



Hi there,

Welcome to 2022! We hope you had a fantastic festive period and many opportunities to enjoy a lot of the wonderfully warm summer sun we have been having.

These beautiful long hours of sunlight provide the best bang for your buck with more solar energy generated at this time vs other times throughout the year. There are still great federal, state and local government incentives available so if you don't already have a solar PV system on your site's roof, avoid missing out on up front discounts* by getting in touch with us for an obligation free quote today!

Are you looking for a premium commercial solar solution? SunPower recently announced a market leading 40-year product AND performance warranty on a range of their panels. Keep reading for more information or contact us to find out more.

*eligibility criteria applies.



Energy Efficiency Communities (EEC) Grant

The ECC Program commenced on the 12th of January 2022, providing Food and Beverage Manufacturing businesses up to 100% of eligible project expenditure, up to \$25,000 for energy efficiency improvements such as LED lighting upgrades and better energy consumption management.

Source: Business Gov Australia

[Read more here](#)



Source: Renew Economy

Fully renewable grid by 2030, no new coal or gas: CEC lays down new roadmap

In its Roadmap for a Renewable Energy Future, the CEC calls for \$20 billion in federal funding to help fast-track upgrades to grid infrastructure that are crucial to the shift to 100% renewables, and a further \$5 billion to set up green hydrogen hubs around the country.

[Read more here](#)



Source: PV Magazine Australia

Australia's battery capacity to double in 2022

Australia's battery capacity is set to double this year, growing to 1.1 GW as many utility-scale storage projects become operational in the second half of 2022, data from Rystad Energy reported by AFR shows.

[Read more here](#)



Source: Cricket Australia

Top Aussie cricketers join war on climate change

Test captain Pat Cummins says few sports are more imperilled by global warming and it's time for clubs and cricketers at every level to step up and be part of the solution.

Cricket for Climate will start with a push to get solar power installed at local 4000 local clubs.

[Read more here](#)



Source: The Conversation

New German leader proposes a 'climate club' of leading economies that would punish free riders like Australia

While responsible nations bear the cost of switching to new, cleaner technologies, the “free-riding” nations benefit from those technologies and a potentially safer climate while failing to make adequate cuts to their own domestic emissions.

To address this problem, Nordhaus proposes a “club” model for climate cooperation. Club members – those countries who move first to take climate action – would be rewarded and protected from competitive disadvantage.

[Read more here](#)



Solar PV system maintenance

Cherry Energy Solutions is now providing solar PV system maintenance!

By regularly undertaking maintenance, you will ensure your solar PV system is safe for the owners, staff and electrical workers working on the distribution network. Routine maintenance will also ensure system performance is maintained, allowing you to maximise savings on your power bills for many years.

Solar maintenance includes:

- Checking if the system requires panel cleaning
- Checking panels for defects
- Removing obstructions in vents
- Checking for deterioration or corrosion of any parts
- Ensuring switches are free of defects
- Electrical checks for defects and deterioration

- Confirm fittings and cables are securely attached
- Reviewing inverter display for recorded faults
- Ensure access to the isolator switch
- Ensure emergency procedures for shutdown
- Isolation clearly displayed

We recommend biennial maintenance of your solar PV system however this can differ between systems, products and environmental changes. Please take note of and follow the maintenance schedule provided in your Operation Manual.

Request a quote today

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Product spotlight - SunPower

SunPower have recently announced a mind-boggling 40-year product AND performance warranty for a range of their panels! They have blown the industry standard of 25-year warranties out of the water and it speaks to the quality of SunPower panels.

SunPower is a world leader in the solar industry and have a cutting-edge approach to sustainability. As a Tier 1 Manufacturer with nearly 35 years of solar expertise, this product will provide peace of mind for savvy customers looking for a premium product.

Learn more about SunPower

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being released into the atmosphere thanks to our clean and energy efficient installations*.

That's close to the amount of emissions saved
from a 500MW wind farm each year



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*this is an estimation based on energy efficiency installations undertaken by Echo Group with in relation to emissions factors provided by the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008 and approximate daily average production. Estimated emissions from a 500MW wind farm from : <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/communities/101002-wind-ghg-saving.pdf>

936,673 tonnes CO2 mitigated and counting!

Echo Group is proud to announce that, as at the end of January, we have saved more than 936,673 tonnes of CO2 emissions from being released into the atmosphere thanks to our solar and LED installations through our commercial business Cherry Energy Solutions, our residential business eko energy and our wholesale and trade business, littil LED lights.

That's close to emissions saved from a 500MW wind farm each year!

Our total CO2 emissions saved get updated monthly so keep an eye out for our February results.



Case Study - Royal Brighton Yacht Club

RBYC wanted a system that would reduce as much of their electricity costs as possible. The available roof size on the property was smaller than first anticipated, reducing the usable area on the roof.

The Cherry High Performance Team designed the system layout and panel quantity to maximise the space with a 91.35kW solar PV system solution consisting of 203 Trina Tallmax 450W panels, 1 x 82.8kW SolarEdge inverter, over one hundred SolarEdge P950 DC optimisers and Australian designed, engineered and manufactured Sunlock racking.

Read the case study below!

[Read case study here](#)



Cherry Staff Spotlight - Sylvana Agostini

This month we're getting to know Sylvana, our Key Account Manager, and one of the most qualified staff members we have on our team!

What are your hobbies?

I love to go mountain bike riding and sailing RL24s in small regattas in Botany Bay. I also enjoy traveling to new destinations.

What qualifications do you hold?

- University of Technology Sydney- Executive MBA
- Tafe NSW - Cert IV Sales and Marketing
- IIT - Certificate IV in Financial Services (Finance/ Mortgage Broking)
- Australian Direct Marketing Association - Certificate in Direct Marketing

What's your expertise?

Nurturing and building great client relationships, in addition to winning multimillion dollar tenders.

What is your passion?

Enjoying all life has to offer. Understanding my audience, solving problems and making a positive impact on those who I interact with.

What would you say is your greatest achievement ?

Being the mother of a caring, humble, hardworking and intelligent teenager, who is an amazing young woman.



Know someone who wants to lower their energy bills?

We can help! If you know a business that is interested in working towards net zero targets, refer them to the experts, Cherry Energy Solutions! We have a number of fantastic prizes to give away this year and every referral means you go into the draw.

Photo: Muhammad Faiz Zulkeflee on Unsplash

[Refer a business](#)

Speak to Cherry, the 4th biggest solar installer* nationally, about our Freedom Formula, the key to controlling your energy costs and securing a predictable energy future for your business, school or government building.

With the backing of EnergyAustralia, safety is mandated to the highest standards. Our customers can have peace of mind and assurance that we are going to be a strong and stable partner for them now and long into the future.

^according to Sunwiz April 2021

[Read our capability statement](#)

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