

Solar battery storage information session

A free Solar Battery Storage Information Session is being jointly organised by Council's Sustainability team, the Energy Innovation Cooperative and the Mirboo North Community Energy Hub to provide participants with expert advice about solar battery systems, affordability and accessibility.

Sustainability Officer, Heidi Hamm, said a solar powered system coupled with battery storage could provide electricity to homes or businesses 24 hours a day.

"But this system won't suit everyone's situation", she added. "That's why an information session like this is so valuable."

Industry experts have predicted battery storage technology would be installed at a rate four times quicker than Australia's incumbent energy industry expects, with the market for battery storage to grow from about 2,000 Australian homes to one million by 2020.

"The solar market will remain strong, electricity tariffs will remain high and consumers will be attracted to the battery storage technology, with battery storage installation costs expected to fall by 40 per cent within two years," Ms Hamm explained.

As well as offering more flexible, reliable and efficient energy use for consumers, storage is also an effective way to smooth out the supply of variable forms of renewable energy such as solar and wind power.

"It gives consumers greater control of their power use and enables them to take full advantage of the solar energy they generate themselves," Ms Hamm said.

The information session will be held on Tuesday 23 August from 7.00 – 9.00pm at the Dakers Centre, 23 Smith St, Leongatha. Supper will be provided. Participants must RSVP before 18 August via the Sustainability Gippsland website at www.sustainabilitygippsland.com/event/solar-battery-storage-information-session-leongatha or by phoning Heidi Hamm on 5662 9815.

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