

Business Life



Together we can
make a difference.™

Bright ideas for reducing
your business' energy costs



Thank you for taking up the
Challenge

Thank you to all those businesses who took part in Origin's **24 Degree Summer Challenge.**



Culminating in our national awareness day on 24 February, the 24 Degree Summer Challenge was a huge success with hundreds of businesses signing up to keep their air-conditioners set to an efficient 24 degrees. We'd also like to offer congratulations to the winner of the cool \$5,000 cash prize.

While the challenge has come to an end, the potential savings have not. By setting your air-conditioners to 24 degrees over the summer instead of 18 degrees, a typical small office can:

- reduce energy bills by an average of \$7.50 per week*
- lower greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 50 kg per week*

So join in, because together, we really can make a difference.



For some helpful tips on how to reduce your energy consumption visit originenergy.com.au/energysaving

* Estimations based on typical fixed speed 7 kW air conditioner operating for 8 hours per day for 50 days at thermostat setting of 24°C instead of 18°C. Assuming unit sized correctly and operated in accordance with manufacturer instructions. NB: savings may not be achieved at times outside temperatures are in excess of 35°C. Dollar savings based on an energy cost of 20 cents per kWh (inclusive of GST and supply charges) on a 7 kW fixed speed unit operating for 10 hours a day 5 days a week at 24°C instead of 18°C. Actual savings may vary from those shown.

Invest in solar and

save

With the **Solar Credits Scheme** businesses can now receive five times the number of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for the first 1.5 kW of their solar system's capacity.

These RECs form a discount that assists with the upfront cost of going solar. In other words, going solar is now more affordable for Australian businesses.

Once installed you'll be generating clean energy from your own solar system and be helping to lower your electricity bills.

Plus, thanks to Feed-In Tariffs (FITs), you'll be credited for any surplus energy that is fed back into the power grid (Net FITs). Better still, businesses in New South Wales will be credited for the total amount of solar power generated rather than just the surplus (Gross FITs).

It all adds up to a great time for your business to go solar.

- Take advantage of the Solar Credits Scheme plus Feed-In-Tariffs.
- Generate your own clean electricity from the sun.
- Potentially reduce your energy bills.



Call the solar team today on **1300 791 468** to discuss your solar needs or visit originenergy.com.au/SolarSME for more information

^ Feed-In Tariff may not be available in conjunction with some Origin electricity plans. Eligibility criteria applies. In Victoria systems up to 5 kW and customer consumption less than 100 MWh pa. In SA and QLD systems rated up to 10 kVA (single phase) or 30 kVA (polyphase) and customer consumption less than 160 MWh pa. In NSW systems up to 10 kW and customer consumption less than 160 MWh pa.

Feed-In Tariffs (FITs) across Australia

State	Net or Gross FIT	FIT Rate[^]
VIC	Net	\$0.66/kWh
QLD	Net	\$0.50/kWh
SA	Net	\$0.50/kWh
NSW	Gross	\$0.66/kWh

Prices above include an extra \$0.06/kWh for Origin electricity customers.

Once you purchase a solar electricity system from Origin, it doesn't take long to start seeing the benefits.



Illuminating ways to

save



Depending on your business type, you could reduce your energy costs by making a few simple changes to your lighting.

Here are some things you can do to start cutting costs straight away:

- Update your existing linear fluorescent lights to models produced after 2004 and achieve energy savings in excess of 25%.
- Switch from incandescent to compact fluorescent light (CFL) globes. CFL globes use around 75-80% less electricity and last between 8 to 15 times longer[#]. They cost more initially, but they will save money in the long run.
- To reduce light usage, install motion sensors in areas not used frequently, like meeting rooms and bathrooms.
- Only illuminate the areas you require. This may require re-wiring of central lighting or just using a lamp.
- Ensure lights are turned off after hours and on weekends. This includes showrooms and displays.



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