

Community Renewable Energy Forum

Our community is ours to change. What can the Bellarine do to transition towards a renewable energy future?

Come and listen to speakers from our local community, Geelong and beyond and find out how you can get involved in transitioning our community to a clean energy future.

Sunday 27 August, 2pm – 5pm

Barwon Heads Community Hall, 77 Hitchcock Avenue

For more information and to reserve a place at the event visit bhsustainability.org.au

The Forum will be structured as follows:

What's happening?

Simon Corbell, Victoria's Renewable Energy Advocate, will discuss current progress toward achieving the Paris Climate Agreement targets globally and within Australia, the threats that rising energy costs and lack of energy security pose for our community and recent advancements in renewable energy technology.

Nick Carrazzo from the Alternative Technology Association will discuss the status and prospects of solar and batteries at the local level – for communities and residences.

Tobi Geiger, Managing Director of West Wind Energy will discuss the role of wind power in Victoria, the challenges and opportunities of sharing the benefits with local communities and the regulatory environment relating to the Bellarine.

Tristan Edis, Director of Analysis & Advisory at Green Energy Markets and Barwon Heads local will provide further comment on trends and issues about the future of renewable energy.

What can we do?

Andrea Pape, Sustainability Victoria's Strategic Coordinator in the Barwon South West region, will share the results of a recent survey that reveals where public opinion regarding climate change sits in our community.

Alex Houlston, Director and co-founder of clean energy services company, Energy for the People (and Ocean Grove local) and Dan Cowdell, coordinator of Geelong Sustainability Group's Community Owned Renewable Energy project will share some examples of community renewable energy projects. They will discuss what is being done within the Geelong community and abroad in terms of leveraging renewable energy to tackle climate change, reduce the cost of energy, achieve energy security and create a range of community benefits.

Public discussion

The session will end with a discussion forum in which each of our speakers will form a panel that will answer questions from the audience.

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About our speakers

What's happening?



Simon Corbell

Simon is the Renewable Energy Advocate of the State of Victoria, a position which allows him to engage extensively and publicly on issues that are of direct research

interest to the ANU.

He is a former Minister in the ACT Government, having spent 20 years in the ACT Legislative Assembly (1997-2016) across multiple portfolios including Minister for the Environment and Climate Change.

Simon has recently been appointed an honorary Associate Professor at the Research School of Engineering at The Australian National University.



Nick Carrazzo

Nick is an energy analyst with the ATA who has worked on numerous projects assessing the benefits of solar installations for residences and local governments. He recently

worked in partnership with the VIC government to co-ordinate the tender process for 50 new solar PV installations at life saving clubs across Victoria.



Tobias Geiger

Tobias has been deeply involved in the wind energy sector in Europe, Canada and Australia for the past 22 years. Tobias leads WestWind Energy in Australia since 2007 and

the company is involved in the development of over 1500MW of wind energy projects in Australia.



Tristan Edis

Tristan Edis is Director of Analysis & Advisory at Green Energy Markets and a Barwon Heads local. He is an experienced energy and climate change policy and market analyst

who has worked in government, clean energy industry, media, and consulting.

He is regularly called upon by media in print, radio and television to provide expert commentary that helps to demystify and debunk issues relating to how we meet our need for energy while reducing greenhouse gases that drive dangerous climate change.

What can we do?



Andrea Pape

Andrea is Sustainability Victoria's Strategic Coordinator in the Barwon South West region, and is working with all sectors in our region to support the uptake of energy and

materials efficiency, and renewable energy. Prior to this, she worked in energy consumer advocacy, and delivered energy efficiency programs to low income households and the community service sector.



Alex Houlston

Alex is an Ocean Grove local and the co-founder of Energy for the People. Their initiative, The People's Solar, is leveraging renewable energy to create lasting

benefits for their clients and communities. Alex is responsible for developing and managing Energy for the People's strategic partnerships and projects, ensuring implementation of its innovative approach to clean energy projects and social impact.



Dan Coddell

Dan is the project coordinator of Geelong Sustainability Group's Community Owned Renewable Energy project. He is an Electrical Engineer formerly employed by

a local solar installation business and has also worked as a field organiser for GetUp, mobilising people on the issues of renewable energy and climate change.