

Letter to the Editor of The Advocate - 7 May 2009

## **Thank you to our new Solar households**

On behalf of SHARE (Sustainable Hepburn Association - Renewing the Earth), a warm thank you to the 90 households in Hepburn Shire that signed up to install solar panels and receive the government's \$8,000 rebate. It is wonderful to see people making positive commitments to reducing energy use and carbon emissions.

Due to the fantastic response, the cost of the solar panels is expected to be just \$1,895 after receiving the rebate. The solar panels are to be installed before the middle of November this year.

Thank you to Maureen Corbett and the earlier adopters of the offer. It was a lot easier for people to commit themselves after hearing that 50 had done so before them and that many were already watching their electricity meters run backwards!

Thank you also to Jane Knight, Angie Izard and The Advocate for helping to get the message to people. To reach so many people in just 10 days is a great result.

Following on from the success of this offer, SHARE would like to support local schools to apply for the National Solar Schools Grant for up to \$50,000 for energy and water initiatives. If your school is interested please email us at [info@hrea.org.au](mailto:info@hrea.org.au).

For homes that missed out, Hepburn Shire Council is investigating another solar panel bulk-buy offer. Keep an eye on the Council pages in The Advocate for details.

SHARE are now offering Sustainability Workshops on Energy, Water and Waste in Daylesford and Creswick starting Thursday 21st May. The workshops have been made possible through a sustainability grant from Hepburn Shire Council. For more information and to book your place, visit [www.hrea.org.au](http://www.hrea.org.au) or call Karen on 5476 4495.

SHARE is committed to sustainable communities and was previously known as HREA (Hepburn Renewable Energy Association).

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