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## **Glenrowan Solar Farm Community Grants: 2024 recipients announced**

Glenrowan Solar Farm is proud to announce the recipients of its 2024 Community Benefit Sharing Program grants.

Pacific Partnerships' Managing Director Simon Nicholls said Glenrowan Solar Farm was thrilled to see more than \$130,000 of funding applications this year received from 13 local community groups.

"This is an extremely positive response to our Glenrowan Solar Farm program, which is now in its second year of funding," Mr Nicholls said.

"With the help of our wonderful local Community Fund partner, Into our Hands, and our hard-working Glenrowan Solar Farm Community Reference Group members, we have assessed a high standard of applications this year and are grateful to all those who took time to prepare their submissions," he said.

"With a total of \$50,000 in funding distributed across nine outstanding projects, the successful initiatives will support social, environmental, and economic outcomes for the Rural City of Wangaratta."

Into Our Hands Chair Matt Joyce said this year's funded projects reflect a strong commitment to sustainability, renewable energy, and community wellbeing.

"The selected initiatives range from renewable energy installations to social wellbeing programs, showcasing the diversity of the local community's needs and innovative solutions," he said.

This year's Round Two recipients include:

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| • <b>Wangaratta Landcare and Sustainability Inc</b>                                 | Ovens River & Bullawah Trail Revegetation Project                    | \$4,500  |
| • <b>Warby Range Landcare Group Inc</b>   | Native vegetation management training for landholders                | \$4,900  |
| • <b>Beyond Housing - Rural Housing Network Ltd</b>                                 | Solar for Homeless pilot program at 119 Greta Road, Wangaratta.      | \$11,300 |
| • <b>Boys to the Bush Ltd</b>   | Full Bellies, Positive Mindset program, supporting youth development | \$6,000  |
| • <b>Wangaratta Bowls and Sports Club Inc</b>                                       | Installing a solar panel system                                      | \$9,000  |
| • <b>Da Vinci Social Club Inc</b>   | Solar panel installation to improve energy efficiency                | \$5,700  |
| • <b>North East Tracks Local Learning &amp; Employment Network (NE Tracks LLEN)</b> | Hands-on Trades and Careers Expo                                     | \$4,600  |
| • <b>Goulburn and North East Arts Alliance Inc. (GANEEA)</b>                        | Across the Arts Festival   | \$2,000  |
| • <b>Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia:</b>  | Mentoring program.   | \$2,000  |

“These projects align with the program’s goals of building local resilience, enhancing energy literacy, and fostering social and environmental wellbeing,” Mr Nicholls said.

“We are thrilled to support such a wide range of initiatives that will make a real difference in our community,” he said.

The Glenrowan Solar Farm Community Benefit Sharing Program, managed in collaboration with the Into Our Hands Community Foundation, will continue to deliver \$50,000 annually over the next decade.

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