



## Community Prepares for Solar Power and Batteries

Over 80 community members attended the Small Solar Systems and Batteries in Practice information session last weekend to learn more about implementing green energy in the home.

The Energy Innovation Co-Operative organised the free community information session in partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council.

Attendees heard from a range of local guest speakers including energy auditor Rhys Freeman who provided an understanding of household energy use and Grow Lightly Food Hub Director Gil Freeman who passed on his experience of having a solar battery storage system at both home and the Food Hub.

Shane Clayton from Gippsland Solar and John Ballis from GridEdge were also present to inform community members of the solar power and battery storage systems currently available on the market.

Council's Sustainability Officer Heidi Hamm was pleased that the community was passionate about solar power and batteries and took the time to learn more about them.

"We had attendance numbers at capacity for the event which has been common for similar information sessions and workshops held across Gippsland.

"There is a huge interest in the community about this topic at the moment and also a need for good information.

"It is really encouraging to see the community embracing green energy and looking into options of how to be more sustainable. We all have the responsibility to make a difference and South Gippsland residents have taken that responsibility with open arms," said Ms Hamm.

Council in partnership with the Energy Innovation Co-Operative intend to hold further community information sessions due to the high amount of interest from community members.

More information about these sessions will be provided to the community as they become available.

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