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SYDNEY COUNCILS LAUNCH Free Energy Help and Advice Program.

Residents across nine participating council regions in Sydney are set to receive free energy help and advice from the experts at Our Energy Future.

Today, Our Energy Future (OEF) is being officially launched at 107 Projects, one of the first beneficiaries of the program. Our Energy Future offers recommendations on saving electricity and installing renewable energy technologies like solar panels and batteries, along with referrals to vetted suppliers and products.

Jess Cook, Managing Director at Projects 107 said “We are thrilled to have received an energy audit and are now considering solar which is estimated to reduce our energy bills by up to 50%. As a not-for-profit this will make a huge difference to our organisation.”

“Our Energy Future is already helping residents, answering phone calls, responding to online enquiries, and providing obligation-free advice and referrals.” said Kate Nicolazzo, Manager Positive Charge, the not-for-profit social enterprise that manages the OEF Program.

Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) President, Cr Sally Betts is excited about the launch of the Program, stating, “SSROC is delighted to be delivering on our Renewable Energy Master Plan with the Our Energy Future Program, which will significantly increase the amount of renewable energy produced in the Sydney region.”

“The Our Energy Future program is a collaboration of SSROC and nine councils to deliver an award-winning energy efficiency program to our residents.” Cr Betts said.

Residents from Bayside, City of Canada Bay, Canterbury-Bankstown City, Georges River, Inner West, City of Parramatta, Randwick City, City of Sydney and Waverley are encouraged to call Our Energy Future on 1300 339 915 or visit the website ourenergyfuture.org.au.

Rob Kyle, OEF Program Lead said “More Sydney councils are already lining up to join the Program. Our Energy Future will offer energy advice to residents across Sydney and NSW, reducing energy bills and increasing the comfort of people’s homes and workplaces.” Mr Kyle is pleased to advise that “Waverley Council is the latest council to join up, confirming early this week.”

Residents will soon be able to enjoy a regional roadshow delivered by OEF to each of the nine councils. Face-to-face events, workshops and information sessions will be run by OEF and Councils for local residents, providing reliable, independent and interactive advice about solar and energy efficiency.

“We are delighted to have partnered with Positive Charge to deliver the OEF program.” SSROC General Manager Namoi Dougall says, explaining that “Our Energy Future will be run by Positive Charge for a 15-month pilot, with the expectation that it will build momentum and become a permanent offering by SSROC.”

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