

Press Release – Renewable Energy Forum

“The price of solar photovoltaic panels has fallen to the point that for many buyers they generate electricity cheaper than retail prices, without subsidies. So now is the time to invest in renewables in Wagga.”

This will be amongst the messages to be put at the Renewable Energy Forum to be held this Saturday 10th November 2012, said local organiser Stephen James for Climate Rescue of Wagga Inc.

The forum will present a series of short talks by local and visiting speakers. Nigel Hancock from the group Beyond Zero Emissions (a partner of the University of Melbourne Energy Research Institute) will outline how Australia could move to 100% renewables for stationary power, with particular reference to generation plant, jobs and investment that would be required in the Riverina. The Community Power Agency will be represented by Jarra Hicks from Victoria. She will describe how community ownership has widened opportunities for profitable investment and local control of renewable generation plant. Local businessman Rob Sheather will give pointers on how to invest in solar in Wagga.

The forum will be held along aside the regular monthly farmer’s market, between the civic centre and Wollundry Lagoon, from 9 am to 1 pm. The talks will be presented in the lower level of the library between 10 am and noon. The program is given below. Besides the speakers, there will be a stall displaying material about renewables and the TAFE NSW Riverina Institute “Turn Your Place Green” display trailer on hand.

The local and visiting speakers will be available for interview at 3pm on Friday 9th November on the civic centre forecourt or in the foyer, or by appointment at other times during Friday afternoon.

For more information, contact Stephen James, Climate Rescue of Wagga on 0429 653 968 or 6939 5796

A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

A series of short talks on community involvement in sustainable power & how to make Solar work for you

Saturday, 10th November, 2012

@ Wagga Wagga Farmer's Market
Wollundry Lagoon at the Civic Centre

9:00 AM Stall opens
Riverina TAFE "Turn Your Place Green" Sustainability Trailer

- Water and energy saving tips
- Reducing waste
- Lowering environmental footprint

10:00 AM Beyond Zero Emissions talk presented by Nigel Hancock:
A ten year clean energy blueprint for Australia

- The national picture
- The technologies
- How regional Australia will benefit from the clean energy revolution
- The step by step plan for 100% Renewable Energy developed in conjunction with University of Melbourne

10:30 Rob Sheather: How and why to choose a Solar PV deal

11:00 Jarra Hicks, Community Power Agency:

- How Communities are building their own Renewable
- Energy World perspectives on community owned power
- How Australian communities are benefitting from community owned power generation

11:30 Nigel Hancock, Beyond Zero Emissions

12:00 Jarra Hicks, Community Power Agency

12:30 Rob Sheather

1:00 Stall closes



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