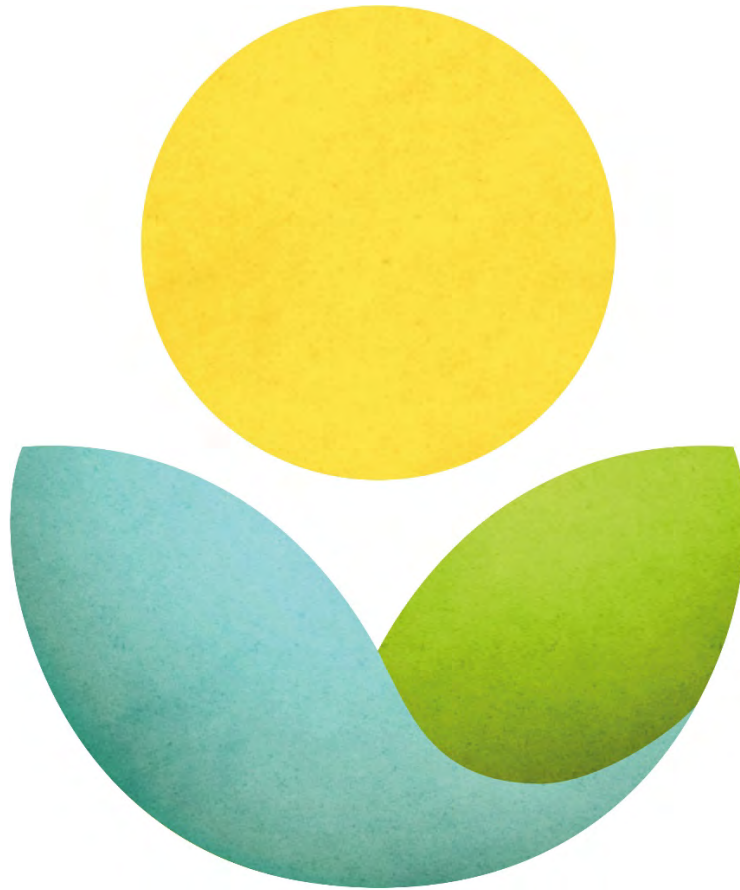


2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Healesville CoRE

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Healesville CoRE acknowledges and respects the Wurundjeri people as the original custodians of the Healesville land and waters, their unique ability to care for Country and their rich cultural heritage and deep spiritual connection to it. We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

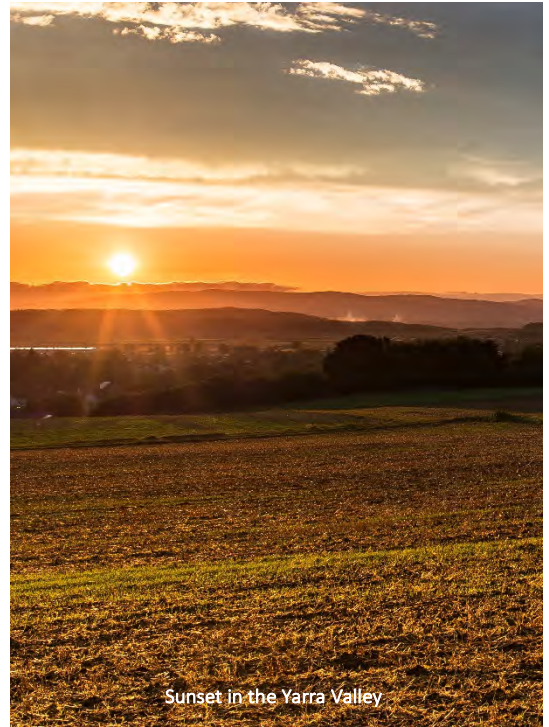
We also recognise and respect the unique range of Indigenous cultures from across Australia with many who have traditional lands elsewhere.

We are committed to genuinely partner, and meaningfully engage, with the Wurundjeri people and other Victorian Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices and their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.



Our Mission

Healesville CoRE will engage and empower the local community to be energy-efficient and increase production and use of renewable energy. Through partnerships, and commitment to the environment and social equity, we will lower carbon emissions and retain money in the community. By working with the community on renewable energy, we will strengthen environmental and economic sustainability whilst building community resilience.



Sunset in the Yarra Valley



Jeff Barlow (President) handing out flyers to community members at Healesville Organic Market. May 2017

Our Values

Leadership – provide leadership to inspire and empower community to implement renewable energy initiatives.

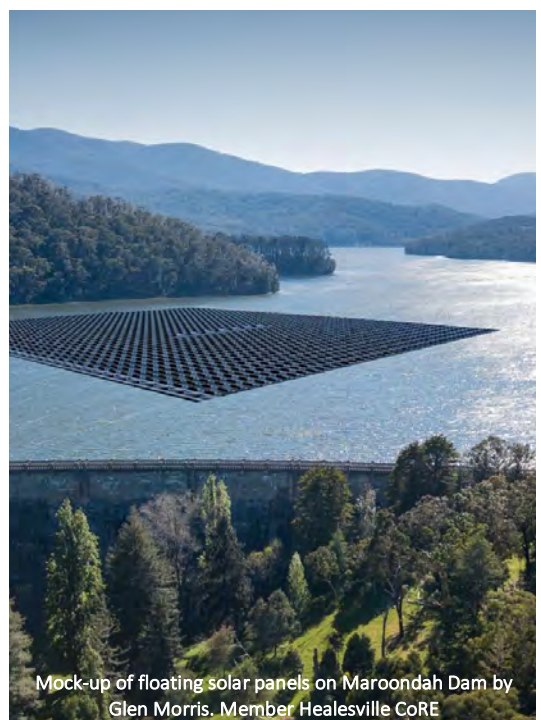
Environment – create a sustainable environment at a local level and provide a model for other communities.

Trust – achieve community trust through integrity, authenticity, and professionalism.

Access – ensure fair and equitable access to renewable energy solutions for all.

Our Vision

Healesville is a resilient community that provides all its energy affordably from renewable sources.



Mock-up of floating solar panels on Maroondah Dam by Glen Morris. Member Healesville CoRE

About us

Healesville CoRE is a small, not for profit incorporated association, run by local volunteers, who have come together to provide community leadership, focus, initiative and information, in order to transition Healesville and the 3777 post code area, to Net Zero by 2027. In addition, we seek to provide a model for other towns throughout the Yarra Ranges and, more generally, around Australia.

Net Zero in this context means the community is moving towards reducing the use of fossil fuels for electricity production to zero, replacing coal and gas with renewable energy from sun, wind and water. Healesville CoRE is one of over a hundred community energy groups around Australia with similar aims.

Community energy is about communities taking control of their energy consumption, production, distribution and storage. Equity of access is very important so all can benefit from this transition. A prime task of Healesville CoRE is to organise the technical expertise, business structures, contracts and finance necessary for the whole community to benefit from great renewable energy initiatives and local ownership of infrastructure.

Community engagement. An important function of Healesville CoRE will be to engage our community in this process of energy transformation, through educational workshops and information sessions, so these creative changes are embraced by our whole community. We will work together for the common good of our town, bringing greater connectedness, equity, resilience and sharing.

***We want affordable, clean energy
to power and empower our
community!***

External engagement. We will not do this alone but will seek to cooperatively engage the Yarra Ranges Council, the Victorian Government, the Commonwealth Government and other agencies and businesses to achieve our ambitious agenda.

Farming the sun. Energy from the sun has created the magnificent natural environment which surrounds our community. We are farming that energy to reduce and to eventually eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels like coal and gas. We will significantly reduce our contributions towards air pollution and carbon emissions to help mitigate the effects of climate change.

Energy equity. Healesville CoRE volunteers are engaging our community in an ongoing process of communication and sharing of ideas. We are working to organise the technology, the finance and the installation of solar systems so the whole town can benefit from renewable energy. This is to help reduce grid energy consumption, energy bills, energy poverty and to support the whole town in the inevitable transition to renewable energy, that is currently underway in Australia.

Healesville CoRE will hold the vision and do the work until, as a community, we achieve our goal. We won't do this alone, but together with the whole community. We aim to create an example for others to follow, demonstrating how an empowered, connected & engaged community can take control of its own clean energy future.

A wide range of small scale and larger scale renewable energy projects could be initiated.

Small scale projects include:

- Reducing the amount and type of energy we use by creating energy efficiencies in homes and businesses and supporting energy efficiency audits for the community;
- Bulk buying schemes for solar energy technology – solar panels, batteries, monitoring systems;
- Bulk buying schemes for solar hot water and heat pump technology;
- Facilitating landlords & tenants to embrace renewable energy with new technologies;
- Aggregating home owners and businesses who want to sign up to bulk electricity purchase agreements with energy retailers at reduced cost.

Large scale projects could include:

- Developing 'distributed renewable energy' within the community where we buy and sell to/from each other using a micro grid network;
- Utilising a community energy retailer with significant economic benefits to us all;
- Building a solar farm & solar gardens, pumped hydro and mini hydro systems and town-sized energy storage solutions, with support from external agencies;
- Purchasing energy for the whole town at wholesale rates from wind and solar farms from within Victoria or interstate; and much more!

Local ownership and retaining our money in the community

We will create opportunities for potential local ownership of energy infrastructure, retaining money in the community that would otherwise be lost to large energy companies and overseas interests. We can establish a Social Enterprise to manage this process, financed by our larger projects.

We aim to become a model for other towns in our region and eventually set up an Information/Action Hub for other groups to access information and inspiration for their community energy projects.

All this and more is what we are about!!

Our History

The impetus for creating a community based renewable energy group in Healesville and in the 3777 post code area, came from Jeff Barlow, who had been a Healesville resident for 35 years at the time. The urgency of Global Warming and the Climate Emergency, and the lack of political will in Australia to seriously tackle these serious global threats to the continuation of life as we know it, prompted Jeff to think about the need for leadership at a local level: thinking globally and acting locally. In addition, gas and electricity prices were growing significantly, with what appeared to be price 'gouging' of consumers by energy wholesalers and retailers and there were ways for the community to reduce its reliance on energy retailers owned by overseas companies, thus retaining money in the local community.

What if a community group could be formed to provide leadership, guidance, education and focus, for community action on the Climate Emergency? What if hundreds or even thousands of communities around Australia and around the world did the same thing? Could a groundswell of community action be created to eventually create change from the bottom up and eventually move governments at all levels to take appropriate action to mitigate the impact of Global Warming? This was already happening at the time in Denmark, Germany, the UK and the USA, and with 90 community energy groups in 2017 already in existence in Australia, with the number growing rapidly.

Jeff came from a professional background in education and training with an additional qualification in community development. He had a long-standing interest in renewable energy and sustainable living with a deep commitment to the devolution of power to local communities and to the development of decentralised generation, storage and distribution of electricity to create greater energy resilience, and to put downward pressure on the cost of electricity. Jeff knew only a little about the technologies involved, but his focus was on how renewable energy technology could be leveraged for developing community connection, resilience and empowerment, with a greater sharing of power and decision making between local



Councils and the communities for which they exist. It was clear that technical expertise would have to be accessed from elsewhere.

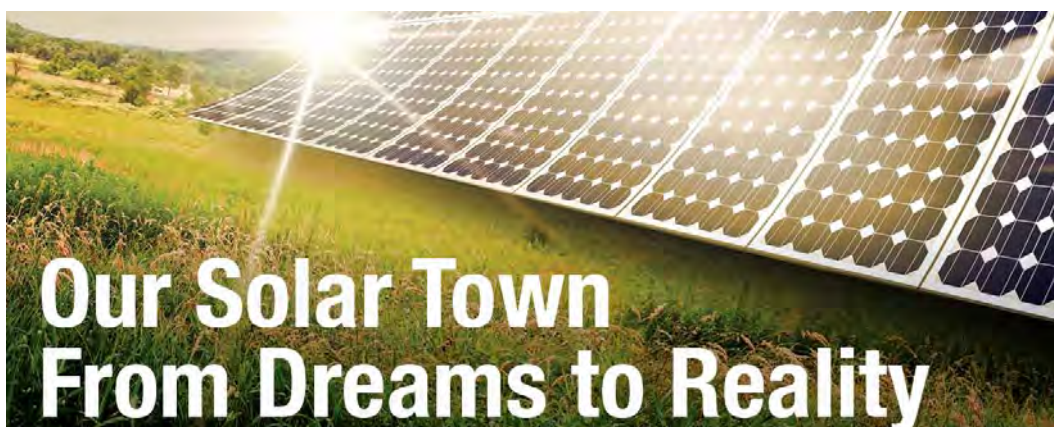
He was also very aware that ‘business as usual’ was not going to mitigate the Climate Emergency. What was needed were creative solutions that brought together communities and all levels of government, to explore new ways of interacting and sharing power, for the good of the whole society – a move away from a top down model of governance to a more distributed model of co-creation and co-determination. To use a plant metaphor, the ‘rhizome’ root system illustrates how a distributed network can sustain life, where nodes send out shoots as a dynamic system to interact with other dynamic systems – a community based on such a dynamic, distributed nodal network is seen to be much more resilient and adaptive to climate change than a hierarchical decision making model, where communities wait for governments to provide what they need, as passive consumers of government services.

The Coalition for Community Energy Conference in February 2017 became the impetus for action, where over 600 attendees and over 90 grass roots groups from around Australia attended. At this very stimulating and exciting conference, Jeff gained much information and advice about community energy groups and he also reached out to Julian Guess and Simon Woodland from the Yarra Ranges Council Sustainability team, who were in attendance. Julian and Jeff set up a Community Energy Steering Group in Healesville and this Steering Group helped guide the early formation of the Healesville CoRE Working Group and the first Community Gathering of 230 community members at the Healesville Memo on 28 June 2017. This was described by one well-known local identity as one of the largest community gatherings in Healesville’s history.

It was at this Community Gathering that the vision Jeff had of community renewable energy for Healesville was presented to the community, by Jeff and by speakers from Totally Renewable Yackandandah, Enova Energy (the first community energy retailer in Australia) and Glen Morris from a local company, Solarquip, who explained in clear and simple language what renewable energy is and how our community could benefit from its use.

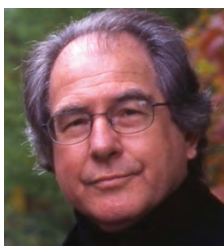
The concept was presented of a community taking control of its own energy production, storage and distribution, using renewable sources, sharing locally produced energy across a distributed network and building energy resilience with solar rooftops, batteries, solar hot water, a solar farm, a community battery and a micro grid. The value of running renewable energy workshops to educate the community about this vision and to promote bulk buys of solar panels, batteries and solar hot water systems and heat pumps was presented. The enthusiasm and excitement generated saw 72 volunteers stepping forward to offer their help, and Healesville CoRE, the first local ‘community renewable energy node’ was formed.

Soon after, in August 2017 a workshop was organised, facilitated by Taryn Lane (from the Hepburn Wind community energy project, who had also studied community energy internationally on a Churchill Fellowship). The Healesville community came together in a process of co-creation, to learn from Taryn and each other, to discuss and to plan the embryonic ideas for a renewable energy project to transition Healesville to a Net Zero town within 10 years – by 2027. Regular fortnightly meetings began in July 2017 and the group became an Incorporated legal entity on 1 November 2017: Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc, trading as Healesville CoRE, was under way!



Our People

The names of the members who held office in this financial year are:



Jeff Barlow
President



Simon Prunster
Vice President



Sean O'Sullivan
Secretary



Marnie Gleeson
Treasurer

No appointment



Leo De Jong
Technical Manager



Lucinda Sam
Media Manager



Dr Peter Cock
Committee
Member

Community
Engagement
Manager

The names of members who held support roles in this financial year are:

Membership Co-ordinator

Marnie Gleeson

Acting Community Engagement Manager

Karen Roberts

Grant Processing

Karen Roberts

Events Co-ordinator

Jeff Barlow

Accountant

Simone Knight

Strategic/Action Plan Coordinator

Walter Skilton

Web design

Lucinda Sam, Kate Hunt-Sharman

Facebook Manager

Michael Nardella

Feedback Analyst

David Singleton

Event Catering Co-ordinator

Karin Van Bockel

IT Manager (late appointment)

Lok Mikkilineni

Annual Report Coordinator

Chris Sagewood

Our Reach

The following statistics from Google Analytics provide a selective snapshot of our **website** traffic since the new website was created at the end of January 2019. The figures are from February 2019 to end of July 2019 (6 months in total).

Website General Usage: No of Sessions: 2,634 No of Users: 1,570 No of Page Views: 7,140	Monthly Usage in 2019: February: 884 sessions March: 327 sessions April: 256 sessions May: 457 sessions June: 247 sessions July: 393 sessions
What are our visitors interested in? The most frequently visited pages were: 1. Home page 1110 2. Community Solar & Battery Offer 502 3. Solar electricity production & storage event with Glen Morris 83 4. Achieving zero emissions in your Home event 79 5. Solar hot water & heat pumps event 65	Where do our website users come from? Total of 27 different countries with top 6 being: Australia 2,428 sessions USA 117 sessions China 21 sessions India 13 sessions UK 9 sessions Germany 7 sessions
Who steered our users to us? Direct access to website 1,573 Facebook 145 The Zoo 7 Yahoo 6	How many new and return visitors were there? New visits: 1,571 59.6% Return visits: 1,063 40.4%
Which search engines were used to find us? Google: 809 97.9%	Which social media platforms referred to us? Facebook: 145 97.3%
What technology were visitors using? Desktop 1,497 Mobile 894 Tablet 243	
Social Media The following statistics reflect our social media activities and presence on Facebook from July 2018 to June 2019. All Facebook posts and activities are managed and uploaded by Michael Nardella. Number of postings uploaded to Facebook 60 Number of followers to 30 June 2018 191 Number of followers to 30 June 2019 251 Increase in followers in 2018/19 60 Percentage increase in followers 2018/19 31%	Members The following statistics reflect the number of Financial Memberships: Currently: 108 Paid up: 69 In grace (still to renew) 39 Increase from June 2018 to June 2019: 71 to 106 = 49% Data Base Contacts The following statistics reflect the number of contacts on our Contacts' List: June 2018: 330 February 2019: 431 June 2019: 637 Increase from June 2018 to June 2019: 93%
Newsletter The following statistics reflect the number of digital newsletters distributed to the community: Newsletters to Community July 2018 - June 2019: 10	

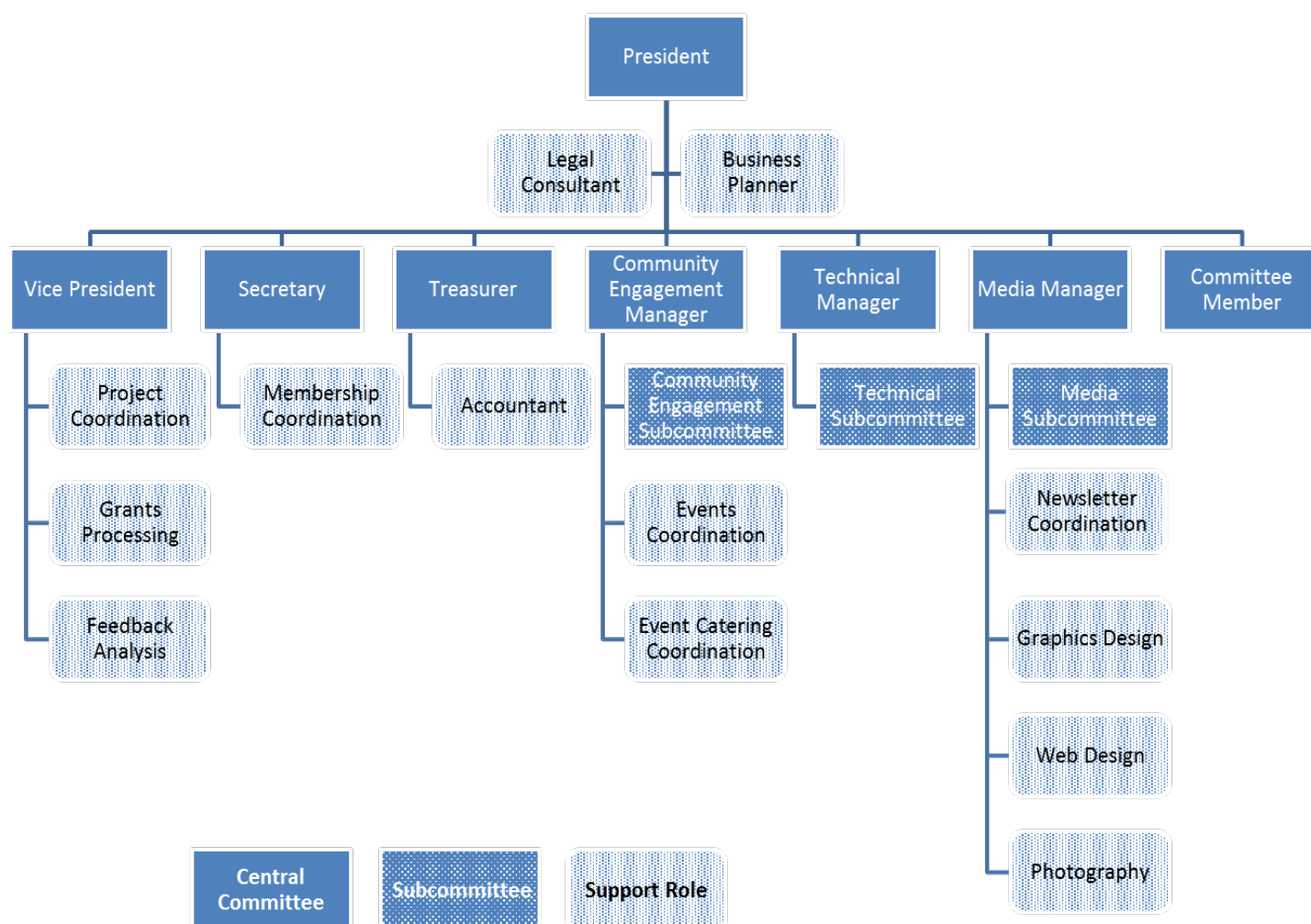
Structure & Management

As of February 2019, the primary management body of Healesville CoRE is the Central Committee, which is made up of 8 roles with separate associated duties for each person appointed to the respective roles.

Central Committee Roles

The Central Committee consists of the following roles:

President	Provides leadership to the organisation and oversees the operations of the organisation
Vice President	Supports the President in leadership and actions other allocated responsibilities
Secretary	Supports the President in ensuring the smooth functioning of the Central Committee
Treasurer	Oversees the financial administration of the organisation
Media Manager	Oversees content policies and publication of all online and print media
Community Engagement Manager	Manages the promotion and public relations of the group
Technical Manager	Keeps abreast of research and development in the renewable energy field
Committee Member	Responsible for Membership and supports all Central Committee members in workload delivery when necessary



Strategic Plan Report

Healesville CoRE has grown from a small group of volunteer Steering Group participants in 2017 to a regulated Not For Profit organisation that held its first AGM in August 2018. Amongst the many tasks necessary for the establishment of a new organisation, the Central Committee realised the importance of having a clear strategic direction to effectively develop and manage the business to achieve our goals. We needed to formally document our Vision, Mission, Values and Goals to enable our organisation to be sustainable in future years.



We held a 'Grass Roots Governance' workshop in August 2018. The workshop was facilitated by Megan J Buntine Consulting Services. We collaboratively identified many items in a Situational Analysis Summary that we listed as Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats and Risks. Megan Buntine then prepared a Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, with input sourced from the workshop. This work was funded by a grant from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR).

The Strategic Plan documented important matters that the organisation should work on over the next three years. Five priorities, known as our Key Result Areas (KRA), were agreed.

These are:

1. Renewable energy projects
2. A robust governance framework
3. Securing financial resources
4. Marketing and promotion to stakeholders
5. Boosting human resources.

An Action Plan 2018-2019 was established with priority goals for each KRA. Each priority goal has an identified Due Date for completion. A Monthly Reporting template has been adopted for regular reporting of Action Plan progress to the Central Committee. This monthly report shows the progress of each goal and has a text description of progress and any issues since the last report. Walter Skilton and Jeff Barlow formed a Strategic Plan Subcommittee for regular review of Action Plan progress, and preparation of the monthly report. The Strategic Subcommittee held quarterly meetings with Megan Buntine for an in-depth review of progress against the Action Plan.

The Strategic Plan 2018-2021 will be used as a base for review and preparation of an Action Plan 2019-2020. We anticipate that this will be done by the Central Committee elected at the 2019 AGM.

Walter Skilton
Strategic Plan Subcommittee Convener



Community members attending the launch of the Healesville Community Solar Hot Water & Heat Pump Bulk Buy event at community workshop July 2019

President's Report

Introduction



I am delighted to present to you my report as President of Healesville CoRE for the 2018/19 financial year. At our AGM in August 2018, as our financial members, you put your trust in me to lead our association and to oversee our operations. This was an honour and a privilege for me and I hope you feel the trust you placed in me has been justified, from the work we have done this year and from the many achievements that are slowly but inevitably helping to move us forward, towards our goal of transitioning into a Net Zero town by 2027.

This has been an incredibly exciting and challenging year for me as we have sought to achieve much with minimal resources, thus stretching all of us in the work we have been doing. Working together to develop both our renewable energy goals and our community engagement goals has required a significant amount of time and effort, as we focused not only on the current events and activities but also on longer term planning. Leading our association across multiple projects, and functions, and filling in where we have lacked volunteer support, has been exciting, stimulating and demanding, but always deeply satisfying, especially in experiencing the results we have achieved. I have frequently been stretched beyond my skills and capacities and this has been a great education for me as I have learned to develop myself in ways I had not thought possible. I have discovered that an old dog can indeed be taught new tricks!

In our Annual Report this year we have sought to provide more detail and to brighten it up with photos. I would like to thank Chris Sagewood for offering to step forward to manage the production of our Annual Report and I hope you find it to be an informative and effective communication medium.

Community & Renewable Energy

The work we do is not only about renewable energy, lowering energy consumption and prices, working towards carbon abatement and engaging the challenges of the Climate Emergency we all face. Right from the beginning, in establishing Healesville CoRE, we have been very clear that our work is also about using the opportunities created by the Climate Emergency to work towards greater community engagement, awareness, decision making and building community resilience, not just through being more self-sufficient with renewable energy, but through developing common goals and aspirations and feeling empowered as a community – creating human resilience that emerges through working together to achieve our common goals. This of course is a long and slow process, involving many organisations, apart from Healesville CoRE, and I like to think we have played a small but significant role in contributing towards developing both our human and energy resilience as a community.

I won't go into the detail in my report about what projects we have worked on this year and what we have achieved as this is outlined in other parts of the Annual Report under 'Highlights and Achievements' and within the various Sub Committee Reports. I encourage you to read these reports to see the amazing work we have been doing.

Our volunteers

I do want to acknowledge the committed work of our Central Committee, who have met every month to ensure our association is on track and that we continue to work with professionalism and integrity to maintain and to further develop the trust we need to enable us to work with our community. I thank you all for your dedication and for your work:

Our Vice President, Simon Prunster
Our Secretary, Sean O'Sullivan
Our Treasurer, Marnie Gleeson

Our Technical Projects Manager, Leo de Jong
Our Media Manager, Lucinda Sam
Our Committee Member, Dr Peter Cock

We did not have a Community Engagement Manager elected this year but I thank Karen Roberts for her generosity in stepping forward into the role of Acting Community Engagement Manager on top of her significant role as Grants Officer. I would also like to acknowledge Marnie Gleeson, who as well as taking on the very big task of Treasurer, also stepped up to fill a vacant non-committee position as Membership Coordinator - an additional substantial work load. And, of course, Walter Skilton, also in a non-committee

role, worked tirelessly to ensure our Strategic/Action Plan was established, sustained and updated throughout the year.

In addition to these volunteers there have been numerous other Members who have volunteered to work at different times on different projects and we could not have managed without you:

David Singleton, Liz McCarthy, Sarah Morton, Shona Gannaway, Rosemary Boyd, Simone Knight, Kate Hunt-Sharman, Anne Tuohey, Chris Sagewood, Shayne Gleeson, Glen Morris, Karin van Bockel, Ted van Bockel, Lou Sbalchiero, Rod Hysted, Michael Nardella, Bob Rich, Julie Kirkwood and Ron Roberts. With a further thank you to Chris Sagewood for putting together the layout of this Annual Report.

On behalf of all our Healesville CoRE Members I thank you all very sincerely for your generosity of spirit and for your love of community. You have collectively done a great job this year (most of you for two years) and Healesville CoRE is a better and more effective organisation because of your commitment and dedication!

Financial support

We have also been fortunate to have had the ongoing financial support of the Yarra Ranges Council, and this support, through their community grants, has enabled us to do the community engagement work that is essential to the success of our project.

In addition, we were supported financially by the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, the Healesville Community Bank, Moora Moora Cooperative Community, the Healesville RSL and many small donors from our community.

The details of these grants are outlined in other parts of this Annual Report, but I would like to thank all our financial supporters and donors for the trust you have placed in us through your grants and donations. We would not be able to do our work without you.

Our financial members

As we transition from one membership year to another, we currently have 108 members either as current financial members or 'in grace', as we wait for those 'in grace' to pay their annual subscription. I thank you for your support and for the encouragement you provide with your financial contribution and with your feedback. It is knowing that you are there in the background providing both your financial and your moral support that further strengthens the resolve of our volunteers in the work we do. I would encourage all of you to consider becoming more actively involved with Healesville CoRE to enjoy the comradery, the pleasure of working together and to feel the deep satisfaction that arises when we are able to work towards the good of the whole community for a common cause.

Our in-kind support

We receive in-kind support from many people and organisations and I would like to thank Jenny Branton (the Manager of the Healesville Living & Learning Centre) for providing a meeting room every month for no cost, which saves us a significant amount of money.

My year as President

I have taken a strong position in ensuring we maintained a professional standard in our communication with the community, with the events we ran, with our external and internal communications and in the projects we offered, in particular, with the community solar panels and battery offer and also the solar hot water and heat pump offer. I have ensured we have focused on our Strategic and Action Plans to ensure we have remained focused on task and moving in the right direction.

My work has involved not only providing leadership as President but it has also required me to take on the role of Executive Officer, Administration Officer as well as Event Manager. This has involved an incredible amount of communication within our group, within our local community and with all the other stakeholders external to us. My work with Healesville CoRE over the past two years has demonstrated to me that the work we are doing requires significantly more financial support to enable hiring appropriate staff so volunteers can do the work they do best without being over stretched and stressed. As a consequence, I have been able to

develop a much broader vision for community renewable energy groups, which I will be advancing and advocating in appropriate places.

The second year of our existence, 2018/19, saw a further development and expansion of our work. The format of running community education programs on renewable energy had proved successful so we ran some similar workshops over the past year: solar electricity, battery storage, solar hot water, distributed energy, micro grids, achieving energy efficiency in the home and working towards our domestic Net Zero goal.

I was privileged as President to lead a superb team of community volunteers who worked hard in supporting the vision and also in doing the work to move towards achieving our vision. Some of our volunteers could only spare small amounts of time and energy but there were many others who made significant time and energy commitments over an extended period of time to ensure the necessary foundations were built. I thank you all!

I hope this Annual Report will provide all of our Members with a good account of our work over the past year and that you find it interesting and enjoyable to read. And I also hope it inspires you to get more actively involved with the work of your association and with the transformation of Healesville into a Net Zero town.

Jeff Barlow, President



Presenters at the launch of Healesville CoRE at the community gathering in the Memo in June 2017. From left to right: Glen Morris (Solarquip), Julian Guess (YR Council) Alison Crook (Enova Energy), Denis Ginnivan (Totally Renewable Yackandandah), Jeff Barlow (H'CoRE founder), Bruce Argyle (MC)

Seated audience members at Healesville CoRE's first birthday Community Gathering event entitled: 'Our Solar Town: From Dreams To Reality' in June 2018



Community Engagement Manager's Report

Acting Manager: Karen Roberts

Introduction

The Healesville CoRE Community Engagement Sub-committee has once again been actively supporting the organisation during its second year of operation and would like to thank the following members for their ongoing assistance, ideas and enthusiasm: David Singleton, Sarah Morton, Bob Rich, Rosie Boyd, Lou Sbalchiero, Julie Kirkwood, Chris Sagewood, Liz McCarthy and Karen Roberts. This group is responsible for engaging with the community and promoting Healesville CoRE's events and does this by holding regular meetings to coordinate the following tasks:



- Manage general promotion and public relations of Healesville CoRE via radio, local newspapers, schools, markets, festivals, poster distribution etc.
- Organise volunteers as required for activities and events to oversee administration duties, room preparation, catering requirements etc.
- Run an administration desk at each event to give out information and literature, take payments and donations, collate documentation etc.
- Analysis of feedback forms which will influence future priorities.

Achievements

During the first year of operation the Community Engagement group established procedures, produced an Event Planning Guide, a Risk Management Guide, helped to develop our Mission and Vision statements and coordinated production of promotional material such as banners and flags which are now regularly used. Our focus during the second year was to streamline some of these processes and produce more promotional literature. Specific achievements in 2018/19 include the following:

- Production of a general tri-fold pamphlet designed to be offered at promotional events over the next few years. This pamphlet outlines who we are, what our vision and goals are, what we aim to achieve in Healesville and a call for new members to join us.
- Design and production of this year's Program of Events. As we had funding to outsource the design, we decided to produce a four page A4 bi-fold pamphlet packed with information and photos and all the details of the 2019 events.
- Early in the year these programs were distributed around town – in schools, preschools, doctors waiting rooms, clubs, cafes, community centres such as the Healesville Senior Citizens, Healesville Living & Learning Centre, at the hospital and anywhere else Healesville residents meet.
- A Certificate of Appreciation was designed to give to people and businesses who assist Healesville CoRE with various tasks.
- A timetable and running sheet outlining responsibility for tasks associated with running events, and deadlines for these tasks to be completed (still a work in progress).

Challenges

Healesville CoRE had a CE Manager for a few months after our 2018 AGM but due to work pressures this person had to resign, so effectively we have been without a CE Manager for most of this year. Karen Roberts stepped in to take over as Acting CE Manager and has done the work very competently and professionally. Although the CE group has been running without a manager for most of the year, we have still managed to hold regular meetings and provide basic support. A Position Description for the CE Manager has been written and is posted on our web site, and we are hopeful that someone will volunteer for this position at our AGM. If not, we intend approaching other local community groups to see if we can find someone interested in taking over this very important role and in being a part of our journey to Net Zero.

A Strategic Plan for Healesville CoRE was created last year to take the organisation through to 2021, and one of the priority goals identified was to 'develop and implement a Community Engagement Strategy by 31 March 2019'. This has not yet occurred and will need to be addressed in the near future when a new CE Manager is appointed.

Finally

A couple of volunteers have left the Community Engagement group this year and we have welcomed some new members, and overall much has been achieved. We all enjoy participating in the events and also learning from them which has led to a couple of us being inspired to make changes in our own homes. David has made several energy efficiency improvements such as temporary double glazing of his windows, pelmets above the windows, polyester underfloor insulation and draught stoppers on the doors. He also heats his house with a wood pellet heater which he estimates has halved his heating costs. Karen and her husband Ron have recently taken advantage of the Community Solar Hot Water and Heat Pump bulk buy to have a heat pump installed, which they hope will pay for itself over the next few years with significant electricity savings.

Over the next financial year some of our members have expressed interest in furthering their skills by taking part in CiviCRM training, a new online administration system. We also hope to increase Healesville CoRE's profile by continuing to network with other groups within the Yarra Ranges and exploring options further afield. This small group of dedicated and passionate volunteers welcomes new members and is keen to support Healesville CoRE into the future as we slowly but surely transition to a Net Zero town.

Report written by Karen Roberts (Acting Manager).



From left: Leo De Jong, Karin van Bockel, and Marnie Gleeson at Healesville Market Stall - May 2018



Dr Bob Rich, and Karen Roberts at a stall outside Coles - Feb 2019



Lou Sbalchiero at Healesville Organic Market February 2019

Technical Project Manager's Report

Manager: Leo de Jong

Volunteer Members of the Technical Projects Group sub-committee this year were: Jeff Barlow (Healesville CoRE President), Simon Prunster (Healesville CoRE Vice President), Glen Morris, Michael Nardella, Ron Roberts, Walter Skilton and Ted van Bockel. The sub-committee met at monthly intervals. Approximately 250 hours were spent during the past year by the volunteer manager and members of this sub-committee on Healesville CoRE work. This sub-committee explored and developed the technical projects and ideas, which Healesville CoRE believes are necessary to bring renewable energy to the Healesville Community if the town is to transition to Net Zero by 2027.



The following projects were investigated and worked on:

- Investigating and prioritising community buildings, according to the level of assistance needed to install a renewable energy system to lower energy costs
- Developing a plan to install a solar rooftop system on the Robyn Jane Children's Centre
- Preparing a way this installation could be financed with the agreement of the building owner and tenant
- Exploring the best solution for installing solar panels on the roof of the Healesville Living and Learning Centre
- Preparing a plan to assist and promote the use of solar energy for rented buildings in Healesville and finding a way that the cheaper energy cost could benefit both tenant and landlord
- Planning, and obtaining funding for, the setting up of a free home energy efficiency auditing service, including the training of volunteers
- Investigating, using the solar roof top installation which has recently been completed on the Uniting Church, for connection to a potential microgrid
- Assisting Enhar and the Australian Energy Foundation with their feasibility study for the Yarra Ranges Council regarding constructing solar farms on Council's former land fill sites
- Assisting in the preparation of grant applications for a variety of purposes
- Investigating ways renewable energy can be promoted to business owners in Healesville
- Planning the reporting of case studies of successful solar installations in Healesville
- Preparing an invitation to Healesville CoRE financial members to join the Technical Projects Group subcommittee.

The challenges facing this subcommittee's work have included; finding finance solutions for projects, accessing appropriate technical skills and managing a heavy workload with the limited time volunteers have available to take part in meetings and working on projects.

As the manager of the team, I would like to thank all group members for their participation and contribution to the Technical Project Group.

Report written by Leo de Jong (Manager)



A solar residential install purchased through the Healesville Community Battery and Solar Offer: featuring Fronius inverter and Mondo Ubi device (May 2019)



The first residential install of a Reclaim Energy Co2 Heat Pump hot water system purchased through Healesville CoRE's bulk buy program (July 2019)

Media Manager's Report

Media Manager: Lucinda Sam (on maternity leave)



This year is the first year we have created the role of Media Manager and it has been difficult to find someone who has had the time availability to carry out all the functions that are required of that role. David Singleton was voted in as our first Media Manager just after the AGM but then had to resign shortly after, due to unforeseen family pressures. Lucinda Sam volunteered to come on board to assist in filling the role but with considerable time constraints, being appointed to the position on 18 October 2018.

Between October 2018 and early January 2019 Lucinda was not very much available due to family and work commitments. However, in January, February and March 2019 Lucinda put in a prodigious effort to work with our web developer, Kate Hunt-Sharman from Ozzinet, our President, Jeff Barlow, together with Mick Collopy from Audienceware, to set up our new website structure and design and to integrate that with our new Open Source administration software, CiviCRM, to enable us to run our very successful community launch at the end of February 2019 - the 'Solar Panel & Battery Offer' with Mondo Power.

In addition, Lucinda contributed significantly to the design and development of all our community event posters, our pull up and flag banners and our trailer sign as well as our newly designed and implemented Newsletter, to replace the newsletter emails that were being sent prior to that. In May/June 2019 Lucinda went on maternity leave and she has been sorely missed since then.

As President, I have been privileged to work very closely with Lucinda, and I would like to commend her for the excellent work she has done under significant time constraints. Healesville CoRE has a much more professional looking image that we now present to our community as a direct consequence of Lucinda's work, and more effective administration processes as a result of the web site / CiviCRM interface she helped establish. When Lucinda was not available, other Healesville CoRE volunteers stepped up to fill the breach on many different occasions. Leo de Jong with poster assistance and media releases, Anne Tuohey with media releases, Karen Roberts with organising graphic design and printing, Marnie Gleeson with work on banners, CiviCRM and much more. I thank each and every one of these volunteers for their unstinting community service and for the significant contributions they have made in supporting Healesville CoRE!

The Need to Establish a very clear Media Manager Presence in 2019/20

With the work load we have, Healesville CoRE cannot really function effectively without a Media Manager and a Media Sub-Committee. It is not enough to just have one person in this role with no Sub-Committee back up. This work is critical for our community engagement and community development work. Although Lucinda made a significant contribution with her commitment and all the work she did, the work of Healesville CoRE could have been further enhanced with more volunteers taking up roles on the Media Sub-Committee. There is much we could have done that we were not able to do, due to insufficient labour and skills.

According to our organisational structure, the Media Manager's role involves a position on the Central Committee, and the Media Manager is tasked with establishing a Media Sub-Committee of volunteers to handle all Media related work, such as Newsletter Coordination, Graphic Design, Website Design and Development, and Photography. The Media Manager and the Media Sub-Committee is responsible for promoting Healesville CoRE through digital channels such as our website and social media, production of digital and print media as requested, monitoring online correspondence, and working with graphic designers, web designers and our IT manager, as required.

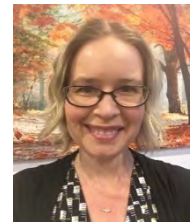
To ensure the success of Healesville CoRE in reaching out to the local community to engage and to promote our work and to educate and inform the community about transitioning to a Net Zero town by 2027, we need to work hard in 2019/20 to try to attract sufficient volunteers with the media related skills, as outlined above, to form a Media Sub-Committee to support the Media Manager and to promote our work.

Report written by Jeff Barlow, President (in the absence of Lucinda Sam who is on maternity leave)

Membership Co-ordinator's Report

Membership Co-ordinator: Marnie Gleeson

In addition to the position of Treasurer, I have also undertaken the position of Membership Co-ordinator over the past 12 months. This was a newly created role and the main responsibility has been to maintain the Healesville CoRE Register of Members on behalf of the Secretary. The role has also involved updating membership application and renewal forms, welcoming new members, and most recently implementing a renewal campaign for 2019/20 using the bulk mailing function in CiviCRM, our new online administration system.



In the last year, Healesville CoRE's membership increased by more than 49%. At the end of June 2018, we had 71 financial members, and this increased to around 80 at the time of the last annual report. One of the priority goals for Healesville CoRE in the last year has been to increase our membership to 100. We achieved this exciting milestone in April 2019, and at the end of June 2019 we had 106 financial members. This number included 60 renewals and 46 who joined as new members in the last year.

Healesville CoRE's membership is currently in transition. The number of financial members is 108 and this is comprised of the following:

- 69 Current financial members for 2019/20 who are paid up to 30 June 2020, including 65 renewals and 3 new members.

And,

- 39 financial members from 2018/19 who have not yet renewed their membership for 2019/20 and are in Grace status.

In the last year, the number of contacts on our database rose by 93%. The number of contacts on our database at the end of June 2018 was around 330. By early February 2019 this number had risen to 431 and by the end of June 2019 it had risen to 637.

Transitioning to a centralised administration system has been an important development for Healesville CoRE in the last year. Although there has been a lot of work involved in the set-up, ensuring accurate migration of contacts and membership records, and learning to use CiviCRM, it has significantly reduced the administration time for our volunteers.

The work on our website and CiviCRM has resulted in a more professional image, more effective communication with the community, an easier process for people to apply for, or to renew memberships, and there is also work underway to create a member's section on the website.

Thank you to everyone who has been a member of Healesville CoRE and contributed to our growth in the last year. We could not do the important work we are doing for Healesville without your interest and support!

Report written by Marnie Gleeson

Community members attending launch of Healesville Community Solar Panels & Battery Offer at the Memo in February 2019. Jeff Barlow speaking, Julian Guess (from YR Council) in background



Highlights, Activities, Achievements and What Lies Ahead

Highlights of Working together as a community

At our first Community Gathering in June 2017, I put forward a bold vision for our small community – a vision that inspired 230 community members to attend and 72 volunteers to step forward that night to say: “I stand with you!” My singular vision suddenly became transformed into our collective vision and from that point we have moved forward collectively, with the support of our community, seeking to engage in decision making, providing opportunities for discussion, learning and interacting around setting our course, and engaging in achieving our collective goals.

The first year of Healesville CoRE, 2017/8, was a time of formation and establishing our group of volunteers and working out what activities we could run for the community, as quickly as possible. We wanted to show very clearly that we were not just TALKING, but we were serious about DOING. We ran community consultation processes, implemented online surveys, developed, distributed and analysed community questionnaires at our workshops, to find out what the community wants and thinks. We engaged with student teams from the Monash Net Zero project to develop a plan of action based on reliable data researched by the Monash students. We organised numerous educational and informative workshops for our community on renewable energy. We were only able to do this due to the generous financial and pro bono support of many organisations and with the support of our volunteers.

In our second year, 2018/19, we have been able to continue and expand the work we did in the first year of our existence. We have continued community education workshops and community consultation as well as developing and launching two renewable energy equipment purchasing programs: the Community Solar Panels and Batteries Offer with Mondo and the Community Solar Hot Water & Heat Pump Bulk Buy with Renew Energy and Apricus Australia. We have ensured our effective engagement and our collaborative work with our community and with other stakeholders. We outline these and other activities below.

Activities & Achievements

July to December 2018

- Regular monthly Central Committee meetings, monthly sub group meetings and many more informal meetings throughout the year
- July: 3.5 hours Community Co-Design meeting with Danny De Schutter from ThinkPlace, a leading design agency with extensive community engagement experience, to co-design a roadmap to Net Zero energy for Healesville
- August: Our first AGM
- August: Facilitated 7 hour workshop with Megan Buntine Consultancy for our Members and others from the Healesville community to co-design our three year Strategic Plan to 2021
- September: Sustainable House Day in conjunction with Australian Technology Association (now called Renew).
- September: 2 x 2 hour conferences on the use of CiviCRM (the admin software system we were researching at the time and which we later adopted)
- October: Some of our Members attended the two day All Energy Conference in Melbourne
- October: Grant application to ARENA to participate in their Lab to develop ideas around a micro grid for Healesville and a Net Zero pathway.
- October: Workshop on digital marketing with Digital Services Lab in Melbourne
- November: Final report from Monash University students Green Steps Program: Brief: “Help the community of Healesville with their first project towards achieving a Net Zero emissions town: a Solar Bulk Buy scheme; planning and implementing the community engagement strategy for the long-term success of the Solar Bulk Buy scheme and other Net Zero Projects.”
- November: President invited to be guest speaker at Healesville Community Bank’s AGM

- January: Meeting with Yarra Ranges Council Business Development to plan collaboration to engage businesses with the solar panels and batteries launch in February
- January/February: Launch of our new website with CiviCRM integration
- February: Yarra Valley FM Radio interview: Jeff Barlow, Matthew Charles-Jones, Julian Guess
- February: All day training for committee members with Digital Services Lab in Melbourne on Digital Media Skills
- February 2019: 2 hour Community Gathering to launch our first Community Solar Panels and Batteries Offer with Mondo at the Memo with over 200 attending three sessions, including a Business Breakfast
- March: President invited to talk about Community Energy and Water Authorities at the Institute for Water Administrators Conference held at the Healesville RACV Club
- March: 2 hour CiviCRM meeting in Melbourne for 2 Members
- March: 1 hour meeting with YR Council Mayor, Mondo and others re marketing to businesses using Council assistance
- March to June: Process over 90 Expressions of Interest and over 40 community members booking home visits to receive quotes for solar energy systems.
- April: 2 hour Community Workshop on Solar Electricity Production and Storage with information also on smart monitoring, inverters, micro grids and distributed energy, with Glen Morris presenting
- April: Apply for FRRR grant for policy development using consultant assistance
- April: Receive Commonwealth Government grant for training volunteers to offer home energy efficiency audits.
- May: President is Returning Officer for Healesville Living & Learning Centre AGM
- May: President & Mondo present to community members at Castella-Toolangi Community Centre
- May: Volunteers man an information table at Council run climate change event at the Memo
- May: 2 hour Community Workshop on Achieving Zero Emissions in the Home with Alan Pears presenting
- May/June: preparation for the launch of our first Community Solar Hot Water & Heat Pump Bulk Buy in July 2019 with Reclaim Energy and Apricus Australia to promote heat pumps and evacuated tube water heating technology for community purchase.
- June: Casey MHR Tony Smith advises request for funding for Healesville CoRE solar roof top projects for a total of \$90,000 has been submitted to Canberra. Confirmed August 2019
- June: 4 members attend ECOSS event on the Climate Emergency
- June: President attends Northern Area Greenhouse Alliance meeting in Melbourne with YR Council Sustainability unit on 'Community Energy Issues Mapping Workshop' with various community groups and council officers from different council areas.



Healesville CoRE event poster – Feb 2019

What lies ahead?

With the Global Climate Emergency continuing to create deep concern, the need for taking action on reducing carbon emissions, and the need to develop resilient communities, is increasing. Hence the need for Healesville CoRE and our work in transitioning Healesville towards Net Zero carbon emissions from electricity consumption by 2027.

We will continue our work in 2019/20 at a similar pace to this year.

- We now have a grant in place from the Commonwealth Government to train home energy efficiency auditors in October 2019 and we will get these audits underway in late 2019 or early 2020.

- We have a grant from FRRR in place to research, develop and write 40 policies which will ensure a professional level of governance. This work has commenced and will continue for 6 months to February 2020
- We have a grant in place from Yarra Ranges Council to run a training program for our volunteers in September 2019 in the use of our new online administration software CiviCRM.
- We have been advised that the Deputy Prime Minister will write to Council to confirm the allocation of \$90,000 for three Healesville CoRE community solar energy projects. We will ensure the development and installation of these projects and we are hopeful we can establish a revolving community fund with this Commonwealth Government funding.
- We have applied to the Yarra Ranges Council for a Community Grant of \$9,945 to run our community program of events in 2020. The events from February to June are:
 - February: Community Solar Electricity Production & Storage Workshop with Glen Morris and extension of the Community Solar Panels and Battery Offer with Mondo
 - May: Community Solar Hot Water & Heat Pumps with Glen Morris and extension of the Community Solar Hot Water & Heat Pump Bulk Buy
 - June: Community Workshop on A Solar Farm & Micro Grid for Healesville?

The Bigger Picture & What is Really Required to Develop Community Renewable Energy Projects

It has become clear to us over the past two years that a new way of conceptualising community renewable energy and council interaction with community energy groups is required. The urgency and the size of the task in transitioning towns to Net Zero carbon emissions is too great for voluntary groups to achieve on their own. The work load is too high for volunteers to be able to achieve this goal without paid labour to run the administration.

Healesville CoRE is of the view that community energy groups are still required and that they need to be run by volunteers BUT sufficient funding needs to be provided by Council or Government or both to enable community energy groups to hire administrators to do all the hard, time consuming administrative tasks. Paid staff need to form the backbone of community energy groups.

If a Net Zero municipality is to be created then an advisory body consisting of paid community-based administrators together with community volunteers and council officers is needed to plan and to execute the work required.

The challenges we face are too important for 'business as usual'. We need creative solutions that start looking for different collaborative ways to solve the problems we face. Healesville CoRE would like to rise to this challenge and to be a part of the creative solutions.

Jeff Barlow, President

A Micro Wind Generator test site in Woori Yallock developed by Yuri Jeske, from Woori Yallock, and his German partners. This generator has just now been made commercially available in Australia. Pictured: Leo de Jong (far left) and Jeff Barlow (3rd from right) from H'CoRE, along with the Sustainability Unit at YR Council and members of various Yarra Ranges renewable energy community groups.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Marnie Gleeson

I volunteered for, and was appointed to, the position of Treasurer at the last AGM, and over the past year I have been challenged by the role, have developed new skills and experience, and have felt proud to be a member of the Central Committee and actively involved in the work Healesville CoRE is doing to transition Healesville to a Net Zero town by 2027.



At times the responsibilities as Treasurer have stretched me in terms of my knowledge, skills and time commitment (sometimes beyond my capacities). I have sought advice from, and been supported by, a number of people who I would like to take this opportunity to thank: my husband Shayne Gleeson who is a Member and volunteer, Jeff Barlow our President, Simone Knight who is a Member and our Accountant, Sue Forbes our Bookkeeper, and Bruce Argyle, also a Member.

In the last year, Healesville CoRE received increased funding from grants and these funds made up more than 77% of our income. The grants we received are as follows:

- \$7500 Community Development Grant from Yarra Ranges Council (YRC) – used to develop a promotional brochure and run our program of events for 2019.
- \$7208 Community Group Futures Grant from FRRR (Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal) – used for governance training, strategic planning and 12 months support with Megan Buntine, as well as development and integration of our website and CiviCRM.
- \$3607.50 Volunteer Grant from the Commonwealth Government Department of Social Services – for training of volunteers and for purchase of equipment to provide free home energy efficiency audits to community members.

Since the 1st of July 2019, Healesville CoRE has received another Community Group Futures' Grant of \$6090 from FRRR for policy development work by Walter Skilton. We will also be receiving a \$1000 Small Grant from Yarra Ranges Council for training of members and volunteers in the use of CiviCRM (our new online administration system) and this course is due to commence in September 2019.

In addition to increased grant funding, Healesville CoRE's membership income was up in the last year, and campaign contributions have given us another revenue stream. Overall, donations were down but the amount we received from organisations was about the same and came from the following:

- Moora Moora Cooperative Community - \$300
- Healesville Community Bank - \$500
- Permaculture Yarra Valley - \$500

We sincerely thank these organisations for their faith in us and for their support. The membership income, campaign contributions, and donations received in the last year have allowed us to cover the basic costs of operating a not-for-profit organisation and have also gone toward website and CiviCRM costs.

Most of Healesville CoRE's spend in the last year has been dictated by grant funds received. We have continued to run free community events and much of the spend has been on workshop facilitation and promotion associated with running these events.

A lot of the spend in the last year has also been on website and CiviCRM development and integration, and this work has resulted in Healesville CoRE presenting a more professional image to the community.

The website and CiviCRM work involved set-up of a payment processor account and automatic invoicing. These developments have allowed community members to more easily pay member dues and campaign contributions, or make donations, via our website using a credit card via PayPal. These developments have contributed to more efficient financial administration processes.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed financially to Healesville CoRE over the past year. Securing sufficient financial resources needs to remain a priority in 2019/20 to ensure Healesville CoRE's financial sustainability, and this will require volunteers with the time and skills to apply for appropriate grants, run fundraising and membership campaigns, attract corporate sponsorship, and find other sources of income.

Report written by Marnie Gleeson



The Apricus Evacuated Tube Solar Hot Water System is featured in Healesville CoRE's Community Solar Hot Water Bulk Buy. There has never been a better time to replace your hot water system.

Healesville
CoRE's Solar Hot
Water Event
Poster, Feb 2018



Marnie Gleeson and Karin van Bockel
volunteer at Healesville CoRE's Solar
Hot Water and Heat Pumps event at
the Darron Honey Centre, Feb 2018.

Grants Report



Prepared by Karen Roberts

During the 2018/2019 financial year Healesville CoRE applied for five separate grants and has so far had success with four. The fifth is for a substantial amount and is still being assessed. A summary is provided below.

Yarra Ranges Council	\$8,250	<i>Grants for Community</i>
<p>The Yarra Ranges Council <i>Grants for Community</i> is offered once a year to support community based projects. We applied for funding to cover the cost of running six community events during 2019, to design and print a 2019 Program of Events and to design and print a general promotional flyer outlining Healesville CoRE's vision and goals. Four of the six events have already been successfully run, including the launch of the Community Solar and Battery Offer at the Memo, an A4 sized 4 page Program of Events was produced and 1,200 copies printed, and 2,000 copies of the general flyer were printed which should last a few years. Council was very complimentary of our efforts, stating '<i>A strong application for a very well supported program that is evolving. The program will provide strong social and financial benefits to the township, and will provide an excellent demonstration of the possibilities of such programs</i>'.</p>		

FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal)	\$6,090	<i>Community Group Futures Grant</i>
<p>Our previous successful FRRR grant provided funding to hire a consultant, Megan Buntine, to create a Strategic Plan for Healesville CoRE, which was completed early in 2018. One of the high priority goals identified in the Strategic Plan was to '<i>develop an appropriate Policy Framework for the Organisation by 31 March 2019</i>'. Policies and procedures are an essential part of any organisation so in March this year one of our members, Walter Skilton, created a Policy Governance Grant Proposal which aims to prepare a set of 40 policies by December 2019. The grant application was successful and as Walter holds the necessary qualifications, he is using the funding to deliver this project.</p>		

Community Grants Hub	\$3,607.50	<i>Volunteer Grants</i>
<p>The Australian Government offers <i>Volunteer Grants</i> which aim to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers. Healesville CoRE decided to take advantage of this by applying for funding for five volunteers to be trained in a one day 'Home Energy Efficiency Auditing' course at the Smart Energy Lab run by Glen Morris. With these skills our volunteers will be able to help Healesville residents assess the energy efficiencies of their homes and make appropriate improvements. The funding also includes enough money to purchase a digital power meter and a thermal camera. We now have a Project Manager to administer this program by seeking out interested volunteers, coordinating the training, purchasing the equipment and setting up a procedure to offer this service to our community. The training is scheduled for 5 October 2019.</p>		

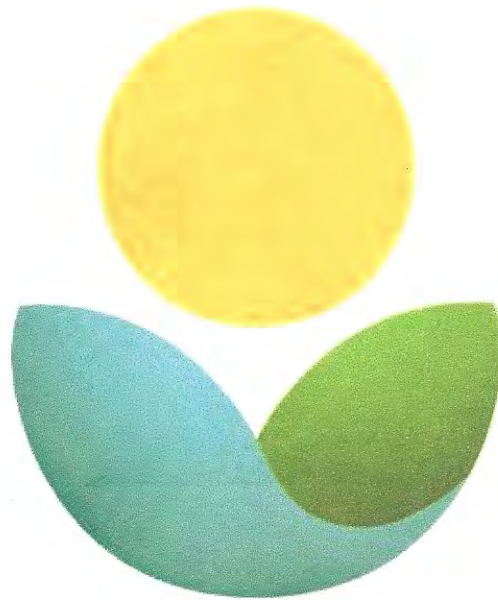
Yarra Ranges Council	\$1,000	<i>Small Grants</i>
<p>Yarra Ranges Council's <i>Small Grants Program</i> offers support for community groups responding to opportunities and challenges in their communities. The amount is for up to \$1,000 and groups can only apply for one grant per financial year. This financial year we applied for \$1,000 to go towards training some of our volunteers to use our CiviCRM administration program. We are aiming to do this over a series of dates from September to November 2019.</p>		

DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning)	\$50,000	<i>Community Climate Change Adaptation Grant</i>
<p>DELWP is delivering a small grants program to build resilience to climate change impacts through community-driven adaptation activities that will implement practical actions. Healesville CoRE decided to focus on adaptation to heatwaves by illustrating how the current electricity grid is stressed during heatwaves and our long-term goal of implementing a microgrid could help improve grid resilience. This application closed on the 31st March and we are yet to hear if we have been successful or not.</p>		

During the year I have researched organisations that offer grants which we may be able to utilise in the future and have created a spread sheet of this information. If anyone in Healesville CoRE has an idea for a project, please contact me to see if we can match it with a suitable grant.



A Healesville CoRE volunteer, Dave Singleton (2nd from left), engaging community members at a stall at the Healesville monthly markets, June 2018.



Healesville **CoRE**

Financial Accounts
30 June 2019

Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc.

Balance sheet as at 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Asset			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	10,837	5,661
Accounts receivable and other debtors	4	147	485
Total current assets		<u>10,984</u>	<u>6,146</u>
Total assets		<u>10,984</u>	<u>6,146</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade creditors and other payables	5	1,398	-
Total current liabilities		<u>1,398</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u>9,586</u>	<u>6,146</u>
Equity			
Retained surplus		1,500	-
Funds Transferred from Unincorp Assoc.		4,646	4,646
Current Year Earning		3,440	1,500
Net worth		<u>9,586</u>	<u>6,146</u>

Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc.

Income statement for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Income			
Revenue	6	23,586	9,821
Expense			
Bank Fees		57	8
Bookkeeping		2,545	893
Catering		753	1,090
Computer & Software expense		1,974	148
Equipment less than \$500		105	-
Event expenses		338	418
General expenses		239	120
Insurance		-	50
Printing & Stationery		109	164
Promotional expenses		3,265	1,367
Subscriptions & Registrations		34	148
Venue Hire		506	775
Website expenses		3,905	-
Workshop Facilitator expenses		6,316	3,140
Total expenditure		20,146	8,321
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u>3,440</u>	<u>1,500</u>

Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc.

Statement of changes in equity for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

	Retained surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 31 October 2017	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,500	1,500
Balance at 30 June 2018	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Balance at 1 July 2018	1,500	1,500
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	3,440	3,440
Balance at 30 June 2019	<u>4,940</u>	<u>4,940</u>

Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc.
Statement of cash flows for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Cash from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		21,725	7,843
Payments to suppliers and employees		(20,146)	(8,321)
Cash receipts from other operating activities		1,861	1,978
Net decrease/(increase) in debtors		338	(485)
Net increase/(decrease) in creditors		1,398	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	7(b)	5,176	1,015
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from Unincorporated Assoc.		-	4,646
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		-	4,646
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held			
Cash at beginning of financial year		5,661	-
Cash at end of financial year	7(a)	10,837	5,661

Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc.

Notes to the financial statements for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

1. Statement of significant accounting policies

a) Statement of compliance

The committee has determined that the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 107	Statement of Cash Flows
AASB 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 1031	Materiality
AASB 1048	Interpretation of Standards
AASB 1054	Australian Additional Disclosures

b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical cost and do not take into account changing money values except where specifically stated.

Comparative figures for 2018 relate to the period 31 October 2017 to 30 June 2018.

2. Statement of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

c) Impairment

At each reporting date the committee assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

d) Income tax

The association is a not-for-profit organisation and is exempt from income tax under section 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits, held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities cash within three months.

f) Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

g) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

h) Trade creditors and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days on recognition of the liability.

	2019 \$	2018 \$
3. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash on hand	-	-
Cash at bank	10,837	5,661
	<u>10,837</u>	<u>5,661</u>
4. Account receivables and other debtors		
Trade receivables	-	-
Other receivables	147	485
	<u>147</u>	<u>485</u>
5. Trade and other payables		
Trade creditors	1,398	-
	<u>1,398</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Revenue		
Grant income	18,316	7,125
Membership income	1,500	718
Donations	1,861	1,978
Campaign contributions	1,863	-
Other income	46	-
Total revenue	<u>23,586</u>	<u>9,821</u>

7. Cash flow information

Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of financial year as shown in cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position:

Cash and cash equivalents	10,837	5,661
a)	<u>10,837</u>	<u>5,661</u>

Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to surplus

Surplus from ordinary activities	3,440	1,500
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Changes in assets and liabilities:

(Increase)/decrease in receivables	338	(485)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	<u>1,398</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	b) <u>5,176</u>	<u>1,015</u>

8. Related parties

Bookkeeping services are provided through ACCSP Pty Ltd a company owned by the President of Healesville CoRE. The Conflict of Interest Register was completed by the Secretary as instructed by the Chair on a motion passed by the Central Committee

Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc.

Committees' report
30 June 2019

In the committees' opinion:

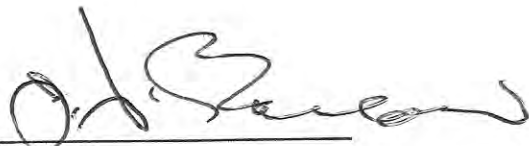
the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* associated regulations;

the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements;

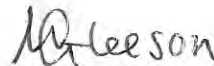
the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the incorporated association's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its performance for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019; and

there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporated association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the committees



Jeff Barlow
President



Marnie Gleeson
Treasurer

Date

15/8/19

Date

15/8/2019

Acknowledgments & Thank You

Healesville CoRE would like to thank all our Members, our Volunteers and our Central Committee and Sub Group members for your engagement with our work over this past year. In addition, we thank the Healesville and 3777 post code community for your interest, your curiosity and your enthusiasm for the work we are doing.

We also thank all our supporters who have provided financial and / or pro bono support to enable us to action our vision as we transition to greater use of renewable energy. In particular, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Yarra Ranges Council and to the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal for their substantial financial contributions.

We have benefited greatly from the involvement of additional external organisations and individuals and in particular we would like to express our appreciation and our gratitude to the Sustainability unit in the Yarra Ranges Council, Monash University Net Zero team, Mondo, Matthew Charles-Jones from Totally Renewable Yackandandah, the Healesville Uniting Church, the Healesville Living and Learning Centre and everyone else who has assisted us.

Thank you one and all!

Our corporate & community partners & supporters

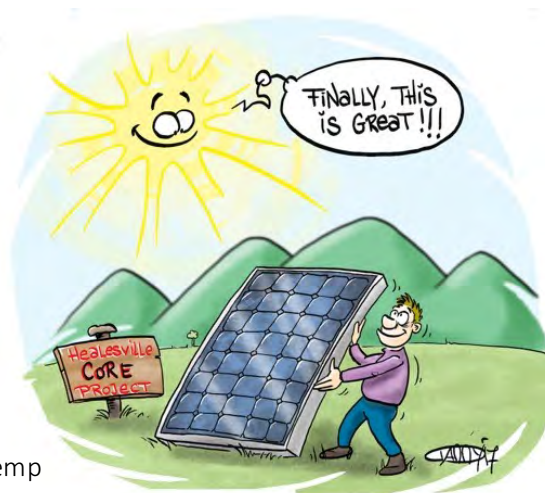
We place a very high priority on our connections with individuals, families, associations, groups and businesses in our community.

In seeking to significantly increase the uptake of clean solar energy in our town we want to engage as many people as possible in conversations about our energy needs as a community.

In forming Partnerships with groups and businesses and in obtaining financial support from them we increase our connectedness with the community and also strengthen our 'social licence' – the more Financial Members and Partnerships we have, the greater legitimacy we gain as a meaningful voice and leader for our community in the field of clean solar energy.

The Partnerships below are all businesses and organisations who fully support the work of Healesville CoRE and they back this up with either providing grants, cash donations or pro bono support. We thank them all and Healesville CoRE is proud to be associated with each and every one of them.

If your organisation or business would like to become a Partner with Healesville CoRE please write to us at contact@healesvillecore.org.au and our President will be in touch!



Artwork by local Healesville cartoonist Danny Zemp

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How You Can Help

Donations

Would you like to support us financially? We need your help and would gratefully accept donations.

We need not only community enthusiasm but also your financial support. The people running the Healesville CoRE Project are community volunteers donating many hours of their own time for community benefit.

We are very short of funds to cover our administration expenses: website, room rental, design, printing, telephone etc. If you can afford to donate anything at all it would be a great help.

Here are our bank details:

Account Name: Healesville CoRE
Bank: Bendigo Bank Healesville
PayID: 98 988 563 885 / BSB: 633000 Account No: 161834312

Become a member

By becoming a financial member of Healesville CoRE you will:

1. Be part of the transformation and decentralisation of the electrical energy system in Healesville with an emphasis on transitioning to local production of solar energy, local storage, local distribution and community sharing of solar production.
2. Feel proud that you are providing moral and financial support to a small voluntary community group working for the wellbeing of our local community as we bring the community together to engage collectively in the take up of energy efficiencies and a greater reliance on renewable energy sources.
3. Connect into a network of concerned and active Healesville volunteers who are passionate in doing what they can about global warming by transitioning away from carbon intensive fuels like gas and

coal towards using more renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind and water. Join us in thinking globally as we act locally.

4. Support our work to retain more money in our local community as we work for the uptake of more solar energy to create lower energy bills, support lower income households and not for profits, reduce the cost of running a business, and by developing a mini-grid and a local energy retailer help us to return some of the money paid for electricity bills back to the community.

To apply for financial membership, complete the online form on our website and pay the relevant membership fee using your credit card or bank transfer.

Membership is from 1st July to 30th June in the current financial year. For NEW members who join in the period 1st May to 30th June your membership will be to 30th June of the following year.

There are 4 categories of membership:

Associate membership (15 and under, no annual fee)

Individual membership (\$20 annual fee)

Community/Not for Profit organisation membership (\$50 annual fee)

Business membership (\$75 annual fee)

Volunteer your time

Healesville CoRE has achieved amazing things in a very short period of time! And we have done this all with a great team of community volunteers who have committed themselves to working towards achieving our goal of significantly increasing the use of renewable energy in Healesville.

Our volunteers have joined Healesville CoRE for a wide range of reasons and the reasons can be different for everyone:

- To become part of a powerful movement for change in renewable energy in Healesville.
- To support action to reduce global warming: think globally and act locally!
- To connect with other like-minded people in our community and to meet others interested in social action for meaningful change.
- To make a meaningful contribution to others by assisting households and businesses in our community to improve energy efficiencies to lower the cost of energy bills.

Would you like to join our very active and energetic group of volunteers? We certainly could use your help. Please contact us and we will get in touch with you. You decide on your time commitment!

Contact Us

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