

Solar is a smart choice for

Banyule City Council



The Banyule City Council is a local government that operates in Melbourne and owns and operates a range of facilities across the municipality. Two of these facilities are the Olympic Leisure Centre in West Heidelberg and the Home & Community Care Delivered Meals Service in Greensborough.

The Olympic Leisure Centre receives thousands of visitors every day, who use the heated indoor pool, the gym, the multi-purpose court and sauna and spas. Like most leisure centres operating during daylight hours, the Centre uses large amounts of electricity.

The Home & Community Care Delivered Meals Service is a food storage and distribution facility that operates in conjunction with the Community Chef food production kitchen based in Altona. It contains large cool-room and freezer equipment and caters for more than 300 local Banyule residents. The busy facility uses a large array of appliances all using up lots of electricity 24 hours a day /7 days a week, and has 13 staff working Monday to Friday.

Clayton Simpson, Resource Conservation Officer, deals with energy saving projects for the council. With both of these facilities having high energy needs during the day and the council having an environmental policy in place, deciding to go solar was a smart choice. Clayton decided to approach Origin to find out what opportunities and solutions were available for both businesses.

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Olympic Leisure Centre



28.5kW Solar system installed at Olympic Leisure Centre

Here's how the Council went about it:

First the council provided Origin with information on solar solutions for both businesses from a study they had conducted. Origin assessed each business separately and confirmed the solar solutions were the best fit for the council. The council approved the solar solution and Origin went to work to deliver a purpose built 28.5kW solar system for the Olympic Leisure Centre and a 20kW system for the Home & Community Care Delivered Meals Service building. Of key importance was that no disruption of service was experienced by the council during the installation. Both systems were installed to Clean Energy Council installation and design standards and were completed in May 2015.

Clayton says:

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20kW Solar system installed at Home & Community Care Delivered Meals Service



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Contact us

If you're interested in finding a solar solution that's right for your business, chat to one of our experts today on **1300 134 138**.

