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Warragul power depot goes solar Electricity company SP AusNet connects to renewable source

Electricity provider SP AusNet is going green with the installation of solar panels at its depot in Warragul.

SP AusNet's Eastern Region Manager Jim Haylock said the solar panel installation at the Normanby Street depot was the result of a company-wide focus on the importance of being a sustainable business.

"The installation of the solar panels was driven entirely by our local employees, who wanted to highlight SP AusNet's commitment to the environment in light of potential climate change impacts being faced worldwide," Mr Haylock said.

"SP AusNet has a strong commitment to environmental sustainability and with the panels installed on an elevated busy corner in Warragul; they will hopefully encourage other local residents to install renewable energy sources for their own homes and businesses where possible," he said.

The solar panels were installed by local Trafalgar business 'Sustainable Impact,' with the six 1.05 kilowatt (kw) panels connected by local electrician Malady Pty Electrical Contractors.

Solar panels will assist in reducing SP AusNet's carbon emissions by capturing energy from the sun and converting this into electrical energy. The panels generate approximately 4.7 kilowatt hours each day, used to power the Warragul depot in full.

Mr Haylock said SP AusNet was committed to finding sustainable ways to operate.

"The installation of solar panels at the Warragul depot enables us to operate sustainably without compromising the quality of service we provide to our customers," he said.

In addition to installing the solar panels at Warragul, SP AusNet is looking into the feasibility of installing solar panels at its other sites across Victoria.

Rainwater tanks have also been installed at the majority of SP AusNet's Victorian sites.