

IS SOLAR POWER WITH BATTERY STORAGE YOUR RECIPE FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOLIDAY SEASON?

Federal Government's battery rebate a huge success.

In the last four months, 100,000 household batteries have been installed on Australian houses and businesses, representing a total of two gigawatt hours of installed capacity. This is a 50 per cent increase in home battery storage just in the four months since the 1st of July.

Federal Energy Minister Chris Bowen said the rapid growth of home batteries was critical for a country that has such a high rate of rooftop solar installations, with rooftop PV now meeting more than half of total grid demand on occasions, and all demand in South Australia at times. "Australia is a solar nation – with the highest rate of rooftop solar anywhere in the world," Bowen said. "Our program takes the next step, delivering a game changer for household bills."

This is not a story of the inner city; it's a story of the outer suburbs and the regions leading the way on cheaper, cleaner energy,

Rooftop solar + batteries update

Source: Renew Economy, October 2024

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Con Hristodoulidis

Clean Energy Council General Manager - Distributed Energy

271,000 home batteries have now been installed nationwide, nearly double the total from 12 months ago. Installing rooftop solar can save households up to \$1500 per year on energy bills, this almost doubles if you add a battery, with further savings available by joining a virtual power plant.

"Australian consumers and small businesses are delivering the transition at breathtaking speed, turning suburban roofs into one of the biggest power stations in the country," according to Clean Energy Council General Manager for Distributed Energy, Con Hristodoulidis.

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Source of graphics: https://www.pv-magazine-australia.com/

Any used (intact) solar panels, working or not, can be given a new life at the Solar Reuse Centre at the Moruya tip. It's free, and it saves solar panels going to landfill. To learn more, visit https://rfreurobodalla.com.

A new scheme will help to share the benefits of solar power in the Jaytime.

Source: ABC political reporter (4 November) Jake Evans

Australian households will be able to access free electricity for three hours every day, in an effort to encourage energy use when excess solar power is being fed into the grid.

The federal government scheme will require retailers to offer free electricity to households for at least three hours in the middle of the day, when there is often more electricity generated than is being used, leading to very cheap or even negative wholesale prices.

The Solar Sharer scheme will initially be introduced to consumers in selected regions of NSW, south-east Queensland and South Australia from July next year, and other jurisdictions by 2027.

Households with smart meters will be able to run washers and dryers, air conditioning or any other appliances for free within the three-hour window. Climate Change Minister Chris Bowen said the scheme would share around the benefits of solar panels, including to those without panels or who rented their homes. The Federal Government said the shift in demand was expected to lower costs for everyone by reducing peak demand in the evening, which would also minimise the need for network upgrades to ensure grid stability.

"Free daytime power for families across Australia is proof that what's good for the planet is good for your pocket," Mr Bowen said.





TO FIND THE HAVEN CLOSEST TO YOU, CHECK ON SHASA'S WEBSITE FOR THE HAVEN MAPS.

HTTPS://SHASA.COM.AU/BE-PREPARED/



PLAN AHEAD TO STAY SAFE.

WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS? WHO'RE YOU GOING TO CALL? WHAT WILL YOU DO?

From mid November, check your letterbox for the Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide. Created by locals Sandra Makdessi and Von Hutcheson and approved by emergency agencies, the guide is a practical tool to prepare everyone for emergencies.

WHAT'S INSIDE THE GUIDE?

- key emergency contacts
- checklists for babies, elderly people, pets & livestock
- recommended phone apps: Red Cross Get Prepared, Hazards Near Me, BOM, Emergency+
- tips for an Emergency Kit
- handy magnets so it stays on the fridge

COMING TO YOUR LETTERBOX

Between 10-14 November, every Eurobodalla household will receive a copy, courtesy of Eurobodalla Council. We urge you to read it, take action—even ticking off a few checklist items helps—and share it widely. Our Summer visitors need this information too! Preparedness is a community effort.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION MATTERS

At the launch in October, Dr Brett Henderson highlighted how strong ties between neighbours save lives when emergencies stretch official resources. When neighbours are aware to check on vulnerable people, share resources and help one another, this strengthens resilience when it counts.

LET'S BE READY. LET'S BE CONNECTED. LET'S BE SAFE.

SUPPORTED BY SHASA AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING ANGLICARE RECOVERY, EUROBODALLA COUNCIL, ROTARY MORUYA, NSW SUPPORTING SPONTANEOUS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, EUROBODALLA COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK, AND SAGE.

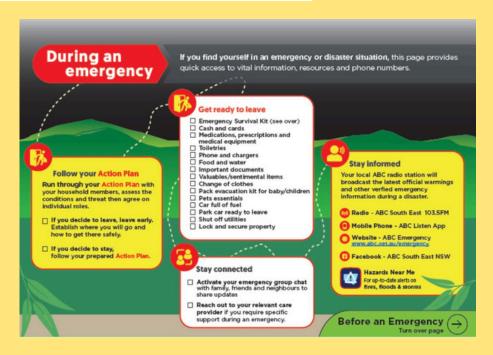
TOGETHER, FOR A SAFER, MORE RESILIENT EUROBODALLA.





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KNOW YOUR ENERGY BILL WORKSHOP.

Hands on workshop to know your energy bill.

Bring a copy of your energy bill, learn how to read it, find a better rate and find potential savings with help from our facilitator David Neyle.



KNOW YOUR ENERGY BILL WORKSHOP



and what to do about it!

SHASA has organised a workshop to be presented by David Neyle, Community Energy Coordinator from Renewable Cobargo

to discuss ways you can know your electricity bill
better and and help save you money.
BRING YOUR LATEST ELECTRICITY BILL.
ALL WELCOME.

Thursday 27 November
5pm - 6.30pm
Red Door Hall
St John's Commons
MORUYA



NINE HAVENS FOR THE EUROBODALLA

Latest Haven completed at Southern Life Church

The Southern Life Church
Bushfire and Heatwave Haven was
officially opened in October,
bringing the number of heatwave
and bushfire smoke facilities to
nine, four of them in Moruya.
SHASA partnered with Southern
Life Church, Micro Energy
Systems, Blue N Grey Water and
Septic, the Tec Exec and Betta
Batemans Bay.

This work was made possible by a grant from the NSW government Infrastructure program, of \$168,667.

These upgrades provide Southern Church with an independent power system if the grid goes down, a communications system if telecommunications goes down and equipment to fight ember attack.

The Southern life Church Haven will be a refuge for vulnerable members of the Food Pantry and Church members and their families during extreme events like bushfires and heatwaves. It will cater for up to 200 people.



Dr Michael Holland addresses the launch



Dr Michael Holland MP, Graham Brown, ESC GM Mark Ferguson, Tricia Pye, SHASA President Kathryn Maxwell and Pastor Julie Brown

EUROBEV

The Eurobodalla Battery Electric Vehicles Group

NEW EV DEALERSHIP OPENS IN MORUYA

I looked out of the window and there were three letters on a canopy across the road.

B. Y. D.Surely I had somehow been transported to the big smoke, or Nowra at the very least? But no, this was still Moruya. Impossible as it might seem, I could imagine not having to trek to Canberra for a regular service to my Atto 3. I wandered over and saw the sign writers still hard at work. In the yard were four sea creatures, a Shark and three Sea Lions, and an Atto 3. Clearly something was happening here. I had a chat with one of the AMH people in the yard, who told me that the cars had arrived earlier than they anticipated, he would be doing training soon, and yes they would do fixed price servicing like BYD does. His colleague suggested she could pick up my car from Dalmeny for this purpose, and return it too.

They will soon receive an Atto 1 - which is selling for AU\$26,000 in New Zealand, and similar sharp pricing is expected in Australia. It is great to see the South Coast starting to be included in the availability and most importantly, servicing, of one of the biggest selling brands in Australia.



EUROBEVI



EUROBEV LUNCH AT THE TUROSS BOAT SHED

NEXT LUNCH 7 DECEMBER AT QUANTUM BREWERY MORUYA - SEE YOU THERE











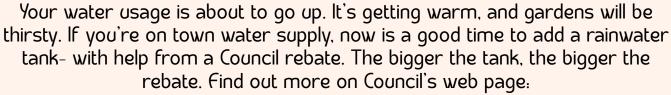
ELECTRIC DELOREAN AND FLYING CAR ON SHOW AT SYDNEY EV MOTOR SHOW, 31/10 TO 2/11 2025



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FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY TEAM





www.esc.nsw.gov.au/residents/savingenergy-and-water/Saving-water-at-home

Climate and Environment Advisory Committee

The newly formed committee held its third meeting on 6 November. SHASA members Kathryn, Arno and Brett are members of this committee, so if you have climate or environment topics you think council should be discussing, reach out to SHASA to get them tabled. The recent meeting covered ideas for a potential community solar farm, council's role in disaster preparedness, coastal protection progress, and emissions-reduction planning and

monitoring. Initiatives in this space are ongoing, so stay tuned.

Art on the Path - Broulee

Is there a pleasurable way to shop for Christmas? Absolutely! A stroll along the path in Broulee, with a variety of stalls offering sustainably-made arts and crafts on either side! Nothing could be simpler. Join us on Saturday 14

December, from 8am to 12.30pm

Tackle Bins - can you help?

Fish and birds get caught in abandoned fishing tackle, so we encourage fishing enthusiasts to place broken hooks, lines and sinkers in tackle bins. The waste materials are collected and recycled by volunteers, usually someone who frequents each fishing spot.

We need volunteers to empty bins in Batemans Bay, Mosquito Bay, Tomakin and on Tomago River. If you are in and around these fishing locations, please consider helping out!

Emptying is usually only necessary once a month and Council will provide PPE and lots of gratitude. Please contact Kirsten on

kirsten.pitot@esc.nsw.gov.au

if you think you can help.

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VISIT THE SHASA & TEC EXEC INFO STALL HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Eurobodalla Health & Community Expo 2025

SATURDAY **22 NOV Batemans Bay**

Free

Event

Your invitation to come and explore the power of community.

- Get tips and ideas for feeling great and getting more out of life.
- Learn about services and agencies in the Eurobodalla.
- Feel inspired and connect with your community.

For more information, contact Brad Rossiter on 0458 534 470 or email eurobodallaexpo@gmail.com 10am to 2pm Soldiers Club



With thanks to







CONNECT EUROBODALLA ONLINE DIRECTORY WELCOMED BY LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

'Connect Eurobodalla' was launched at the Red Door Hall in Moruya in October 2025. Developed by Batemans Bay Rotary and The Tec Exec with funding from the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR), Connect Eurobodalla is a community online platform that gives Eurobodalla voluntary community organisations a reliable technology to access services, share ideas, events, and resources.

Trish Pye from the Tec Exec launched the new platform and says it will support and improve technology competence across the Eurobodalla community.

"Connect Eurobodalla aims to make it easier for the volunteers who support our community organisations, like Rotary, Lions, the Museum, SHASA and others to use the most up to date communications and administration tools to build their audiences and support their work. Connect Eurobodalla will make it easier for new staff and volunteers to get up to speed, and for community organisations to keep one another informed of priorities, events and resources."

Connect Eurobodalla will "build stronger connections between local not-for-profits by creating a central online hub that brings organisations and community together. We aim to empower groups with access to shared resources, practical tools, and opportunities for collaboration. By reducing duplication and improving communication, we strengthen the ability of NFPs to serve the community more effectively. Ultimately, we are committed to fostering resilience and long-term sustainability across the Eurobodalla."







SHASA

EXECUTIVE TEAM 2025.2026









JOIN THE ABA FOR A PLAYDATE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES

Protecting babies and toddlers in emergencies

Emergency resource collection

online launch

Join ABA's Bushfire Project Team as we share our new resources for parents and caregivers, emergency workers and health professionals.



Thursday, 14 November 7 pm AEDT

Scan the QR code to learn more and register



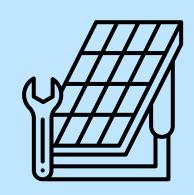
Free online event

aba.asn.au/emergency



San Bank

POWERING SUSTAINABILITY: TUROSS COMMUNITY GARDENS OFF-GRID SOLAR SYSTEM.



The Tuross Community Garden is even more sustainable, thanks to a small off-grid solar system installed with the support of SHASA's public fund and the help of local business.

The system is built with second-life equipment supplied by Repurposing for Resilience and installed with expertise and time generously donated by Micro Energy Systems.

The off-grid system will ensure reliable power for lighting, charging electric tools and operating small appliances.

This project highlights the power of community and demonstrates how partnerships can deliver practical, impactful solutions for a more sustainable future.







SHASA'S REPAIR CAFE IS TAKING A HOLIDAY BREAK!

The Repair Cafe Moruya will be taking a well earned summer holiday break!
Our final day for 2025 will be
Friday December 19 and we will return in 2026 on Friday 6 February.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2026.

Wishing our wonderful, hard-working volunteers a happy holiday!

SEE YOU IN 2026!



Come along and help our friends at 350Eurobodalla celebrate their 10th Anniversary.

As part of
350Eurobodalla's
10th Anniversary Celebration
we invite you to join us for a special
film screening of THE HUNGRY TIDE
followed by a Q&A with the film's
producer and director Tom Zubrycki.

A personal story of a country, Kiribati, on the frontline of climate change!

Sunday 16 November 2pm - 4pm Red Door Hall St Johns Commons Page St Moruya

Entry by donation





SHASA Presentations Presentations

SHASA is working with other organisations to present to community group meetings on how to be better prepared for future emergencies/disasters.

So far, we have presented to CWA Tilba, the Labor Party local branches, Rotary Moruya, Mogo Village Business Chamber, Tuross Head Community Garden, Narooma Community Men's Shed, Tuross Head Progress Association, Durras Progress Association and RFS, Tuross Head Men's Shed, Lions Moruya/Lions Batemans Bay and CWA Moruya.

Presentations have been scheduled for Congo Community Association, Quota Narooma, Rotary Batemans Bay, and CWA Narooma.

If you would like SHASA to give this presentation to an organisation, please contact Kathryn Maxwell, SHASA President, on 0467 558 645 or email contact.shasa@gmail.com



Disaster Preparedness SHASA Presentations

QUOTA NAROOMA Disaster Preparedness Presentation

Get in the know, Get connected, Get organised, Get packing!



Tuesday 11 November
5.30pm dinner
6.30pm presentation
Club Narooma
88 Princes Highway
Narooma
For more information email
contact.shasaegmail.com

GUEST SPEAKERS Kathryn Maxwell - SHASA President Tricia Pye - The Tec Exec Von Hutcheson - Anglicare



ROTARY BATEMANS BAY Invitation To Members Disaster Preparedness Presentation

Get in the know, Get connected, Get organised, Get packing!



THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER
Batemans Bay Soldiers Club
6 Beach Rd
6.30pm Dinner
7.30pm Presentation

GUEST SPEAKERS

Kathryn Maxwell - SHASA President
Tricia Pye - The Tec Exec
Jacklyn Roque - NSW SES
Bryan Smith - NSW Reconstruction Authority



CWA MORUYA Invitation To Members Disaster Preparedness Presentation

Get in the know, Get connected, Get organised, Get packing!



WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER

11.15am CWA Moruya Hall 64 Queen St MORUYA

for more information email contact.shasa@gmail.com

GUEST SPEAKER
Kathryn Maxwell - SHASA President



NAROOMA CWA Distaster Preparedness Presentation ALL WELCOME!

Get in the know, Get connected, Get organised, Get packing!



Friday 5 December
1pm
Narooma CWA Hall
98 Princes Highway
Narooma
For more information email
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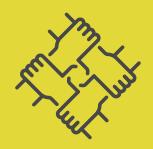
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TILBA HALLS APPEAL



\$65.000

\$29,224

THE TILBA HALLS NEED YOUR HELP



SHASA secured 2 grants to upgrade the 2 halls.

Due to unforeseen extra work we have a shortfall of \$65,000 to complete this vital project.

You can make tax deductible donations to the SHASA Public Fund and SHASA will transfer these funds to the Tilba Halls Committee.

SHASA Public Fund

BSB: 641 800

Account: 200924351

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SHARE THE
HOLIDAY SPIRIT
with a donation to
the Tilba Halls
appeal





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