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Brief: Metro Community Power Hub

The Metropolitan Melbourne Community Power Hub (MCPH) is an initiative enabling local communities to support, develop and deliver renewable energy projects. The MCPH is led by the not-for-profit Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF) and is funded by the Victorian Government through Sustainability Victoria until 30 June 2022. YEF has engaged numerous community groups and organisations from across the Melbourne region as Roundtable Partners (RTPs), who work with YEF in delivering the MCPH's projects, and welcomes further community group involvement.

Aim and activities

The MCPH's overarching aim is to accelerate Victoria's transition towards a clean energy future by supporting community participation in the energy transition, and is guided by values of respect, collaboration, knowledge sharing and innovation.

To support this aim, the MCPH has initiated several **Foundation Programs** which focus on:

- Enabling households to install solar and transition to an all-electric home
- Assisting low-income and CALD communities to lower their energy expenses via workshops and direct one-on-one assistance
- Leading capacity building activities such as upskilling workshops to foster energy literacy throughout the community.

The MCPH also supports ambitious **Flagship Projects**, which aim to deliver renewable energy, reduced emissions and cost savings through projects that emerge from community ideas and priorities. These could include:

- Installing rooftop solar on sporting clubs, schools, and places of worship
- Converting a retail strip to a renewable Power Purchase Agreement
- Conducting a scoping study for a community battery.

How your community or organisation can be involved

The MCPH is enthusiastic about supporting community organisations of all kinds, as well as their members and audiences, to respond to climate change and take the opportunities presented by the energy transition. As centres of social activity with strong platforms for communication, community groups are also well placed to both support and benefit from both Foundation Programs and Flagship Projects. There is no cost for groups to be involved in the MCPH, and groups can participate in several ways:

- Promoting the Foundation Programs among your community, either through social media, at events, or in newsletters.
- Hosting an MCPH event which shows your community what they can do to save money and reduce emissions as both homeowners or renters.
- Pursuing a Flagship Project – a new energy project led by your community, for your community.

The MCPH is keen to partner with additional community groups, councils, and other organisations working towards a clean energy future. For more information or to get involved, contact Pete Mercouriou, MCPH Project Manager: peter.m@yef.org.au