



Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc receives \$10,000 from Powershop customers to fund solar installation.

21 June 2017: Powershop has announced the Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc as one of seven new funding recipients to receive support from their Your Community Energy initiative.

After announcing seven project beneficiaries in February 2017, Powershop is announcing funding for their next round of new local green energy projects.

Powershop spokesperson Abbie Allen said “The Your Community Energy initiative was developed to help support not-for-profit and other community organisations to generate their own energy and reduce electricity bills. Powershop customers have collectively contributed more than \$210,000 to support local green energy projects which proves how important renewable energy is to customers.”

“The Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc was chosen to receive \$10,000 because they provide quality adult education programs, skill development, support and social activities to a range of different groups including, those with a disability, migrants, mature aged and unemployed,” Abbie added.

Mark Brophy, CEO of Williamstown Community and Education Centre Inc said, “The 11kW solar system is expected to save the centre nearly \$3,000 off our electricity bill in the first year. These savings will go directly into providing more programs and services for our community.”

“The centre has two sites located in the Hobsons Bay area. Both provide a variety of community and social inclusion, education, lifestyle and recreation programs for members of the community. We are thrilled that our Joan Kirner House will be the facility we will install our solar panels on. The site generates around 33% of our estimated annual energy needs so installing solar will greatly reduce our carbon footprint and give us year-on-year savings.” Mark added.

Abbie stated, “Powershop customers have already contributed more than \$210,000 by paying a small premium when they purchase the Your Community Energy Powerpack and the amount keeps growing. Powershop wants to give this money to community organisations and we are looking for more projects to support.

“We want to help them save on their running expenses and enable them to focus on what they do best, but also demonstrate the benefits of small-scale renewable energy solutions that can be replicated in the community,” Abbie added.

How people can get involved and support community energy projects:

Anyone can start using their electricity purchases to make a difference by simply switching their electricity to Powershop. They can then support Your Community Energy projects by choosing the Your Community Energy Powerpack in the Powershop store.

Submit a project:

While Powershop’s customers continue to support community energy projects one purchase at a time, we’re searching for our next **Your Community Energy** projects. If you know of one that needs a cash injection, send us an email at communtenergy@powershop.com.au

About Powershop Australia:

Melbourne based Powershop Australia powers more than 90,000 homes and businesses across Victoria, New South Wales and South East Queensland. Powershop’s parent company, Meridian

Energy Australia is the owner-operator of two wind farms in Australia (Mount Mercer in Victoria and Mount Millar in South Australia).

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In case you don't know much about Powershop, here's nine reasons to love them:

1. They've been ranked #1 retailer on Canstar Blue's Most Satisfied Customer - Electricity Providers Victoria for two years running (2015 & 2016).
2. They love solar! Solar customers at Powershop receive the same great rates and discounts as non-solar customers, along with an 8.2c/kWh feed-in tariff.
3. They're Australia's greenest power company (Greenpeace Green Electricity Guide 2014 & 2015).
4. They're Australia's first and only 100% certified carbon neutral electricity retailer.
5. They have super competitive rates, plus no credit card fees.
6. They offer great discounts off usage AND daily supply charges.
7. They don't lock you into contracts or charge exit fees.
8. They have an awesome smartphone app and online usage tools.
9. They provide monthly online billing to avoid bill shock.

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