

SHASA Presidents Report 2020/21 (Kathryn Maxwell)

What we have achieved in the last 12 months

- Very supportive SHASA committee
- Excellent work by SHASA active volunteers
- An outstanding SHASA Coordinator – Louise McFadden who has been on the job since November 2020
- A big thank you to the 65 people who have paid to become members and the wonderful donations
- A very appreciative thank you to MESA for over \$18,000 in funds from the Solar Bulk Buy
- SHASA has 73 paid members and 600 subscribers
- SHASA launched its new website in August 2020 and over the year has had over 7,750 visits
- A very welcomed increase in active involvement of members in repair cafe (repairers, welcome desk staff, cafe preparations), working group involvement, and media articles.
- \$3.1m for 8 microgrid feasibility studies over the next 3 years
- \$1,048,000 for the Tilba Halls upgrade over the next 2 years
- Completed the Red Door Hall Heatwave and Bushfire Haven
- Installed solar, batteries etc on the Moruya Pre School Kindergarten and have secured grant funds for a hepa filter and emergency bushfire equipment
- Installed solar and batteries on Marine Rescue Narooma
- Installed solar on the Narooma Men's Shed and Bateman's Bay Men's Shed
- Spoke to the Parliamentary Press Gallery in support of MP for Indi, Helen Haines' Local Power Plan.
- Participated on the North Eastern Community Energy Network to share experiences with renewable energy groups in Victoria and SE NSW
- Helped to organise the Nature Conservation Council Conference in Bateman's Bay
- Ran two webinars – energy efficient buildings and energy efficient appliances
- Worked with Nature Conservation Council to secure \$490m EV package from the NSW Government
- SHASA Coordinator working to help 15 community organisations improve their operational efficiency
- Secured funding for tools and materials for the Repair Cafe
- Ran the Repair Cafe weekly until lockdown in August 2021
- Continued with the successful bulk buy with MESA
- Continued with the electric bike hire service with Moruya Bicycles
- Entered into a partnership with Tec Exec - training and IT tools
- Climate Forum in Bateman's Bay and assisted with development of questions for ESC candidates

Key focus for the next 12 months will include but not be limited to:

- Building our membership and supporter base by creating opportunities for volunteers to contribute.
- Micro-grids feasibility project
- Tilba Halls upgrade
- Finding a site for a 3-4MW solar farm in the Eurobodalla
- Lobbying Andrew Constance for quick installation of the South Coast EV fast chargers
- Lobbying the Eurobodalla Council to go ahead with residential food organics recycling
- Securing grant funding to establish more heatwave and bushfire havens across the Eurobodalla
- Running the Repair Cafe when lock downs have been lifted.
- Encourage more households to install rooftop solar through the SHASA/MESA solar bulk buy
- Extensive media about SHASA projects and sustainable living
- Working with the Nature Conservation Council to secure EV fast chargers for the South Coast (Princes and Kings Highways)
- Encouraging the election of Councillors who will invest in increasing resilience of the Eurobodalla community
- Identifying funding options for MESA's Repurposing for Resilience Proposal – solar reuse, repurposing, recycling social enterprise.