

Energy upgrades for Shire community buildings



Background

We received funding from the State Government's 'Community climate change and energy action grant' to deliver the energy saving upgrades to the following community buildings:

- Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House
- Mt Eliza 55+ Club
- Mt Eliza Bowls Club
- Sorrento Community Centre

With around \$73,000 contributed from the State Government and a 50% contribution from community groups, the following upgrades were undertaken:

- Installing solar panels
- Upgrading lights to efficient LEDs
- Replacing gas hot water units with efficient heat pumps
- Upgrading gas cooktops to induction
- Disconnecting from gas supply



L-R: Nick Wallace (Mt Eliza Bowls Club), Rhonda Idczak (Mt Eliza 55+ Club), Joanne Scanlan (Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House), Bernie Edwards (Mt Eliza Bowls Club)

"We received new LED lights, solar panels and a water pump here at the Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House. We are very excited that it has been able to reduce our costs and benefit our community with much brighter areas to work in – Jo, Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House

"I'd just like to say how great it has been since we've had the solar on the roof and the heat pump installed. We've made quite a considerable costing on our bills, and we have found a way to track energy usage"
– Rhonda, 55 + Club

Benefits

In total, the upgrades are expected to reduce bills by \$13,000 and avoid 29 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year. Abolishing gas also gives health benefits to building users and especially protects the most vulnerable in our community.

Total yearly savings achieved through the community building upgrades:



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