



**Energy Efficiency
Information Grants**
program

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Energy Efficiency Information Grants (EEIG) program newsletter.

It is just on a year since the announcement of Round One and we thought it a great opportunity to start sharing some of the achievements of the EEIG projects.

Our aim is to send a newsletter on a regular basis to advise of latest news, future events, report on previous events, provide case studies, and encourage you to share your research with other EEIG grant funding recipients.

Any feedback on items of interest, publications that you have found useful or problems that you may have encountered are most welcome. Please forward them directly to the EEIG team at:
eeiginfo@climatechange.gov.au.

Key Dates

May 2013

Applicants advised of the outcome of EEIG Round Two.

10 June 2013

Invoices due to the Department in time for end of financial year processing.

Highlights of the Month

- ★ Assessment of EEIG Round Two applications
- ★ EEIG program moves to new Department
- ★ Launch of the Energy Hunter project
- ★ End of Financial year requirements
- ★ Resource links for grants recipients

Assessment of EEIG Round Two Applications

Applications under Round Two of the EEIG program have been assessed and all applicants notified of the outcome.

The Department received 175 Round Two applications. The proposals received were of a high quality, with the merit assessment process being extremely competitive.

Round Two closed in December 2012, with \$15 million available in funding.

A list of successful applicants will be published on the Department's website upon execution of funding agreements in the coming weeks.

1 June 2013

Change of postal address:
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GPO Box 1564
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EEIG Hotline: 1800 779 638

EEIG Email: eeiginfo@climatechange.gov.au

Website: www.climatechange.gov.au/eeig

EEIG Program moves to Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism

The EEIG program is now administered by the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism (RET), as part of the Prime Minister's announcement of new Ministerial Responsibilities and Machinery of Government changes on 25 March 2013.

The EEIG program now falls under the responsibilities of the new Minister for Resources and Energy, the Hon Gary Gray AO MP.

These changes do not affect funding agreements that are currently in place.

Recipients must use the RET logo for all energy efficiency information materials and publications that are funded by the EEIG program. References to the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency must be removed from all future information material (including promotional banners).

Staff from the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency who administered the EEIG program have moved to RET to continue with this function and will remain the main source of contact for funding recipients.

Please contact your EEIG Program Officer should you have any questions about the new branding or departmental requirements.

For further information about the Prime Minister's announcement, please refer to:
<http://www.pm.gov.au/press-office/changes-ministry-2>.

Launch of the Energy Hunter Project

On 4 April 2013 the Minister for Climate Change, Industry and Innovation, the Hon Greg Combet AM MP, took time out of his busy schedule to launch Hunter Business Chamber's Energy Hunter project.

The Energy Hunter Project is helping Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Hunter area to identify, manage and improve their electricity consumption to become more energy efficient and, ultimately, save money.

The Hunter Business Chamber was awarded funding of \$1,212,000 under Round One of the EEIG program.



Photo courtesy of AJM Photography. L – R: Tim Owen (State Member for Newcastle), Sharon Grierson (Federal Member for Newcastle), Phil Cox (Hunter TAFE), Kristen Keegan (CEO Hunter Business Chamber), Minister Combet, Peter Dormand (City of Newcastle), Richard Anicich (President Hunter Business Chamber).

For further information, please refer to:
<http://theenergyhunterscheme.co.au/>.

Case Study: The Community Migrant Resource Centre

The Community Migrant Resource Centre (formerly The Hills Holroyd Parramatta Migrant Resource Centre) recently launched their new 3E Project energy efficiency website:
<http://3eproject.org.au/>.

The Centre received just over \$980,000 under Round One to deliver energy efficiency information to culturally and linguistically diverse community organisations and SMEs in Western Sydney.

Information is already filtering to these organisations through workshops and training; professional energy audits; and online energy efficiency resources.

Departmental staff were pleased to have had the opportunity to visit a number of 3E project participant sites in February. This included visiting the 3E one-stop-shop where energy efficiency appliances and information are displayed for the public.



Photo courtesy of the Community Migrant Resource Centre. Photo of Mark David (Director, RET), Mainul Hague (Assistant Director, RET) and Prakash Shah inspecting the Black Forest Bakery at Parramatta.

End of Financial Year Requirements

Due to end of financial year processing and reporting requirements, the Department requires final invoices by 10 June for payments due by 30 June 2013.

Departmental officers will be in contact with all funding recipients to seek progress of milestone reports and invoices as the end of financial year approaches.

Invoices should not be raised until the Milestone has been formally approved by the Department in writing.

Should you foresee delays in meeting the 10 June timeframe, please contact your EEIG Program Officer.

Resource links

Below are links to material developed by EEIG Round One funding recipients.

The Australian Industry Group

The Australian Industry Group has launched a series of short online videos covering topics such as energy efficiency, optimisation and management as well as energy saving technologies/options and an energy calculator. The videos can be accessed at:

<http://www.energyefficiencyassist.com.au/onlineinteractivetools>.

The Community Migrant Resource Centre

The Community Migrant Resource Centre has developed a website that provides energy efficiency resource web links and specially developed fact sheets. These can be accessed at:

<http://3eproject.org.au/>.

Australian Tourism Export Council

The Australian Tourism Export Council has developed case studies and fact sheets that are available through a resources portal on their website at:

<http://www.sustainabletourismonline.com/business-operations/business-ready-energy-efficiency>.

Conservation Council of South Australia

The Conservation Council of South Australia has provided a "Green Hubs Guide" to provide energy saving ideas to community organisations.

The Guide and a list of resource links is available at:

<http://www.conservation.org.au/links-and-resources.html>.

List of Round One EEIG Funding Recipients

The Department strongly encourages all recipients to learn from each other and share material as it becomes available.

A list of Round One recipients is available on the EEIG website at:

<http://climatechange.gov.au/en/government/initiatives/energy->

[efficiency-information-grants/round-one.aspx](http://climatechange.gov.au/en/government/initiatives/energy-efficiency-information-grants/round-one.aspx).

Staff Profile

Mark Davis

Mark is the Director of the Energy Efficiency Information Grants section and is responsible for the implementation of the Program.

A builder by trade, Mark has worked in the public service for 18 years, initially working as a building surveyor for Shoalhaven City Council and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Before joining the EEIG section, Mark worked on building energy efficiency policy, including the Commercial Building Disclosure program.

In his personal time, Mark mostly works as a taxi driver for his three daughters. When time permits, he also enjoys running, oil painting and watching rugby league games involving the Newcastle Knights.

