SHASA activities for the SuRF project

A key aspect of the SuRF project is to understand community perspectives on electricity supply needs, wants and aspirations to inform microgrid designs. SHASA will be focusing a lot of their activities in this area.

In 2022, SHASA have been reaching out to the six communities (Bodalla, Broulee, Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba, Congo, Mystery Bay, and South Durras), to organise community discussion forums to collect this intelligence.

With assistance from the SHASA’s SuRF project team (Phil Shorten and Susanna Chung), a collection of community members in various locations have met and held planning meetings throughout August 2022.

Mystery Bay, Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba have decided to do a combined information session before forming a smaller discussion group to focus on the design details. This will be held on Saturday August 27th.

Bodalla, Broulee, Congo and South Durras are currently recruiting people from different sectors in their communities for their first discussion group forums to be held in September.

The dates for the 2022 meetings are as follows:

* South Durras - 6th September
* Mystery Bay – 13th September
* Broulee - 20th September
* Congo - 24th September
* Bodalla - 27th September
* Tilba Tilba/Central Tilba – TBC

SHASA have also been assisting ANU to recruit participants for their research activities in Tuross Head and Nelligen. They will also be assisting a local electrician to support householders in these locations who will be receiving a WattWatcher energy monitoring device as part of the ANU research activity.

Finally, SHASA will be working closely with Essential Energy to produce the 8 business and implementation plans.

**Timeline**

* June 2022 - June 2023 Community Microgrid Feasibility Discussion Forums
* October 2022 - June 2023 Microgrid design configurations, informed by community consultations.
* July 2023 - September 2023 Feasibility Business Cases (cost and benefits for each community)
* July 2023 - December 2023 Implementation Plans (suggested pathways forward if the community wishes to proceed)

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