



Media Release

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Hunter Wetlands Goes Solar

Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia (HWCA) is embarking on its **Hunter Wetlands Solar** project in partnership with the Clean Energy Association of Newcastle and Surrounds (CLEANaS) to install 48 solar panels on the roof of the Centre in Shortland, Newcastle.

“We are going solar and we invite members of the public to be part of this”, said Stuart Blanch, CEO of Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia.

“For a \$500 tax deductible donation you can sponsor a solar panel on our roof. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 in donations by 30 June so we can install the panels in July,” said Dr Blanch.

CLEANaS Chair Alec Roberts believes the centre is well placed to benefit from solar. “The centre is ideal for solar energy use, as it uses most of its electricity during the day when the solar panels will be producing electricity, and it has good roof space.” he said.

The centre will save money on power bills and reduce its carbon footprint” he said.

Sponsors will be acknowledged on a sign in the HWCA Visitors Centre, Shortland, and receive rewards for different levels of sponsorship, which are also available to businesses.

ACS Solar and tech company enphase energy will provide a substantial discount to HWCA to install high quality SunTech panels and new generation microinverters at the site.

Anyone keen to become a part of this very worthwhile project is encouraged to call the HWCA direct on 4951 6466, with more information available at www.wetlands.org.au.

HWCA are a well-respected and established environmental, educational and recreational resource for all of the people of the Hunter and schemes like this will help to keep the organisation alive.

CLEANaS are active in the region initiating community based renewable energy projects with the goal of 100% renewables as a practical response climate change. They have had success in developing toolkits for other community energy groups to use and instigating solar installations on our Hunter surf lifesaving clubs.

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