

A community energy initiative.

Our **vision** is for Beechworth and the 3747 region to be powered by 100% renewable energy by 2030

Our **role** is to promote and support the uptake of renewable energy and energy efficiency to benefit the natural environment and the social and economic wellbeing of the Beechworth community

Our drivers

- **Decarbonise** energy supply to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change
- **Decentralise** and localise energy supply to maximise renewable energy generation, and increase reliability and affordability of supply
- **Democratise** energy supply through community inclusion and ownership
- **Demonstrate** that clean energy technologies work and a low carbon future is possible

How we'll do this

- **Assess** opportunity, benefits and risks
- **Inform** our community of technical, economic and social solutions
- **Enable** the community to take evidence-based action and participate in collaborative projects
- **Advocate** for energy measures and policies that benefit the community
- **Learn and leverage** from the knowledge and experience of others

Action areas

- ▶ Report progress towards our 100% renewable energy target
- ▶ Increase community owned renewable energy generation, storage and use
- ▶ Facilitate the transition to electric vehicles
- ▶ Support community owned energy retailers
- ▶ Advocate for energy policy and distribution system changes to support renewable energy generation and use
- ▶ Support the Indigo Shire Council to achieve its zero-carbon emission target
- ▶ Keep our community informed and seek feedback and support from the community

Action areas	2023 targets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report progress towards our 100% renewable energy target 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish a report on the current status of renewable energy in Beechworth and what needs to happen to achieve our 2030 100% renewable energy target
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase community owned renewable energy generation, storage and use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate opportunities for households and businesses to participate in at least one bulk buy offer per year Establish a financing mechanism for the installation of solar panels/renewable energy Develop a feasibility study and implementation plan for community owned energy storage (battery), potentially with a dedicated photovoltaic array, or to store aggregated excess household solar energy and raise a minimum of \$300,000 for installation Facilitate establishment of a mini-grid that aggregates (virtual) power supply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the transition to electric vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for the installation of at least three public electric vehicle charging stations in Beechworth Ensure that Beechworth residents and businesses have access to information to enable consideration of an electric vehicle as the next new car purchase
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support community owned energy retailers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the Indigo Power electricity retail offer with the aim of 1,000 households and business joining the Beechworth Hub Collaborate with Indigo Power on the investment in at least one renewable energy installation in Beechworth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for energy policy and distribution system changes to support renewable energy generation and use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively participate in projects to support the development of policy and/or distribution system changes that support growth in distributed and renewable energy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the Indigo Shire Council to achieve its zero-carbon emission target 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input to the development and delivery of the Indigo Shire carbon neutral plan and ensure consideration of renewable energy powered street lighting, use of assets for renewable energy generation and minimal use of carbon off-sets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep our community informed and seek feedback and support from the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute newsletters to our mailing list Provide an update on progress in delivery of the strategy at annual general meetings Expand membership to 300 and mailing list to 1,000