



BRAG'S ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE: May 2025

BRAG WAS NOMINATED AND WON A PREMIER'S SUSTAINABILITY AWARD IN 2023 AND A TIDY TOWNS ENERGY AWARD IN 2024.

- **SOLAR LIGHTING:** BRAG has installed solar lighting at Koolangarra Park, the Recreation Reserve and atop the Bunyip Centataph as well as ground lights to highlight the memorial....**Thanks to Bunyip Community Shop and the Bunyip Market Committee for kind donations**
- **RECREATION RESERVE:** We have worked with the **Recreation Reserve Committee and User Groups** to raise awareness via an **energy audit** and embark on a project to reduce the reserve's carbon footprint and lead the Bunyip Community in committing to create a sustainable future for the next generation.
 - We have successfully applied for grants to install a **solar water pump** to assist with irrigating the sports fields as well as **solar panels on the Netball/Tennis pavilion... Thanks to Cardinia Shire Community Capital Works Grants.**
- **RECYCLING:** We have organized and made the community aware of **local recycling** drop off points for hard to recycle items.
- **AFFILIATIONS:** We have **become active members** of Environment Victoria, Gippsland Climate Change Network, Baw Baw Sustainability Network, Cardinia Environment Coalition, Climate Action Network Australia and Yarra Energy Foundation.
- **YARRA VALLEY COMMUNITY POWER HUB:** during 2021-22 we participated on the steering committee which resulted in:
 - Raising our profile
 - Training 4 of our members as **Home Energy Efficiency** providing assessments for local home owners.
 - Conducting a feasibility study into a **battery and small Solar Farm** on the Agricultural Society land to the south of the Recreation Reserve.... We still hope this project will become a reality.
- **COMMUNITY HALL:** BRAG supported the Hall Committee grant applications to install solar panels and split system heaters to replace existing gas heating for the Hall. Cardinia Shire will now add a battery to the Hall's solar system to improve community resilience.
- **COMMUNICATION:** We continue to provide our community with **regular updates** via our BRAG website, our community noticeboard, the Bunyip Facebook Page and the local newsletter.

We also continue to apply for funding to realise our vision of a Bunyip Community that sources 100% of its power from renewable sources.