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TOTALLY RENEWABLE YACKANDANDAH ANNOUNCES CONSTRUCTION OF SECOND COMMUNITY BATTERY AT YACKANDANDAH SPORTS PARK

Totally Renewable Yackandandah hosted a Community Information evening on the 22 of August to provide details of the forthcoming Community Battery at Yackandandah Sports Park, **the second community battery for Yackandandah.**

The battery addition to the multi-use facility, which is home to at least eight formal user groups, will deliver significant benefits in savings, resilience and reliability.

Supported by Indigo Shire Council and made possible with funding from the Victorian Government, the battery is designed to continue operating during disruptions to the mains supply, providing welcome support during extreme weather or emergencies. While the Sports Park is not a safe haven during fires, it can support the community during the recovery phase with essential amenities such as toilets, showers, shelter, and catering facilities.

The installation will include a 60 kW solar system paired with a 200 kWh battery, with community retailer Indigo Power appointed as the construction partner. The battery will charge daily from the solar system, discharge each evening to power the stadium and contribute surplus clean energy to the local electricity network.

This collaborative initiative is made possible due to the enduring support of the Australian Ethical Foundation, via a \$40,000 grant to kick-start the project and a \$287,000 grant from the Victorian Government's 100 Neighbourhood Batteries Program. Additionally, the Yackandandah Community Centre has pledged a \$3,000 community grant and the Yackandandah Folk Festival has also contributed.

TRY anticipates the battery will be operational by early 2025, marking another significant milestone in the community's journey towards 100% renewable energy.

ABOUT TRY

Totally Renewable Yackandandah, an award-winning community group, has been on a decade-long journey with their community to transition the town's electricity supply to 100% renewable energy. The group has focused on reducing carbon emissions, building energy resilience, and strengthening the local economy. Their efforts include microgrid and virtual power plant trials, neighbourhood batteries, and shared purchasing of solar panels, batteries and heat pump hot water services.

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