

# Offer Summary

Solar. No sunny roof required.







## The Offer

Haystacks Solar Garden is pioneering Australia's first large scale solar garden.

A solar garden is a way for those who are currently locked out of owning rooftop solar (eg, renters apartment dwellers, those with a shaded roof) to share in the benefits of solar too.



Haystacks Solar Garden will be hosted by the 1.5MW Grong Grong Solar Farm in the Riverina region of NSW and will provide the opportunity for 333 cooperative members to purchase 3kW equivalent solar garden plots.

Solar garden plots cost \$4,200 each and are estimated to produce an average \$505 credit\* on a member's electricity bill each year for 10 years.

Cooperative Capital Units (CCUs) are being used as the legal tool for selling solar garden plots to the co-op members. CCUs are a type of debenture.

The anticipated \$1,398,000 to be raised from the sale of the 333 solar garden plots is planned to be loaned to the 1.5MW Grong Grong Solar Farm to partially fund its construction. The remainder of funding for construction comes from equity owners of Grong Grong Solar Farm and grant funding from the NSW Government Regional Community Energy Fund. The loan repayments from Grong Grong Solar Farm to Haystacks Solar Garden will form the revenue needed to create the on-bill credits for members.

#### **Plot Price**

\$4,200

Solar Garden Plots sold as Cooperative Capital Units are \$4,200 each.

#### **Solar Garden Plot**

3kW

One solar garden plot is equivalent to a 3kW solar system with an allocated estimated generation of 4,200kWh/year

#### **On-Bill Credit\***

\$505

Estimated on-bill credit is \$505 per annum. Subject to retailer negotiations - see Offer Information and Disclosure Statement for full details

#### **Equivalent FiT**

12c/kWh

A solar garden plot behaves similarly to having a roof top solar system fully exporting to the grid with an equivalent feed in tariff of 12c/kWh

#### **Available Plots**

**333** 

There are 333 solar garden plots and members can purchase more than one plot\*\*

#### **Project Life**

10 years

The Haystacks Solar Garden project will provide on bill credits for 10 years.

<sup>\*</sup>The \$505 annual on-bill credit is made up of \$455 loan repayment from Grong Grong Solar Farm and a \$50 retailer premium contributed by Energy Locals. See the Offer Information and Disclosure Statement for full details and risk associated with the the on bill credit amount.

<sup>\*\*</sup>On bill credits for the first plot purchased are \$505/yr per plot for the first 5 years. When purchasing multiple plots, subsequent plots produce an additional annual on bill credit of \$455/yr per plot.

# **How it works**

To purchase a solar garden plot you must be a member of the Haystacks Co-op (membership fee \$51).

Membership of the Co-op is still open and plots are anticipated to go on sale from 1 September 2022 until 30 September or when all plots are sold.

A solar garden in Australia cannot function without the support of an electricity retailer. We have partnered with Energy Locals to facilitate the benefits of a solar garden plot. Solar gardeners must be a customer with Energy Locals to receive the on-bill credits.



## **Our Participating Retailer**

Energy Locals is the participating electricity retailer for Haystacks for the first 3 years with an optional 2 year extension. For members to receive their on-bill credits they must hold an electricity account with Energy Locals.



#### **Hassle Free Solar**

As the Solar Garden is hosted by Grong Grong Solar Farm and build offsite (not on your roof), solar gardeners don't need to worry about ongoing maintenance or insurance costs. Plus if you move, this solar moves with you!



### **Purchasing Plots**

Solar Garden Plots, sold as Cooperative Capital Units are on sale from 1 September to 30 September 2022 or until all plots are sold. Members of the co-op will be emailed an application form outlining the terms and payment details.



#### **On-bill Credit**

The \$505 annual on-bill credit is made up of a \$455 loan repayment from Grong Grong Solar Farm and a \$50 retailer premium contributed by Energy Locals for the first 5 years. On-bill credits will be applied once the solar array is constructed and selling electricity, anticipated to be in June 2023.









Haystacks Solar Garden is pioneering Australia's first large-scale solar garden. It is a project of:







