



CWA Narooma better prepared for climate emergency.

The Narooma CWA, with help from SHASA, is now better able to look after its most vulnerable members in the event of future climate emergencies.

This latest of seven heatwave and bushfire havens in the Eurobodalla was opened on Tuesday 20 February by the CWA's President, Far South Coast Region at the CWA Hall on the Highway near the Kinema in Narooma.

The upgrade of the hall to a heatwave and bushfire smoke haven has been funded by a grant from the NSW Government. The upgrade includes a Solar power system with battery and standby generator, Air Conditioning with a fresh air system incorporating HEPA filters, insulating window shutters and a renovated kitchen. These upgrades enable the rooms to be used safely during climate and power emergencies.

“This haven is the seventh of eleven havens currently planned in the Eurobodalla from Batemans Bay to Narooma”, said Tony Lowe from SHASA, who managed the upgrade project. “The CWA Narooma haven will be open to the CWA's members and their families in the event of climate emergencies, like power failures or heat waves”.

The CWA has been in Narooma for over 90 years, reflecting nearly a century of support for rural and regional women and families. They generally meet monthly and have handicraft, cookery, mah-jong, music and drama groups to meet the various interests of their members. The hall is can also be hired by the community for other functions.

The [South Coast Health and Sustainability Alliance \(SHASA\)](#) has been supporting community organisations since 2014. The support takes a practical approach, using solar energy and battery storage to reduce the organisations' costs and improve their buildings so that they can in turn support their community and membership better during difficult times. The program has so far helped 6 other local organisations, including CWA Moruya, to prepare for emergency use as heatwave and bushfire smoke havens.

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About SHASA: [SHASA](#) is a community group delivering projects in renewable energy, electric transport, resilience and social support across the Eurobodalla. We support community organisations, businesses and individuals to take practical actions to reduce their environmental impact, meet social challenges and adapt to increased heatwaves, droughts, fires and floods.