

Community Encouraged To Make A Switch

South Gippsland Shire Council in partnership with the Energy Innovation Co-Operative is hosting a free community information session on solar power and batteries.

The session will cover common concerns about solar power and batteries including money savings, practicality of systems and what sort of systems to use.

Local guest speakers at the event include:

- Energy auditor, Rhys Freeman
- Resident and Grow Lightly Food Hub Director, Gil Freeman
- Installers, Andy McCarthy and George Fairlie

These guest speakers have a range of expertise in green energy and will be able to assist residents with any questions or concerns they may have about the systems.

Council's Sustainability Officer Heidi Hamm said the workshop was a great opportunity for community members to come along and ask questions about solar power and batteries.

"We encourage all community members to come and attend the community information session to learn more about green energy and how solar systems and batteries could be used at their properties.

"Installing solar systems and batteries are one way to reduce our impact on the environment while also gaining other benefits including self-sufficiency and saving money.

"It is everyone's responsibility to make sustainable choices when it comes to using the planet's resources, attending this community information session could be one step towards making better choices for our environment," said Ms Hamm.

The free community information session will be held on 19 February 2017 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Coal Creek Auditorium which will include a viewing of a working solar battery system at The Food Hub.

Please RSVP for catering purposes on the Sustainability Gippsland website here www.sustainabilitygippsland.com/event/small-solar-batteries-in-practice or phone Energy Innovation Co-operative board member Susan Davies on 5657 3108.

Individuals wanting more information about the session can contact Council's Sustainability team on 5662 9200.

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