

New Government Grant Supersizes Community Battery for Yackandandah

The Victorian Government today announced a grant of approximately \$171,000 to support an expanded Yackandandah community solar and battery project.

This grant will be used to supersize a community-owned battery, providing more clean energy to the Yackandandah Community Energy Hub.

Juliette Milbank from Totally Renewable Yackandandah said this is a vital step toward the town reaching its 100% target. It will allow renewable energy generated locally during the day to be stored and then used via the mini-grid by Indigo Power customers in the evening.

“We are thrilled to receive this grant from the Victorian Government to increase the size of the battery. The supersized 274 kWh battery will have enough energy to power up to 40 average households overnight,” Ms Milbank said.

“This is a vital step to getting the town of Yackandandah toward its 100% target. We know that not only do we need more solar, but also storage to ensure the community has access to clean energy at all times.

“TRY and Indigo Power have already raised \$250,000 to support this project and now with this \$171,000 grant from the Victorian Government we are ready to get the project built!”

The project is a partnership between TRY and local community energy retailer and social enterprise, Indigo Power, and will provide clean energy to members of the Yackandandah Community Energy Hub around the clock.

“We are excited to work with TRY to get this flagship project off the ground. This will be among the first community solar and battery projects of its kind in Australia, and thanks to support from the community and the Victorian Government it will now become a reality,” Indigo Power Managing Director, Ben McGowan said.

“This project will ensure the almost 150 members of the Yackandandah Hub have access to clean power when the sun isn’t shining, during the early evening rush and through the night.

“We are looking forward to working with other hubs across the region to build generation and power more communities with local clean energy.”

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