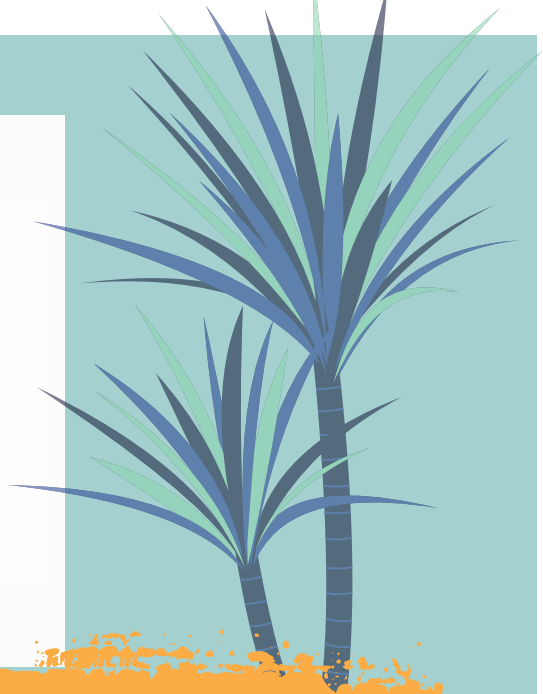


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# THE SPARK



SHASA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## SHASA calls on Council to step up bushfire + heat preparation

With warnings from the Bureau of Meteorology that we are heading into a super El Niño – which means hotter and drier conditions – SHASA is calling on the Eurobodalla Shire Council to do more to prepare for possible heatwaves and/or bushfires during the 2023/24 summer.

This includes, but is not limited to:

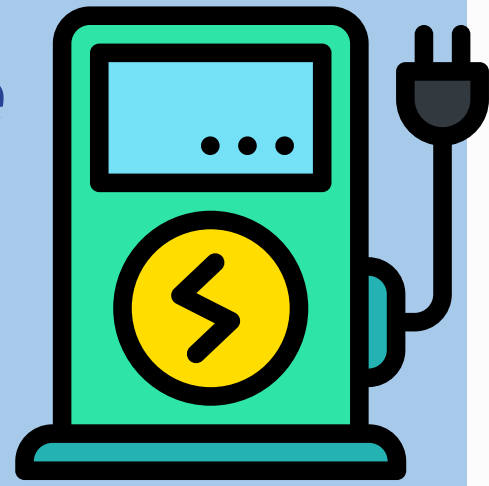
- upgrading Council-owned buildings that are likely to be used as Evacuation Centres during catastrophic events, with air conditioning and air filters
- providing shading over car parks, as they are significant heat sinks
- carrying out asset protection burns in the bushland around our towns and villages – in collaboration with the NSW Government
- allowing residents to plant appropriate shade trees on verges to reduce heat impacts in the future
- providing Council community information boards to keep the community informed in the event of power and telecommunications failure



### IN THIS EDITION OF THE SPARK:

- **EV DECISION TIME!**
- **BECOME A SHASA MEMBER**

*Buying an electric car is the single biggest decision you can make to reduce your greenhouse gas emissions!*



The International Energy Agency has stated that world demand for oil is likely to drop off sharply over the next five years, as a shift to electric vehicles and other cleaner technologies almost halts growth in global oil use.

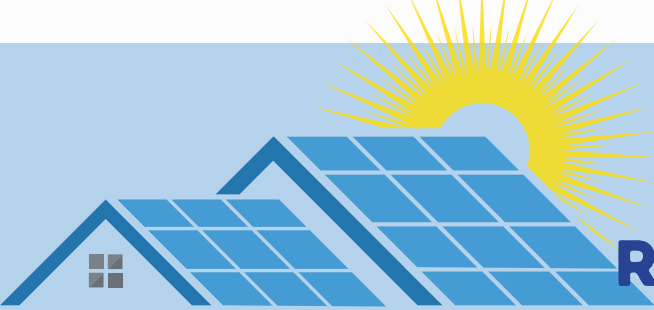
“The shift to a clean energy economy is picking up pace, with a peak in global oil demand in sight before the end of this decade,” said Fatih Birol, the agency’s executive director, in a news release.

By the end of 2028, more than 155 million electric vehicles will have been sold globally, half of them in China. Three million barrels a day of oil a day that might have been consumed will remain in the ground.

Soon to arrive on Australian shores are two EVs for under \$40,000 including the BYD Dolphin electric hatchback (range 410-490km) and a new MG EV model (range up to 350km).

SHASA has an electric vehicle available for test drives. Please phone Thomas Schild on 0497 843 111 to organise a test drive.





# **ROOFTOP SOLAR SALES REBOUND AS HOUSEHOLDS BRACE FOR ANOTHER POWER PRICE SHOCK**

After falling to a 12-month low in April, installations of rooftop solar systems rebounded in May, jumping by 31 per cent.

According to the latest data from industry statistician SunWiz, Australian homes and businesses installed a total of 270 MW of rooftop PV in May, 64 MW more than the 206 MW installed in April, the largest monthly total of new capacity added for the year to date.

All states observed a large increase including NSW which increased by 37 per cent.

Rooftop PV segment sizes also increased, with the largest jumps in the commercial 30-100kW range.

Average rooftop system sizes increased for the third month in a row to an average of 9.3kW.

Contact SHASA if you would like to know more about rooftop solar, by phone 0467 558 645 or by emailing [contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com)







**Can you help?**

**RfR**

**Call out for 1.25ltr and 2ltr  
soft drink bottles for an  
upcoming art installation**

RfR with The River of Art through Festivals Australia

**WE NEED YOUR WASTE!**

Repurposing for Resilience (RfR) is hunting for plastic bottles for an upcoming community arts project with the River of Art. We need clean, undamaged 1.25L and 2L soft drink bottles. If you could remove the labels, that would be brilliant, but not essential.

These precious gems can be left with the good folk at the Bodalla Local Post Office during opening hours or with the Repair Cafe Eurobodalla in Moruya on a Friday before 12.30pm. Please do not leave bottles unattended.

Thank you, your help is greatly appreciated. This is going to be an awesome project.

**Stay tuned for updates on this exciting collaboration  
with River of Art!**



# SHASA at the Tilba Festival!

SHASA will be part of the South East Climate Alliance stall at the Tilba Festival on Saturday 29 July. Come along and learn more about SHASA's practical projects and activities to achieve a more resilient community and a low-carbon economy in the Eurobodalla.

The Festival is a celebration of the heritage, local produce, creative and musical talent of this amazing community. It's a day of live music, market stalls, delicious food, traditional street games and great entertainment for the kids.

For more information, [www.visittilba.com.au/tilba-festival](http://www.visittilba.com.au/tilba-festival)



# PETITION..

## TO END NATIVE LOGGING

The Federal Labor Party will be considering a nationwide ban of native forest logging at their national conference in August.

Native forests are a significant carbon sink. Consider these facts (source: [bobbrown.org.au](http://bobbrown.org.au)):

- Ending the practice in NSW and Tasmania will save as many additional carbon emissions as removing almost two million cars from the road each year.
- Undisturbed and mature forests are more resistant to the effects of fire, store more carbon than forests that have been logged and regrown, and provide habitat to forest-dependent species.
- Years of destructive exploitation and the changing climate mean that there is a massive shortfall of harvestable trees for any high value use and native forest logging ran at a loss of \$28 million over the last 2 years - a huge cost to NSW taxpayers.
- Older forests are more resistant to fire, floods and drought and provide landscape resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Would you please consider signing this petition? And if you feel strongly about this issue would you please consider passing this on to other people you know who may also be concerned?

Google 'Bob Brown native forest petition' or visit:

[bobbrown.org.au/get-involved/end-native-forest-logging-in-2024/](http://bobbrown.org.au/get-involved/end-native-forest-logging-in-2024/)



# Why?

# JOIN 350 EUROBODALLA...

## TO SAY...TIME'S UP!

**1** Time's run out on the Labor federal government standing up to the gas lobby and stopping new fossil fuel approvals. We put climate on the campaign agenda. We won them the climate election. We expected more. We're no longer waiting. We're taking to the streets. Fiona Phillips' seat of Gilmore is marginal and we won't be taken for granted.

## Time's Up Rally !

for FAIR DINKUM  
CLIMATE ACTION NOW!

Sunday 30 July  
11am

Batemans Bay Foreshore Park  
Clyde Street



**Wear black and red in mourning or anger for  
damage that can't be undone.  
Bring a sign or a banner!**



**2** The new NSW Labor govt needs to follow the indisputable science on new fossil fuel extraction. The Minns government needs to stand up to the fossil fuel lobby and end approvals for new fossil fuel extraction.

**3** NSW needs an end date for public native forest logging and a transition plan like WA and Vic. No more enquiries - the evidence is in. Our south coast forests should not be wood chip mines. WA and Vic are showing the way. Our south coast forests are worth more standing - for climate-pressured biodiversity, for carbon draw-down, and for local and tourist enjoyment and non-extractive businesses.



# SUPPORT SHASA

WITH A  
\$5 MEMBERSHIP!

It only costs \$5 to join SHASA!

Our constitution requires that we have paid members, so we've made the fee as low as possible. When you become a paid member, you are covered by SHASA's comprehensive public liability insurance. You will also receive a regular members' update in addition to the SHASA newsletter.

For more info, visit: [shasa.com.au/membership-and-donations/](https://shasa.com.au/membership-and-donations/)

YOU CAN  
DO IT!

Or, simply bank transfer \$5 to:

South Coast Health and  
Sustainability Alliance

BSB: 641 800

Account #: 200759712

... and email us at

[contact.shasa@gmail.com](mailto:contact.shasa@gmail.com) to let us know.

THANK  
YOU

A big thank you to Lisa and Steve Cornthwaite of Micro Energy Systems Australia (MESA). We are hugely grateful for MESA's partnership - work on community facilities solar and batteries, the setting up of solar panel collection for Repurposing for Resilience at the Moruya Transfer Station and the continued care of households with rooftop solar systems. Steve and Lisa make a huge community contribution and we applaud them!

For more:

[www.shasa.com.au](https://www.shasa.com.au)



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