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### **City of Adelaide Sustainability Team - Renewable Electricity Power Purchase Agreement**

In a first for a South Australian council, the City of Adelaide's operations will be powered by 100% renewable electricity from 1 July 2020, through a new 9.5 year power purchase agreement.

Everything that the City of Adelaide operates- including all corporate and community buildings, council event infrastructure, electric vehicle chargers, Park Lands barbecues, water pumps, street lighting and traffic lights will be powered by renewable electricity.

The power purchase agreement, finalised in December 2019, will deliver a significant reduction in electricity costs, saving rate payers money, while delivering jobs in regional South Australia. Electricity in the contract is delivered from both new and existing renewable electricity generation assets, located in regional South Australia.

With 54% of City of Adelaide's carbon emissions coming from electricity, the power purchase agreement makes a significant contribution to Councils 2020 strategic goal to become a carbon neutral organisation.

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### **District Council of Yankalilla Coastal Conservation Team - Community Nursery Project**

The District Council of Yankalilla's Coastal Conservation Team, work across land tenures, with various coastal community stakeholders, to protect and improve the local coastal environment. It is through these strong working relationships that a Community Plant Nursery was developed.

Since project inception, approximately 35,000 plants have been grown for council and community projects with a retail value in excess of \$105,000. Many of the plant species grown are those not typically available or grown through contract growers due to time and profitability constraints. Significantly, through growing these, the team has saved many plant species from local extinction.

The Community Plant Nursery provides a great resource for growing local native seedlings, whilst delivering significant community benefits including team building, environmental education and engagement. The scale of this project is a first for the District Council of Yankalilla.

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### **District Council of Coober Pedy and Energy Developments Ltd Hybrid Sustainable Energy Project Team - District Council of Coober Pedy Sustainable Power Project**

The Coober Pedy Hybrid Renewable Project provides electricity to the iconic, remote mining town of Coober Pedy. The project, a partnership between the District Council of Coober Pedy and Energy Developments Ltd, with funding from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, included the design and construction of a hybrid energy generation plant. Today, the plant provides the town with an average of approximately 75% of its power - from solar and wind.

A high-profile project for state and federal governments and the renewable energy industry in general, it is considered to be world-leading for a megawatt-scale remote energy hybrid power project. Since its inception in 2017, the project has seen a reduction of 6,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually - equivalent to taking 1,800 cars off the road. The plant has a maximum output of 9.3 megawatts of power, comprising 4 megawatts of wind, 1 megawatt of solar and the balance from diesel.

The project won the 2019 Asia Power Awards award for 'Environmental Upgrade of the Year' and the Energy Sector's award for 'Excellence in Innovation: Productivity Improvement' at the South Australian Premiers 2018 Awards in Energy & Mining.

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