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2014/2015

YARRA
ENERGY
FOUNDATION

We engage and inspire people who live and do business in the **City of Yarra** to take practical steps towards our **zero carbon future**.



Yarra is a young community with over 50% of the population aged between 25 and 49.



Around 23% of Yarra’s population speaks a language other than English at home.



There are more than 13,600 businesses operating within Yarra.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON



On behalf of Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF), I am pleased to share with you our Annual Report for the 2014-15 financial year.

I am very proud of the efforts of YEF and our key partners to develop and deliver strong and successful commercial programs. We continue to prove that we can successfully transition to a sustainable low carbon future for the community. Some of the key highlights of the year included:

- The YEF Commercial Solar Program has enabled us to leverage our expertise in solar to extend to residential and targeted solar school programmes
- Australian Vietnamese Women's Association (AVWA) energy efficiency programme
- Strong partnerships with IKEA and the Yarra City Council have helped make it easier for businesses to invest in Solar PV and energy efficiency initiatives
- Our ability to engage and connect into the community has again been reflected in the excellent attendance at our various business and community events

Despite experiencing tough regulatory market conditions for a low carbon economy in Australia over the last few years, there are a number of significant emerging developments on global, national and state level. Of particular interest will be the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

(COP21) held in Paris at the end of 2015. The aim of these meetings is to reach a global agreement to combat climate change and to promote a transition towards resilient, low-carbon societies and economies.

In addition, we are also seeing increasingly supportive Federal and State Government Initiatives that should lead to greater opportunities for financial incentives, innovative financing and partnerships. Coupled with the introduction of disruptive technological solutions, YEF is well placed to take advantage of these opportunities. A good example that we are preparing for is the recent Victorian legislation on Environmental Upgrade Agreements (EUA) which is an innovative financing tool targeting the retrofit of commercial buildings.

I would like to acknowledge the Yarra City Council for their tremendous support for their shared vision of achieving a carbon neutral city. Our success is largely attributable to the passionate and dedicated efforts of the YEF team and our valued partners. I would like to offer my deep gratitude to all involved throughout the year for their continued commitment, enthusiasm and hard work.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to recognise the great work and service that the former CEO Kate Nicolazzo provided to the organisation and we extend a warm welcome to the new CEO, Sarah Johnson.

In 2015/16, I look forward to working with YEF staff, directors, stakeholders and the community to move closer to our goals in achieving a carbon neutral city.

Jennifer Lauber Patterson, Chairperson

CEO REPORT



Since its inception, Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF) has set out to identify pathways towards a zero carbon future. In a rapidly changing political climate these pathways can be obscured and challenging to navigate. However, technology is quickly advancing and in many ways, providing a welcome impetus to keep us travelling on our path.

We exist to engage and inspire people who live and do business in the City of Yarra, to take practical steps towards a zero carbon city.

This past year, YEF built on the transformation set in motion by previous CEO, Kate Nicolazzo.

In February, YEF held its inaugural sustainability festival, Proud to be Yarra. Held at the Abbotsford Convent we saw over 1,000 people come through and the event could not have happened without the contribution and commitment of an extraordinary group of volunteers.

With a Commercial Solar program now in place and delivering renewable energy to businesses in

Yarra, we set our sights on further growing our team and ensuring we are stepping out plans for residential programs and our wider community. The result: we successfully attracted funding for a retrofit program for some of our more vulnerable residents, and the design of targeted campaigns is underway for key segments of our community, such as aged care and schools.

Our priority areas for the coming year remain ambitious and will see YEF increasing its capacity to engage and talk with, and amongst our key audiences, you. We will continue to participate in advocacy work that helps realise policy reform, and we will ensure we deliver programs and outcomes that help build momentum towards our zero carbon goal.

All in all 2014/15 has been an important year for Yarra Energy Foundation. Our team is looking forward to continuing to build on our solid foundations and deliver strong results for the community. There is a lot to look forward to and we hope that you will join us!

Sarah Johnson, CEO

THE BOARD

Jennifer Lauber Patterson is the Chair of Yarra Energy Foundation. She is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Frontier Energy and is the Head of the Climate Markets and Investment Association for Australia and New Zealand. Jennifer was formerly in senior executive roles in the electricity industry prior to setting up ANZ's Electricity and Environmental Markets Business and National Australia Bank's (NAB) Treasury Solutions Business. Jennifer was named one of the 100 Global Sustainability Leaders by ABC Carbon in 2012 and 2013.

Gerard Brody is the Deputy Chair of Yarra Energy Foundation. He is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Consumer Action Law Centre, a campaign-focused consumer advocacy organisation. Gerard has been a consumer lawyer and advocate for over 10 years, and previously worked with the Brotherhood of St Laurence. Gerard has a Masters in Public Policy and Management, Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from the University of Melbourne.

Geoff Mabbett is the Director and Owner of Lime Consulting, specialising in executive coaching, organisational alignment and strategy development. He is also the Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Net Balance Foundation, Chairman of the Sustainable Forestry Council and the Victorian Director of LSI Consulting. His executive career included 10 years as a Chief Executive in the utilities and environmental services industries including serving as the inaugural CEO of Sustainability Victoria from 2005 to 2007.

Dr. Peter Christoff is Coordinator of Environmental Studies within the Melbourne School of Land and Environment at the University of Melbourne. He is also a Visiting Research Fellow at the Monash Sustainability Institute. He is a Board member and a former Vice President of the Australian Conservation Foundation. He was also formerly a member of the Victorian Premier's Climate Change Reference Group, the Victorian Ministerial Reference Council on Climate Change Adaptation, and Assistant Commissioner for the Environment (Victoria).

Cr Sam Gaylard has been a Greens Councillor representing the Nicholls Ward (North Carlton, North Fitzroy, Princes Hill, and parts of Fitzroy, Clifton Hill and Collingwood) since 2008. He is a member of Council's Planning, Environment and Infrastructure Committee and of the Bicycle Consultative Committee and the Community Gardens Advisory Committee, and is a founding councillor representative on the Yarra Energy Foundation. Cr Gaylard believes local government can play a pivotal role in tackling climate change and supporting our community's transition to a sustainable and resilient future. Previously, he has worked as a social worker, a manager at the Fitzroy Council, an executive officer in a development education organisation, an industrial officer at the ASU servicing the Community and Local Government sectors and has worked for a Greens MP.

Guy Wilson-Browne is currently the Director City Works & Assets for Yarra City Council, responsible for the overall planning, provision and maintenance of public infrastructure for Yarra City Council. Guy is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is also a Board Director for Westernport Water. He has more than 15 years experience as a senior manager in the public infrastructure sector. His qualifications include a degree in Civil Engineering and Graduate Diplomas in Business Administration (Leisure & Tourism) and Commercial Law.

Dr. Katherine Dean is founder and director of D3 Consulting Group. She is recognised as one of Australia's leading scientists in the sustainable materials field with over 20 years of experience in technology innovation, strategy, business and global engagement within the materials R&D sector.

Cr Roberto Colanzi was first elected to Yarra Council as a representative of the Nicholls Ward in 2012. He is the Chair of Council's Business Advisory Group, a member of Council's Audit Committee, and Council's delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria, and the Metropolitan Transport Forum. He is a highly experienced and skilled strategy and policy manager, and industry analyst. His range of skills and experience include: industry, economic and marketing analysis; finance and strategic systems analysis; project management and planning; and is skilled in a range of quantitative research methods. He has worked with a number of leading methodologies that have focused on improving the efficiency of working capital, increasing company and client profits, reducing cost structures, generating sales and expenditure forecasts, and ultimately leading to improving returns on investment.

Eyal Halamish is currently the CEO of OurSay, an organisation which helps leaders level with their communities with easy-to-use technologies. Eyal is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper, Sandboxer, Unreasonable Institute Fellow and Centre for Sustainability Leadership Fellow. He also sits on the board of Code for Australia.

Scott Chapman is CEO of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Vic). He is also the Chair of Outdoors Victoria, City Harvest and Anglesea Ambulance Auxillary. He previously worked in local governments throughout Melbourne as Director of various departments, including Commerce & Marketing, Strategy, and Community Services.

Brendan Brown is the Company Secretary of Yarra Energy Foundation Limited and is a Chartered Accountant.

THE TEAM



Sarah Johnson
Chief Executive Officer



Kate Nicolazzo
(CEO to January 2015)



Ned Halliday
Solar Program Manager – Commercial



Claire Havens
Solar Program Manager – Residential

Leslie Annear
Community and Content Organiser

Justin White
(Operations and Business Development
to June 2015)

Steve Chamings
(Project Manager to November 2014)

Aparna Sethi
Intern

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Yarra Energy Foundation would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the organisation in the past 12 months. In particular we would like to thank:

- Our Board, staff and volunteers
- The Councillors and staff at the City of Yarra
- Our Ambassadors; IKEA, Collingwood Football Club and the City of Yarra
- Our Corporate partner; Maddocks Lawyers
- Our Community and Expertise partners; the Alternative Technology Association (ATA) Australian Vietnamese Womens' Association (AVWA), the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA), Positive Charge, Yarra Climate Action Network, Yarra Community Solar
- Our program partners; CitySwitch, Livewell Yarra, and SmartBlocks

We would also like to **acknowledge the generous support of organisations that supported the Proud to be Yarra Festival**, and look forward to collaborating with you as we continue to grow.

- Abbotsford Convent
- Bank Australia (formerly Bankmecu)
- City of Yarra
- Melbourne Farmers Markets
- Midnightsky
- Nelson Alexander
- Shadow Electric



THE YEAR AT A GLANCE



OUR COMMERCIAL SOLAR PROGRAM

- facilitated **seven** solar PV installations with businesses through our commercial solar program
- 99.8kW installed capacity
- 146tCO₂ per year emissions reduction

YEF auspiced the **solar neighbourhoods** project, funded through In Your Patch grant round. The final tally was:

- 278.5kW installed
- 409tCO₂ per year emissions reduction
- 81 households
- 21kW donated to community organisations

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80,000

A **successful grant application** will provide an additional \$80,000 in funding to run a low income retrofit program for residents in Yarra.

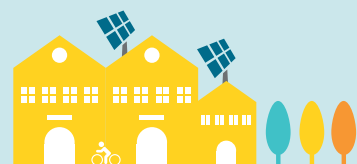


In February we hosted the inaugural **Proud to be Yarra Sustainability Festival**



Smart Solar for Yarra Schools

We **launched our Smart Solar for Yarra Schools** campaign, and hosted 10 schools at an information session at Richmond West Primary School.



YEF is an **active partner of the Livewell Yarra** project, and helped to design a series of 6 workshops for participants, with the view to support the existing De-Carb groups (8) as well help recruit new participants. YEF provided information and support for the first workshop on energy efficiency at home, and continues to promote the events.

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95,079

We secured \$95,079 worth of professional services pro bono.



OUR VOLUNTEERS

30

We received support from **30 highly skilled volunteers** throughout the year



With the information and project now delivered, the acquittal report was submitted to the Department of State Development, Business and Innovation (DSDBI) and approved. The **'Flexible Pricing Information'** project was completed in partnership with the Australian Vietnamese Womens Association (AVWA). We continue to promote and link to Energy Information Hub and My Power Planner tools.



WATTS POWERING YOUR PHONE?

Pedal Power project launched at the Richmond Library on 27th June, with the Mayor opening the event and YEF staff on hand to 'demonstrate' the technology. The bikes were at the library for a month and an evaluation report is being prepared.



charges while you ride...



Reviewed staff skills and restructured the team to better meet the needs of the community.

We're your team



ABOUT YARRA ENERGY FOUNDATION

Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF) is an independent, for-purpose organisation with a huge ambition – to achieve a zero carbon future for the City of Yarra.

Established by the City of Yarra in 2010, we continue to receive significant support from the Council, and we are rapidly expanding the range of support we receive from project partners and supporters. YEF is governed by an independent Board of highly skilled and experienced professionals.

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Yarra is a vibrant zero carbon community.

A vibrant, zero carbon community is diverse, participatory and sustainable. Businesses, homes, schools, community facilities, our transport and waste systems are efficient and effective and have a positive impact on the environment. People care about and contribute to their community and the local environment.



OUR PURPOSE

To inspire and empower the Yarra community to build a vibrant zero carbon future.

We inspire the community by sharing stories, building networks and demonstrating what is possible in building a vibrant zero carbon future.

OUR VALUES

- Audacious – We are bold and progressive.**
We have the courage to speak up when something needs to be questioned and improved in pursuit of our vision. We are here to make a big, positive impact in our community, and on the environment, so we help others see what needs to change. We balance this with respect and a sense of humour that helps people listen to what we are saying.
- Creative – We make things better.**
We find the best ways to solve problems, and inspire and empower others to reduce carbon emissions. Sometimes we bring back an old idea that works, and sometimes we find new solutions to our challenges. We are agile and easily adapt to change if it helps us fulfil our purpose.
- Credible – You can count on us.**
We are informed, honest and we believe in our purpose. So you can rely on us to keep you up to date, tell you the truth, and act on our word.
- Engaging – We are positive and friendly.**
We can only achieve our Vision of a zero carbon community with our community's help. So we build relationships to help others understand the significance of our work, and our enthusiasm and clarity inspires them to get involved. People like working with us because we are welcoming, respectful and easy to understand.

OUR PROGRAMS

- We know we have a big job ahead of us, and we cannot do it alone. Our programs set out to identify both the champions, and those in our communities who need our help.
- Working with **business** and organisations across Yarra, we are developing targeted **campaign led programs to help our aged care facilities, child care, schools and our wide ranging business sector to access information**, advice, products and services they need to reduce their footprint to zero.
- Working with our **residents** we are developing programs that aim to reach some of the most vulnerable people, as well providing trusted information for those already ready to take the next step.
- By targeting our programs, we will **deliver practical programs and pathways to solutions that will help our community reduce energy use**.

HOUSEHOLD ENERGY FACTS

"Low income households spend more of the weekly income on energy than other households ... On average, households in the lowest 20% of income distribution spend close to 6% of their weekly income on energy, whereas the highest 20% spend around 1% of their income on energy. Victorian disconnections jumped from 6,249 in 2007-08 to 34,448 in 2013-14."



Source: Brotherhood of St Laurence 2015, Rising retail costs and their impact on energy affordability.

OUR KEY PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

COMMERCIAL SOLAR

Our Commercial Solar program has been designed and piloted over a 12-month period in consultation with community and industry leaders in order to facilitate investment into solar energy for local businesses. YEF identified that many businesses can benefit from an annual return in excess of 15-20% of the installation cost, depending on the time of energy use, electricity price and available space for installation.

Over the last year our program has helped businesses understand the potential savings

available from solar power and then, if the business case stacks up, we help match businesses with trustworthy suppliers who can provide competitive quotes. In return for this service YEF receive a 5% commission from the solar provider for any installed systems.

In the last six months we have facilitated seven Commercial installations and we are continuing to work with our partners to connect our local business to quality energy efficiency and renewable solutions, and increasingly clean energy opportunities.

CASE STUDY: HUDSON'S FAMOUS CATERING



NEIL HUDSON AND THE HUDSON'S FAMOUS TEAM

Hudson's Famous – Duke St Richmond. Solar installation: May 2015

12.5kW Solar PV

Project Summary	Total Payback Period	6 years
	Total Energy Savings p.a.	12,775kWh
	Total Emissions Reduction p.a.	19tCO ₂
	Total Savings p.a.	\$3,066

RESIDENTIAL SOLAR

This year we worked collaboratively with the City of Yarra and a local initiative called **solar neighbourhoods** to deliver a targeted bulk buy program. The total capacity contracted through **solar neighbourhoods** reached **278.5kW installed**.

The community donation aspect of the program resulted in **additional 21kW of solar PV systems made available to donate to a community organisation** within the City of Yarra, donated from YEF and CommPower.

The criteria used to identify the community organization included being shovel-ready, not for profit, having a suitable roof and being an organisation that could benefit from a small system.

The first recipient was **St Mary's House of Welcome**, which provides meals, hot showers and clothing to an average of 200 people every day, together with dignity and choice. They received an 8kW installation.

We are continuing to work with our partners to develop affordable and efficient programs to help us reach more people with more options to reduce energy use and increase affordability and access to renewable energy options.



ABOVE: ST MARY'S HOUSE OF WELCOME

RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ACHIEVEMENTS



Yarra homes and residents



278kWh of solar energy



409tCO₂ emissions reduction p.a.

OUR KEY PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

SMART SOLAR FOR YARRA SCHOOLS

Drawing on the experience gained with Richmond West Primary School we have launched a targeted Schools campaign in partnership with Cherry Energy Solutions. We aim to invite Principals and Presidents of Parents Groups to an information session, and attendees are provided with a follow up from YEF and Cherry Energy Solutions to assess their school's needs and facilitate an appropriate solution.

CASE STUDY: RICHMOND WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

With a desire to minimise their school's carbon footprint, Richmond West wanted to upgrade their existing 5kW solar PV system. Through an installation of an additional 20kW plus LED retrofits, the school has now saved significantly on energy costs and reduced their carbon emissions by more than 66 tonnes annually.

Let's Begin...

An important first step for Richmond West was replacing their existing lights with LEDs. Over 250 lights were changed resulting in initial savings to lighting costs of 62%. A far more efficient option than fluorescents, this positioned the school well to use solar for the bulk of their ongoing energy needs. LEDs are also rated to last up to 50,000 hours, which considerably reduces ongoing maintenance costs.

Why Solar?

YEF and Cherry Energy Solutions determined that for Richmond West, a solar panel installation had potential to dramatically reduce the school's reliance on external energy provision from the grid. A 20kW solar system was installed on the school's roof. As the school uses almost all it's energy during daylight hours, solar power can meet the bulk of ongoing energy demands, and provides even more than what is needed during midday hours.



The Opportunity


The school implemented their project via a Sustainable Melbourne Fund repayment plan. The current Federal Incentive program, available through Cherry Energy Solutions, reduced the cost of the solar system by about \$12,000. The overall project was cashflow positive over the life of the funding period.

"Richmond West Primary School has a history of sustainability. Part of our big picture plan is to reduce the school's footprint across a range of areas such as energy, recycling, water usage, kitchen gardening, composting and increasing active transport across the community. Solar panels and an LED retrofit was seen as the next logical step in achieving these long term goals."

- Paul Ledwidge, Principal

Project Summary

Richmond West Primary School	
20kW Solar PV & LED Retrofit	
Total Payback Period	5 years
Total Energy Savings p.a.	53, 646kWh
Total Emissions Reduction p.a.	66.5tCO ₂
Total Savings p.a.	\$13,770



What We Did

YEF and Cherry Energy Solutions worked together to support Richmond West to transition to low-carbon energy use. The amount of energy information and options available to organisations can be overwhelming, however YEF and Cherry were able to provide the most useful and relevant information, services and outcomes tailored specifically to Richmond West's needs, desires, and budget.

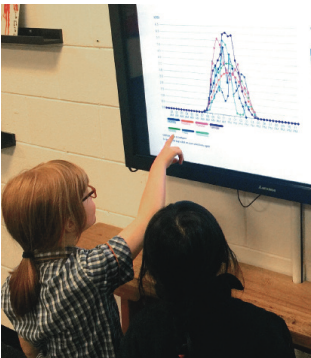
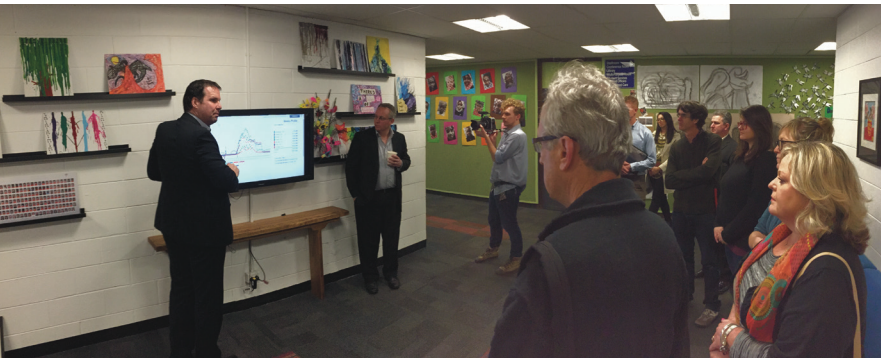
With the goal of reducing carbon use in the City of Yarra, YEF is proud to have partnered with Richmond West and continues to offer services free of charge to achieve similar outcomes in other schools.

The Result

Through a process of energy efficiency measures combined with a solar installation, Richmond West PS has achieved annual savings of over \$13,000, energy savings of over 53,000kWh per year and annual emission reductions of more than 66 tonnes.

In addition to this, Richmond West installed an information display screen that provides the real-time energy use of the school and energy production of the solar panels. This provides a uniquely engaging way of educating students about solar, and bringing a level of excitement to the school community about their achievements in reducing carbon emissions.

For the full case study visit: www.yef.org.au/schools



COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTENT

With our team growing and new capacity on board, tools are being refined and tested. We have streamlined our current web presence, and we are getting ready to deploy a revitalised online engagement strategy.

Currently our main online identity is our website. It was important to expand and update YEF's website by telling the stories of the projects we are involved in and the success we are seeing in the City of Yarra.

Increasing the volume of content available online demonstrates that YEF is active in the community, and has knowledge to share. So far, this has been achieved through adding new pages to the website.

NEW WEBSITE PAGES

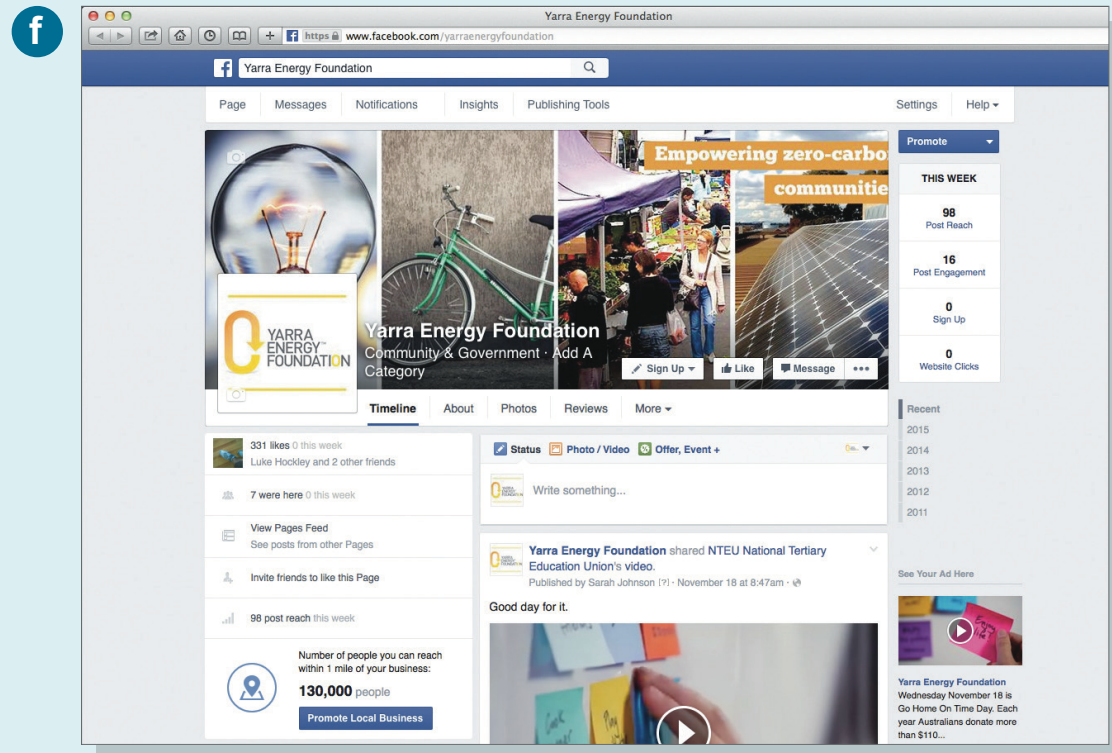
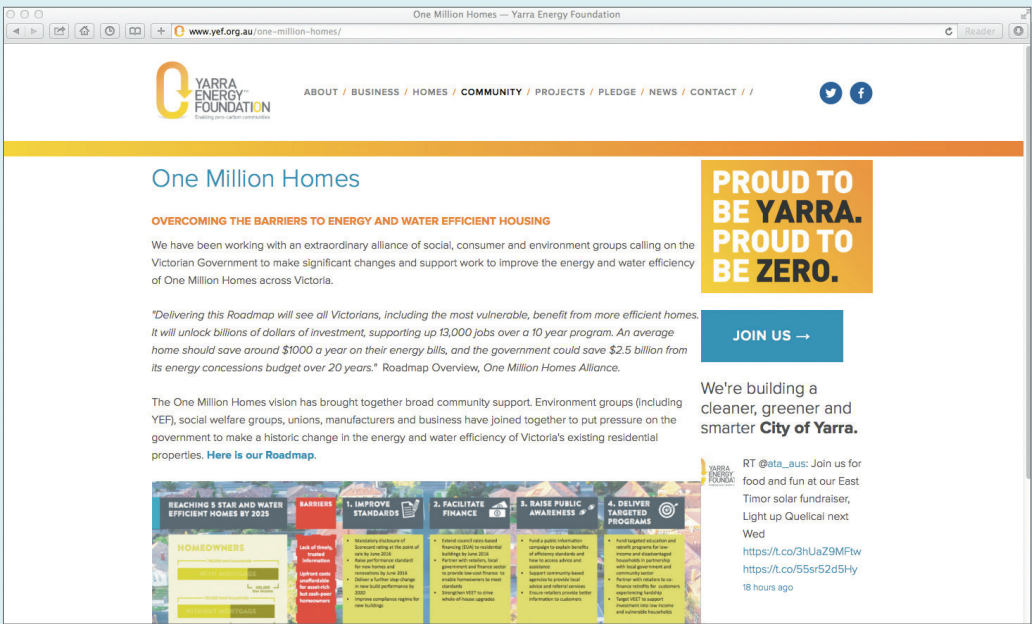
- Our Partners page (under About)
- Three community pages: Local Action, One Million Homes, Schools
- Projects page

NEW WEBSITE CONTENT

- Infograph to 'Business' page
- 'SwitchOn' content to 'Homes' page
- Twitter feed on landing page

WEB TRAFFIC

The current version of the website was built in February 2015 and traffic continues to increase steadily from this point.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engaging the community is a critical function for Yarra Energy Foundation and has been a key focus of the team in the past twelve months. We define engagement as: the total number of people or organisations who interact with YEF communications, education, business development, marketing and social media activities.

ENERGY INFORMATION CAMPAIGN – VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

YEF partnered with the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association Inc. (AVWA) to develop a Vietnamese language print, radio and video outreach program targeting the more than 86,000 Vietnamese-speaking Victorians.

The program was developed to engage consumers, facilitate the spread of information and drive informed choices around electricity pricing, including electricity markets, smart meters and flexible pricing. Specifically the program delivered:

Vietnamese-language flexible pricing infographic distributed in pamphlet and poster form (5,000) and published in Vietnamese language newspaper the Viet-Times. This infographic was also produced in English and translated by the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria into six other languages. In addition, the project also delivered pamphlets and posters outlining three ways to save on electricity bills in English and Vietnamese.

Tính giá linh hoạt là gì?

Hầu hết mọi người trả một mức phí không thay đổi cho tiền điện của mình, cũng như giá cả như nhau bất kể giờ giấc nào của ngày hay đêm.

Việc tính giá linh hoạt nghĩa là quý vị trả các mức giá khác nhau cho điện tại các giờ khác nhau trong ngày.

NGÀY THƯỜNG
Sát giờ cao điểm: 7am to 9am
Giờ cao điểm: 9am to 10pm
Không phải giờ cao điểm: 10pm to 7am

NGÀY CUỐI TUẦN
Sát giờ cao điểm: 7am to 10pm
Giờ cao điểm: 10pm to 7am
Không phải giờ cao điểm: 7am to 10pm

Giá cao điểm: Giá điện cao hơn, điển hình là vào buổi chiều và tối các ngày trong tuần, khi nhu cầu sử dụng điện ở mức cao nhất.

Giá thấp hơn so với giá trong giờ cao điểm và thay đổi giá không phải giờ cao điểm. Giá tiền điện rẻ nhất khi nhu cầu sử dụng điện ở mức thấp nhất.

Quý vị còn có thể tiết kiệm được thêm tiền, bằng cách chuyển sang cách tính giá linh hoạt và thay đổi giá giảm những khi quý vị sử dụng điện của mình.

Nếu muốn biết thêm thông tin? Xin truy cập trang mạng www.avwa.org.au rồi nhấp chuột vào phần "Energy" (Năng lượng) hoặc điện thoại cho Trương Thiên Kim (03) 9428 9078.

Flexible pricing poster in vietnamese

Radio Spots covering the following content:

- Availability of flexible pricing and how it works for consumers;
- How consumers can make choices to save on energy costs;
- Use of the My Power Planner website to determine if flexible pricing is right for consumers, and how to work with retailers to select flexible pricing;
- How users can combine energy efficiency and flexible pricing to lower energy costs.

5 Video Case Studies using real people from the Vietnamese community and focus on choice in energy plans and pricing, energy efficiency opportunities as well as using smart meter data and available tools such as My Power Planner to make informed decisions.

3 COMMUNITY ENERGY EXPOS

In addition to the original project plan, the project the team delivered:

- An energy expo attracting 150-200 community members. We have now delivered 3 of these expos across Melbourne.
- Energy information sessions and “bring your bill” sessions were incorporated within the expo as requested by key community groups across the state. These could be ongoing deliverables within community.

The resources are available for download from the Energy Info Hub www.energyinfohub.org.au/resources

LIVEWELL CLUSTERS



In partnership with the City of Yarra, YEF is supporting the Low Carbon Living Co-operative Research Centre's Livewell Clusters program being delivered through Curtin University.

Livewell Clusters are groups of households in the City of Yarra who will receive help to work together towards low-carbon living. Community

members joining the program will decide on and collaboratively work towards carbon-reduction targets with support from university researchers, YEF, council and other local organisations. This supported self-help approach will focus on how low-carbon living can maintain and even enhance wellbeing. Participation for the program will build through innovative social networking. YEF is supporting the program design, recruitment and evaluation.

PROUD TO BE YARRA SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

In 2015 YEF designed, organised and executed this one-day festival – Proud to be Yarra. It partnered with reputable companies and not for profit organisations to offer a day of activities, entertainment, informational stalls and educational workshops targeting families, renters and homeowners. The event was designed to maintain a family-friendly, interactive, festival-style atmosphere that reflects the vitality and spirit of Yarra Energy Foundation. The Proud to be Yarra Festival aimed to attract over 1,000 visitors throughout the day, and was the first major community event to be hosted by YEF. It served as a great opportunity to engage with a wider audience than ever before in a fun and meaningful way.



Winning poster designs celebrating sustainable living in the City of Yarra

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PROUD TO BE YARRA – OBJECTIVES

- To engage the entire City of Yarra with our vision for building a thriving zero carbon community.
- To educate the community on issues concerning sustainability and carbon neutrality.
- To demonstrate in an engaging and reliable manner that making change is not as difficult or costly as we may think.
- To ensure attendees feel both motivated and empowered by their own capabilities to adopt and maintain sustainable living practices.
- To encourage a collective discussion around sustainability and the achievability of a zero carbon future.
- To continue to build YEF’s reputation as a trusted source of energy and sustainability knowledge within the City of Yarra.

Proud to be Yarra was the first large-scale festival event undertaken by Yarra Energy Foundation. We would not have been able to create this event without a dedicated team of tireless volunteers who really brought this event to life. Thank you to the core organising group and all of their friends.

Catherine Bone
Events (Festival)

Cristian Rubin
Research/carbon footprint report & Events

Caesar Sanchez
Research/carbon footprint report

Derrick Koo
Photography

Emmanuelle Delomènède
Research

Joana Montalvo
Research

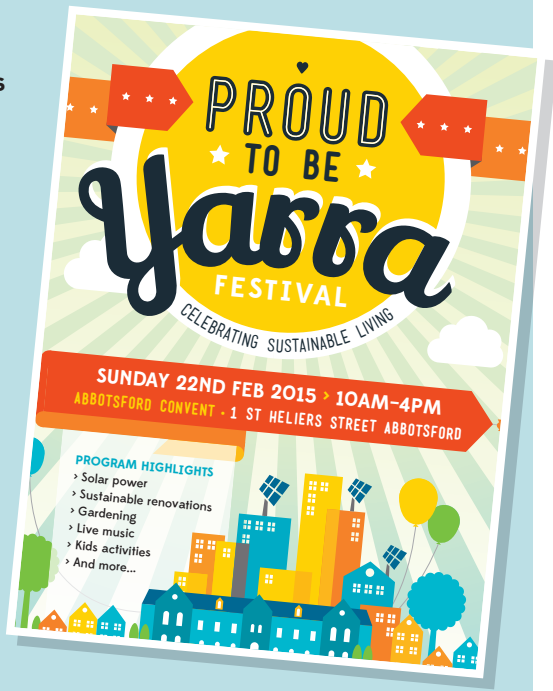
Mikaela Conan-Davies
Events (Festival)

Snigdha Gupta
Events

Sunil Rane
Social media

Thomas Crowe
Events (festival)

Thanks!



PRIORITIES FOR 2015/16

It has been a busy and important year for building momentum at YEF. Our focus continues to be on reducing carbon and on increasing the uptake of energy efficiency and renewable energy. As our engagement and profile grows, YEF needs to ensure we develop programs that target the diverse range of constituents throughout the City of Yarra. This includes developing and implementing programs for:

- Low-income residents and pensioners
- CALD communities – building on the successful implementation of the Vietnamese Community program
- Renters
- Identifying innovative ways to connect business and people to clean energy
- Continuing to lift the awareness and profile of YEF in the City of Yarra and beyond

The YEF team is looking forward to working with the local community and key stakeholders to develop a plan that is visionary and inspirational, while still grounded in everyday realities and practicality.

FINANCIAL TABLES

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015	2015	2014
	\$	\$
REVENUE	408,856	438,017
Expenses		
Employee benefits expense	(233,593)	(317,227)
Project expenses	(53,916)	(14,632)
General and administration expense	(98,915)	(108,805)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(433)	(559)
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	22,000	(3,206)
Tax expense	-	-
Surplus / (deficit) from continuing operations	22,000	(3,206)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive surplus / (deficit) attributed to members of the entity	22,000	(3,206)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Receipts from grants	427,769	410,796
Payments to suppliers and employees	(432,986)	(448,496)
Interest received	4,911	4,968
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activity	(306)	(32,732)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	38,860	71,592
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	38,554	38,860

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2015	2015	2014
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	38,554	38,860
Trade and other receivables	16,481	-
Other assets	6,848	7,455
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	61,883	46,315
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	1,706	305
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,706	305
TOTAL ASSETS	63,589	46,620
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	19,443	23,052
Deferred Revenue	-	894
Provisions	4,604	4,882
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	24,047	28,828
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Other provisions	54	304
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	54	304
TOTAL LIABILITIES	24,101	29,132
NET ASSETS	39,488	17,488
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	39,488	17,488
TOTAL EQUITY	39,488	17,488

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These abridged financial statements are prepared from the full audited financial statements. A complete set of financial statements is available from the YEF office via information@yef.org.au
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