

# SOLAR HOT WATER

## information night

### when

6.00pm – 9.00 pm  
Thursday  
21st May

### where

Russell Vale  
Community  
Centre  
Keerong Ave  
Russell Vale

[see map here](#)

<http://www.halfrog.com.au/Companies/Russell-Vale-Community-Hall>

*drop in any time*  
finger food and beverages provided  
between 6.00 and 7.00 pm

*Information Session*  
between 7.00 - 7.30 pm  
presented by  
Wollongong Climate Action Network

*displays, special offers, technical advice*  
Come along and ask questions – take advantage of the expert  
knowledge being brought together in one spot.

Talk to *plumbers* about the installation of your solar hot water.

### rebates and incentives

Information will be provided covering the current Federal and  
State Government rebates and REC's incentives.  
Your costs can be reduced by up to \$2,800.00  
(dependent on rebate qualification and system rating)

### exhibitors

Ecosmart  
Rinnai  
Solahart  
Endless Solar  
Illawarra Hot Water  
Quantum Apollo Heat Pump

Government  
rebates of up to  
**\$2,800\*\***  
(conditions apply)

>> For catering purposes please register  
your interest in attending to  
Theresa Huxtable: 0421 655 149  
thuxtable55@optusnet.com.au



*\*\* Total rebate available is \$2800:  
made up of \$1,600 from the Federal government  
& \$1,200 from the NSW State government.*

### Federal Government Rebates

The Australian Government currently offers a rebate of \$1,600 to eligible applicants to offset the upfront costs of installing a solar hot water system in an existing home. To qualify for this rebate, you must satisfy certain criteria such as home ownership and system specifications. The rebate can only be claimed by applying to the Department of the Environment and Water Resources Australian Greenhouse Office in writing within three months of installation.

Full details of eligibility are provided in the program guidelines, however key criteria are listed below:

### Eligible systems

To be eligible for the rebate, a hot water system must:

- replace an existing electric storage hot water system
- be purchased and installed on, or after 3rd February 2009
- be a solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at the time and place of installation
- be verified by a Registered Agent
- be installed by a suitably qualified person (for example an electrician or plumber)
- have a warranty of at least five years.

### Eligible households

The dwelling where the hot water system is installed must be a principal place of residence.

### NSW Government Rebates

The Government of New South Wales Hot Water System Rebate Program provides rebates of up to \$1,200 for the installation of eligible solar water heaters in residential properties.

Part of a broader scheme to reduce the state's energy consumption requirements, solar hot water systems carry a special status whereby the rebate is calculated based on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions saved, determined by the eligibility of your system for RECs.

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates/ccfhws.htm>

The new hot water systems must:

- Replace an existing electric hot water system
- Be for residential properties in NSW only
- Be purchased in full and installed between October 1, 2007 and June 30, 2011
- Be installed by a licensed plumber

NOTE: Hot water systems installed to comply with BASIX (the Building Sustainability Index) for new homes and major renovations are not eligible for a rebate.

### How much is the rebate?

- \$300 for a gas hot water system with a 5-star or higher energy rating
- up to \$1200 for a solar or heat pump hot water systems eligible for at least 20 Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) under the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET).

The rebate for solar and heat pump hot water systems is based on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions saved, determined by the eligibility of your system for RECs.

RECs are an electronic form of currency established to promote renewable energy generation. Your hot water system supplier will be able to provide more information about RECs.