



Coastwatchers

Eurobodalla's voice for nature

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NSW Government's Regional Community Energy Fund

To Whom It May Concern

Coastwatchers has close to 100 members and supports the application being submitted to the NSW Government's Regional Community Energy Fund by the Eurobodalla Shire Council, SHASA and Yumaro.

The project involves:

- installing 53kw PV system on Yumaro site on Shelley Road
- installing two EV charging points at Yumaro
- possible purchase of an electric bus 12-15 seater by Yumaro
- installation of 253kw of PV on the McKay Park pool and arts centre in Bateman's Bay
- up to six EV charging stations and additional solar on council facilities which can be used by the public
- possible purchase of electric bus by ESC community transport
- There would be an opportunity for members of the local community to invest in both systems and receive a good rate of return through a community finance model with Repower Shoalhaven.

Creation of electric charging points are critical to encourage uptake of electric cars by locals. Increasing local PV on public buildings such as the McKay Park pool and arts centre and electric buses will allow the community to reduce carbon emissions and council electricity costs.

The community is very keen to reduce carbon emissions as evidenced by the large enthusiastic turnout to Friday's recent Global Climate School Strike at Moruya that Coastwatchers and members attended. This is essential as climate change is already impacting on our community through more frequent power blackouts in storms, coastal encroachment, water restrictions in force already and the fire season starting early this September.

Regards

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The Association aims to protect the local environment and preserve the integrity of the ecological systems of the South Coast of NSW. It opposes the unnecessary destruction and degradation of natural systems, unbalanced development and pollution. It opposes threats to the survival of plant and animal species and communities.

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