

# Fitzroy North shortlisted for a community battery: An invitation to have your say

## Ensuring a safe, reliable electricity network to enable more solar and exports

Dear resident or business owner,

Your property is located in an area which has been shortlisted for a community battery.

Community batteries work like giant power banks and are a safe, reliable, and sustainable energy solution for shared energy storage. They absorb and store excess solar energy and range in size from a wardrobe to a shipping container, with one battery suitable for a local neighbourhood (up to about 200 households).

The initiative is being led by the Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF), in partnership with electricity distributor CitiPower, Yarra City Council, and the Battery Storage & Grid Integration Program at the Australian National University.

To undertake this project, YEF was awarded \$800,000 by the Victorian Government through the *Neighbourhood Battery Initiative*, which is delivered by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Your area (Fitzroy North) has been identified with the local characteristics that may be suited to a community battery, such as subnetwork constraints (electricity congestion) and a high ratio of households with rooftop solar.

Your input and feedback are important to shaping the next steps in this process, and I invite you to join one of our online engagement sessions to speak directly to the project team, ask questions, and give feedback which will inform project decisions. Please RSVP to the best session for you, via the links below (or visit [www.yef.org.au/events](http://www.yef.org.au/events)).

7:00 pm to 8:15 pm    Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
7:00 pm to 8:15pm    Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Sincerely,

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CEO, Yarra Energy Foundation

## Preparing for future changes to the electricity network

Rooftop solar is expected to grow from 5% to about 24% of customers across the CitiPower network—which includes the City of Yarra—by 2026. A community battery will help prepare your network for these changes and enable more solar to be installed. Lessons learned from this project inform future community battery installations in the City of Yarra and may be the first of many across Victoria.

Learn more: [www.yef.org.au/community-batteries](http://www.yef.org.au/community-batteries)

Read the FAQs: [www.yef.org.au/community-batteries/community-battery-faqs/](http://www.yef.org.au/community-batteries/community-battery-faqs/)

## Why do we need community batteries?

The initiative will assess and demonstrate how neighbourhood-scale electricity storage can be a practical solution to reducing the community's emissions and help the whole community play a role in reaching net zero carbon.

## How do I give feedback and participate?

We want to know what you think about community batteries, and what this would mean for you and your neighbourhood. You can share your feedback and participate via a range of channels, including:

- **Attend one of our upcoming engagement sessions**
  - 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm Tuesday 26th October
  - 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm Wednesday 27th October
  - Register here: [www.yef.org.au/events](http://www.yef.org.au/events)
- **Complete a 10-minute survey (QR Code):** [bit.ly/39728Qo](https://bit.ly/39728Qo)
- **Contact Timothy Shue:** [tim.shue@yef.org.au](mailto:tim.shue@yef.org.au)
- **Fill out a contact form:** [www.yef.org.au/contact-us](http://www.yef.org.au/contact-us)



You can email [tim.shue@yef.org.au](mailto:tim.shue@yef.org.au) if you would like to book a time to speak with the project team at the Yarra Energy Foundation directly.

## Yarra Energy Foundation

Yarra Energy Foundation is a not-for-profit providing services and advice to homes and businesses that want better energy, with core funding provided by Yarra City Council. Learn more at [www.yef.org.au](http://www.yef.org.au)