. Our future communities will use modern versions of this technology, such as wind turbines, to capture the air flow to provide the mechanical power to turn electric generators. A future where farming is reliant on renewable energy is well and truly in the breeze.

Lilli Chennell Jarvis (14)
Judges Award 14-15 years
Sponsored by FRV Winton Solar Farm

To incorporate or not to incorporate? Governance workshops

Thank you to the participants of the successful Community Enterprise training and Alpine Valleys Community Leadership for supporting this event in Wangaratta in June.

This type of training supports the rapidly growing community energy groups forming in our region and gives the nuts and bolts of how to:

a) convene and coordinate a group,

b) identify whether incorporation is the best approach, and

c) how then to go about it!

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