

Appendix B - Achievements of the Community Power program

Energy Efficiency Programs

In addition to promoting the uptake of GreenPower, Community Power has also provided energy efficiency advice and programs to support residents to reduce their greenhouse emissions and reduce energy costs. Information and programs over Community Power's history have included:

- a free quarterly newsletter
- website and telephone advice re energy efficiency in the home
- free household energy audits
- community emPowerment seminars - based on giving residents the skills to conduct a simple home audit and a free energy starter kit
- use of Outreach Workers to engage members of the public to provide information and encourage the reduction of greenhouse emissions.
- distribution of free Compact Fluorescent lights and shower timers.

Program Funding

The program has been very successful in attracting external funding:

Source	Grant	Key Aim	\$	Timing
Dept of Sustainability & Environment	Community Action Fund (Round 1)	Engage Project Officer	\$50,000	2003-04
Dept of Sustainability & Environment	Community Action Fund (Round 2)	Support Project Officer and promotions (including free household energy audits)	\$24,690	2004 - 05
Consumer Utilities Advocacy Council	CUAC Grant	Deliver seminar on aggregating electricity supply	\$8,200	March 2004
Australian Government	Cool Communities	deliver community emPowerment seminars	\$22,660	March - June 2004
Australian Government	Community Action Grant	Engage and train outreach workers to attend events and public places to encourage the uptake of GreenPower and energy efficiency	\$28,000	Jan - May 2007
Sustainability Victoria	Sustainability Fund	80% of Officers salary, outreach, Community Power workshops.	\$125,360	Current November 08 - Jan 2010
Total			\$258,910	

It is estimated that there are currently around 700 households signed up to Community Power Energy Plans reducing emissions by more than 3,100 tonnes a year (equivalent to removing more than 730 average Australian cars from the road). This is a very significant community greenhouse emissions reduction which compares very favourably with other programs e.g. the solar panel roll-out in Darebin, Banyule and Whittlesea achieved ~420 tonnes a year savings across the three municipalities.