



## POWERED BY YOU

### A Renewable Newstead survey

#### **You know the saying 'information is power'? It has added meaning for Renewable Newstead.**

You may have heard about the Renewable Newstead project at our information day on July 31. It proposes to shift Newstead to 100% renewable energy.

Now the team behind this project wants to hear from you.

Complete our survey to help us understand the issues you have as Newstead energy consumers so our Renewable Newstead project can best respond to them.

It should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Any information you provide is confidential. Renewable Newstead and Newstead 2021 Inc will use the information for this project exclusively. It will not be shared with third parties for marketing or any other purposes.

You have three options:

- Complete the on-line version at **[renewablenewstead.com.au](http://renewablenewstead.com.au)**
- Complete this copy or download a copy, print it out complete and return to the Newstead Rural Transaction Centre or the Enviroshop
- Download a copy and return it via email here to **[info@renewablenewstead.com.au](mailto:info@renewablenewstead.com.au)**.

Please return it to us by 5pm Friday, September 2 at the latest.

Email your queries to [info@renewablenewstead.com.au](mailto:info@renewablenewstead.com.au) or call Gen Barlow on 0427 762 633 if you need help filling it out.

*Many thanks, the RN Team*

## YOUR PLACE

This section is about your current energy situation. Tick one box only for questions in this section.

1	I am completing this for	<input type="checkbox"/> My home <input type="checkbox"/> Business premises <input type="checkbox"/> Community building
2	Is your place	<input type="checkbox"/> In Newstead township <input type="checkbox"/> Within 10km of Newstead <input type="checkbox"/> Within 20km of Newstead <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than 20km from Newstead. If so, how far? .....
3	Approximately when was your place built?	
4	Do you	<input type="checkbox"/> Own it <input type="checkbox"/> Rent it <input type="checkbox"/> Other: .....
5	Have there been any recent (last 10-years) major renovations?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6	If yes, please describe any major works undertaken (for example, re-wiring, re-stumping or re-roofing?)	

## SOLAR ENERGY USE

This section is about solar energy at your place. Answer the first question, then skip to Q.11 if you don't have solar.

Tick the boxes that apply. You can tick more than one.

7	Does your place have solar power?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. Skip to Q.11. <input type="checkbox"/> Currently being installed. Skip to Q.11.
8	Is it grid-connected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9	What year was it installed?	
10	What feed-in tariff do you receive? Check your power bill or phone your energy retailer for this.	<input type="checkbox"/> Premium <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Other: .....
		<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

## HEATING/COOLING YOUR PLACE & YOUR HOT WATER

This section is about how you heat and cool your place and hot water. It asks about usage and cost.

Tick the boxes that apply. You can tick more than one.

11	What type of hot water system do you have?	<input type="checkbox"/> Off peak electric <input type="checkbox"/> Solar <input type="checkbox"/> Heat pump <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled gas <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Other: .....
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12	How do you heat your place in winter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood fire <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled gas <input type="checkbox"/> Plug-in electric heater <input type="checkbox"/> Reverse cycle air conditioner <input type="checkbox"/> Other: .....
13	How many cubic metres of wood do you use a year?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10-14 <input type="checkbox"/> 15+
14	What is your annual gas bill?	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't use gas <input type="checkbox"/> \$100-\$199 <input type="checkbox"/> \$200-\$299 <input type="checkbox"/> \$300-\$399 <input type="checkbox"/> \$400-\$499 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500-\$599 <input type="checkbox"/> \$600-\$699 <input type="checkbox"/> \$700-\$799 <input type="checkbox"/> \$800+
15	Please tell us approximately how much electricity your place uses on an average winter's day (in kWh). (Check a winter power bill for this.)	
16	Please tell us approximately how much electricity your place uses on an average summer's day (in kWh). (Check a summer power bill for this.)	
17	Does your place use air conditioning in summer?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Skip next question & go to Q.19. <input type="checkbox"/> No
18	If not, why not? (tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't need it because my house stays cool <input type="checkbox"/> I don't want to spend the money on buying one <input type="checkbox"/> I avoid using it because it is bad for the environment <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to use it but I am worried about the cost <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ..... .....

## INSULATION

This section asks about insulation. Tick the boxes that apply. You can tick more than one.

19	Is your ceiling insulated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Skip to Q.21. <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partly
20	If not, is it safe to install insulation in your ceiling cavity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, it is safe <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is unsafe <input type="checkbox"/> I do not know
21	Does your place have underfloor insulation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If yes, skip to Q.23. <input type="checkbox"/> No
22	If not, is access available under your home to install it?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, there is access <input type="checkbox"/> No, there is not access <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know



## YOUR FUTURE ENERGY

This section is about your future energy preferences. Some statements ask you to rate how strongly you agree/disagree. 1 is strongly agree, 5 is strongly disagree, 3 is neutral. If you don't have an opinion, skip to the next question. Tick the boxes that apply. You can tick more than one.

23	I would like to reduce my energy bills.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
24	I would like to become more energy efficient because I want to avoid wasting energy.	How strongly do you agree with this statement? <b>1 2 3 4 5</b> Please add any comments here.
25	I would like to become more energy efficient because I want to reduce my energy bills.	How strongly do you agree with this statement? <b>1 2 3 4 5</b> Please add any comments here.
26	I would like to become more energy efficient because I want to be environmentally friendly.	How strongly do you agree with this statement? <b>1 2 3 4 5</b> Please add any comments here.
27	What stops you from being more energy efficient? Tick all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know how and need help <input type="checkbox"/> I have tried before and couldn't get good advice <input type="checkbox"/> I don't have \$ for this <input type="checkbox"/> I don't own my place <input type="checkbox"/> I plan to sell my place soon and won't get a return if I invest in this now <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ..... .....
28	I would like to buy green energy, i.e. energy generated from renewable sources such as the sun, wind, geothermal etc, from the grid.	How strongly do you agree with this statement? <b>1 2 3 4 5</b> Please add any comments here.
29	What stops you buying green energy?	<input type="checkbox"/> It is too expensive <input type="checkbox"/> I don't trust the companies selling it <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ..... .....
30	I would buy green energy ... Tick all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Only if I know exactly where it is coming from <input type="checkbox"/> Only if it is generated locally, in Newstead <input type="checkbox"/> I already buy green energy and am happy to pay a premium for the environmental benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ..... .....
31	I would like to buy green energy from a solar system on a local Newstead rooftop, either mine or some-one else's.	How strongly do you agree with this statement? <b>1 2 3 4 5</b> Please add any comments here.
32	I plan to own my own solar power, grid-connected system on my roof.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. If so, when? ..... <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Already have one <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ..... .....



33	I would like to own my own solar system on my roof.	How strongly do you agree with this statement?      1   2   3   4   5 Please add any comments here.
35	What stops you installing a solar system at your place? Tick all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> I already have one <input type="checkbox"/> I will lose my beneficial feed-in-tariff <input type="checkbox"/> I can't get good advice on the best options for my place <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure I can afford it <input type="checkbox"/> I don't trust solar salespeople/companies <input type="checkbox"/> I'm waiting for solar to get cheaper <input type="checkbox"/> I'm waiting for the Renewable Newstead project to offer me a solution <input type="checkbox"/> I suspect my roof can't handle it structurally <input type="checkbox"/> My roof is in the shade <input type="checkbox"/> My roof faces the wrong direction <input type="checkbox"/> I don't own my place <input type="checkbox"/> I am going to sell my place and I may not get my money back on any solar investment <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ..... .....
36	I would like to invest money in a local renewable energy generator (whether it is solar power, bioenergy, or some other technology).	How strongly do you agree with this statement?      1   2   3   4   5 Please add any comments here.
37	I would like to invest money in a local renewable energy generator, but ... Tick all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> I would need to see a very strong business case for it <input type="checkbox"/> I don't have spare money to invest <input type="checkbox"/> I am sceptical that this could work <input type="checkbox"/> It only has to offer better than bank interest, I would be doing it for the environment benefits <input type="checkbox"/> It would need to be backed by a big company, like a bank or energy company <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ..... .....
38	I plan to leave the grid	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe
39	I would consider leaving the grid, but ... Tick all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> It would have to be cheaper than staying connected to the grid <input type="checkbox"/> I don't think it would be practical because I use so much energy <input type="checkbox"/> I am worried about how reliable it would be <input type="checkbox"/> I am worried about how safe storage batteries might be <input type="checkbox"/> I am worried it could make power more expensive for my neighbours <input type="checkbox"/> Too late! I'm already off grid. (If you're already off grid, please consider telling us what it'd take to get you back on grid under "Other") <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ..... .....



## YOUR DETAILS

Any information you provide is confidential. Renewable Newstead & Newstead 2021 Inc will use the information for this project exclusively. It will not be shared with third parties for marketing or any other purposes. You can choose to remain anonymous, however adding your name and details will help this project enormously.

Named respondents will automatically be in the running to win year-long subscriptions to *Sanctuary: modern green homes* (dedicated to sustainable home design) and *ReNew* (DIY sustainability) magazines. Winners will be announced (and contacted if phone details are supplied) at [www.renewablenewstead.com.au](http://www.renewablenewstead.com.au) on September 9.

Do you have any other comments?	
Name	
Residential Address	
Postal Address	
Email	
Phone number	

