



MEDIA RELEASE

Community Power Hub Ballarat Launches Projects

The Victorian Government's pilot program for community renewable energy projects was launched last year and the Community Power Hub (CPH) Ballarat is ready to announce a range of projects nominated by the community that have been selected for the development of feasibility studies.

What: Photo Opportunity and Interviews at One of the Project Sites.

Where: Ballarat General Cemeteries 1250 Doveton Street North, Ballarat

When: 12.30pm Wednesday 21st March 2018

Who: CPH Ballarat team, CEO Ballarat Cemeteries, Sustainability Victoria Representative.

The CPH Ballarat Project Control Group conducted public meetings in October 2017 in Beaufort, Ballan, Daylesford and Ballarat to identify potential community renewable energy projects that could be assisted by the pilot program to carry out technical and financial feasibility assessments and where favourable develop business cases to provide the projects with potential funding sources.

The CPH Ballarat Program is one of 3 pilot programs being jointly funded by Sustainability Victoria (SV) and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) with the intent of catalysing community owned, funded and or operated renewable energy projects in our region. (For more information see www.communitypowerhub.com.au)

The CPH Ballarat team have identified a shortlist of projects that currently are the subject of detailed feasibility studies which includes:

- Ballarat General Cemeteries – Maintenance Processes & Grounds Equipment Powered by the Sun
- 100 kW Solar Array for a Tourism Operator
- Waste Wood to Power a Commercial Laundry

Spokesperson for the CPH Ballarat Project Control Group Ian Rossiter said “Another 6 projects have been allocated resources to commence feasibility studies from the extensive list identified through our community engagement meetings commenced last October.”

“We anticipate with the CPH funding and significant volunteer inputs, we will see a number of these translate into infrastructure projects commencing in the next 12 months”.

CEO Ballarat Cemeteries Annie De Jong said “ The Ballarat General Cemeteries Trust, being a not for profit managed organisation is delighted to work with the CPH program to investigate how we can move to renewable energy sources and potentially become a model for regional cemeteries across the state.” “

We consume significant electricity and fuel in our day to day operations running irrigation systems, our buildings and our plant and equipment. The Trust has a 20 plus year vision to create more sustainable methods of providing our essential services to our community.”

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