



GREATER DANDENONG
Sustainability Awards

Sustainable Business Category
FINALIST

Wallara Australia



Wallara is a leading support service for adults with different abilities. Wallara has 19 sites located in the Greater Dandenong region, including their headquarters in Potter Street, Dandenong.

Simply Energy is the electricity supplier to all of Wallara's sites and announced in October that the Wallara headquarters had been selected for their annual charity donation. The initiative was given the title of the Wallara Ambassadors, powered by simply energy to reach their full potential.

This has resulted in the installation of 80 solar panels on the roof of the headquarters, with a 20 kilowatt (kW) inverter. The installation was completed in November 2015.

Their last quarterly bill indicated consumption of approximately 26,000kW at a cost of over \$7000. The initiative not only reduces their energy consumption, it also saves considerable dollars which can be redirected back to assist the people they support. In fact, it is estimated the savings will be up to 80% per year compared to normal.

Thanks to this saving, the Wallara Ambassador Program - which is outside of Government funding, now has a secure future.

The Wallara Ambassador Program provides training in leadership and public speaking to allow this group to play leading roles in our events and a range of public appearances and school visits where they represent Wallara and help raise awareness and promote understanding and acceptance of people with different abilities

Thanks to Simply Energy and Bradford Solar, Wallara will substantially reduce its energy consumption, make considerable savings and the Ambassador Program is now sustainable and will continue into the future.

