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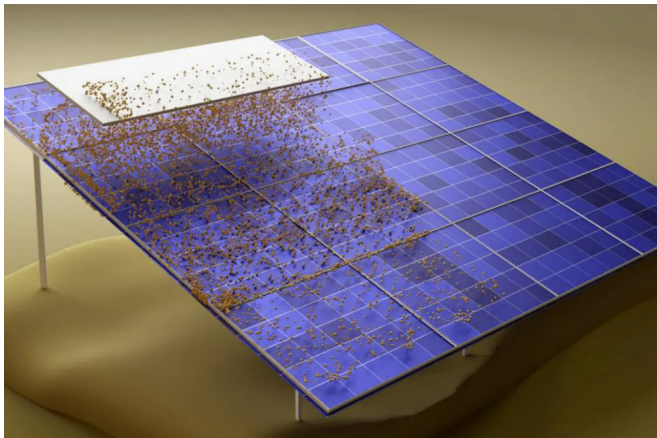
Welcome to March. We hope you have strapped yourself in because here we are, back on the rollercoaster again!

The recent floods have been devastating to so many people's businesses and homes in NSW and QLD and our thoughts are with them. For any of our commercial customers affected, please reach out if you need to discuss what happens next.

This disaster, as well as the situation in Ukraine, has seen living and working costs (including petrol) increase, with electricity prices doubling in NSW and QLD.

If you're wishing your business was electrified and generating renewable energy, call us today to get an honest and obligation-free appraisal. Payback periods and ROI on solar and/or battery storage are looking very attractive right now, making sound commercial sense.

Don't forget, we are now offering customers solar maintenance! That includes a variety of services for your solar PV system from checking for defects to checking if cleaning is necessary. Read more below to find out more and get a quote.



Researchers find way to clean solar panels without using a single drop of water

In research published in the journal *Science Advances*, a paper by MIT graduate student Sreedath Panat and professor of mechanical engineering Kripa Varanasi describes how their technology uses electrostatic repulsion to clean dusty panels, instead of water or brushes.

Source: RenewEconomy

[Read more here](#)



Source: Business Green

Net-zero is a priority for four fifths of start-ups

Net-zero is a top priority for four fifths of start-ups, according to new research from the Innovate UK, which reveals 72 per cent of early-stage businesses are working to achieve carbon neutrality while a further eight per cent are already carbon neutral or carbon negative.

If you need a sustainability partner to work with you towards a net-zero transition, talk to us about your first step in clean and efficient energy!

[Read more here](#)

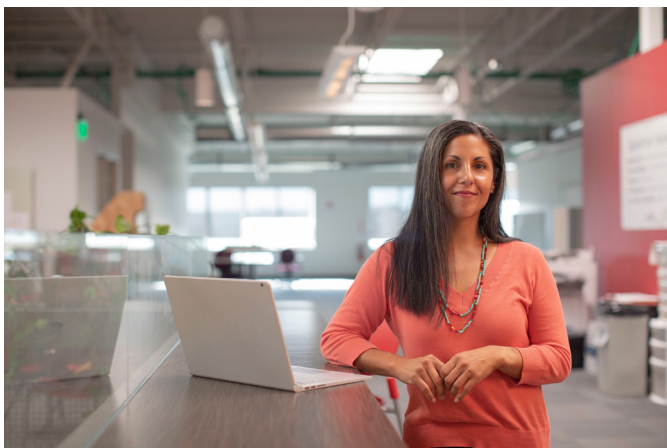


Source: PV Magazine Australia

Labor pledges \$22m to establish Northern Australia's first eco-industrial precinct

Federal Labor has promised to allocate \$22 million to help establish the Lansdown Eco-Industrial Precinct being developed in northern Queensland if it wins the election in May.

[Read more here](#)



Source: Clean Energy Council
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Women are vital to progressing the clean energy transition

“Globally, renewable energy is an outlier within the broader energy sector, employing more women,” says Clean Energy Council Chief Executive, Kane Thornton. Women represent 32 per cent of the clean energy workforce, compared to 22 per cent in the broader energy sector.

[Read more here](#)



Victoria to deliver Australia's first offshore wind farms

The Victorian Government plans to generate 2GW of offshore wind – enough to power 1.5 million homes – with Australia's first offshore wind farms.

These farms are set to drive regional investment, slash emissions and create jobs.

Source: Energy Magazine

[Read more here](#)



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.

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.



Product spotlight - Risen

Risen Energy has recently extended the product warranty on its Australian commercial and residential modules from 15 to 25 years. That means even more peace of mind around the quality of your solar system and its capacity to deliver for the next two and a half decades.

Over the years, Risen Energy has played an active role in delivering green energy worldwide. It was in 2008 when Risen Energy established an Australian presence by supplying solar PV panels and energy storage systems to both the residential and commercial market, as well as utility-developers. In recent years, Risen Energy's presence in Australia has expanded and they have gained prominence as one of the top five solar panel companies in Australia's rooftop sector.

Learn more about Risen

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

That's equivalent to keeping 204,556 fossil fuel based passenger vehicles off the road for a 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 fossil fuel based passenger vehicles from <https://www.epa.gov/energy/green-house-gas-equivalencies-calculator>

940,575 tonnes CO₂ mitigated and counting!

Echo Group is proud to announce that, as at the end of February, we have saved more than 940,575 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 equivalent to keeping 204,556 fossil fuel-based passenger vehicles off the road for a year! With the cost of fuel rising, it may also be a good idea to think about electrifying your home, business and lifestyle so you're less affected by the fluctuations in our global economy.

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



Case Study - Australian Glass Group

Australian Glass Group (AGG) manufacture and supply high-performance double glazing for sustainable buildings. The building owners of AGG's head office in Knoxfield, APN Property who proactively initiated a reduction in emissions across their property portfolio, strategised with AGG on reducing their energy costs through clean and energy-efficient solutions.

AGG were the very first company to claim Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates (VEECs) for their 632kW solar PV system (instead of LGCs) under the Victorian Energy Upgrades scheme. They also upgraded all their lights to the latest in technology LEDs to save even more on their energy.

Read the case study below!

[Read case study here](#)



Cherry Staff Spotlight - Angela Cacciotti

This month we're getting to know Angela, our Training Coordinator, and such a ray of sunshine in our office!

What are your hobbies?

I love spending time with my family and friends in my down time. Love going out for coffees and laughing out loud. I enjoy travelling, both domestically and internationally and cannot wait to get in the air again and travel abroad; hopefully Europe for Christmas!

What qualifications do you hold?

Bachelor of Applied Science in Hospitality - RMIT and Bachelor of Adult Learning & Development - Monash University

What's your expertise?

I am a learning and development practitioner and get great pleasure in supporting people and teams in building their capability and reaching their personal and professional goals.

Facilitation and training, nothing is better than watching people have that 'a ha' moment when they have learned or discovered something new.

What is your passion?

I am not sure if I have any specific passions, I just do what makes me happy!

What would you say is your greatest achievement ?

Without question my 2 girls, Sofia and Ella. It's a privilege to be their mum, I learn so much from them everyday, there's never a dull moment. Being able to work in a role and company that I love, and show my girls that they can be anything and do anything they like.



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.

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[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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