

Top solar panels hit Gippsland

A class leading technology in solar panels is now available in Gippsland.

Australian owned company Tindo Solar has just released the most innovative products in solar technology currently available to the Australian market. The Energy Eco Sustainable Living Centre based in Korumburra will be the designated supplier to the Gippsland region.

The Tindo Karra-240 panel is the first premium solar product designed by the Tindo group.

Shane Clayton from Energy Eco Korumburra has been in the solar



Experience: Shane Clayton

industry for over 20 years and recognises a good product when he sees it. "These are really the Rolls Royce product," he said. "The very best parts

from a range of leading companies have been combined into a brilliant Australian product."

The Gippsland-based solar specialist said the panels provide customers with flexibility, allowing them to add individual panels to almost any part of their roof.

Energy Eco sales manager David Chiavaroli expected the panels to be competitively priced systems and believed the panels would make up 40 per cent of sales once people understood their uses.

"There are a lot of people out there who will go for them when they know they offer more



Expert: David Chiavaroli

performance, reliability and safety," he said.

Each Tindo Solar panel has a built-in microinverter that allows for better productivity, easier expansion options and

better monitoring. These microinverters offer a 16 per cent performance increase and allow the software system to monitor the performance of each panel.

Unlike most panels that generate DC voltage, the Karra-240 generates regular 240V AC power that is fed straight into the electricity grid.

All components have been tested and enhanced to work more efficiently in Australia's harsh conditions, making them some of the hardest working parts in the industry.

These new panels are built to last as well, and have a warranty to back

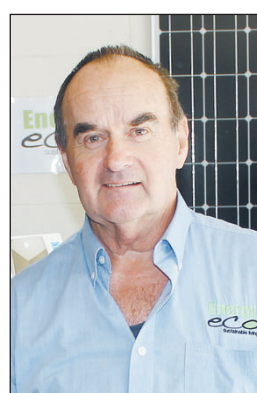
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them up. The Tindo Karra-240 has a 25-year performance warranty while the microinverter has an industry leading 20 year guarantee.

Shane, David and Lance Jobling make up the very experienced sales and management team at Energy Eco.

Sales of the Tindo Karra-240 have already been popular at Energy Eco, with customers delaying projects until the panel was available, given the expectation of its superior performance.

Drop into the Energy Eco Sustainable Living Centre in Korumburra, or give the team a call. They will be more than



Top service: Lance Jobling

happy to share their knowledge with you, and have you saving energy and the environment in no time.

Kelly gang link to O&H Bar & Bistro

According to information displayed at the O&H Bar & Bistro in Warragul the venue has a very interesting history, with links to Ned Kelly and his gang during the 1800s.

The Crown Hotel (now the O&H Bar & Bistro) was Warragul's first hotel and was opened by a Mr Callinan in 1875. In 1883 the hotel license was secured by Mr Daniel Kennedy who had moved to Warragul from the Glenrowan area.

In 1888 Kennedy's Crown Hotel, along with many other shops in Queen Street, was burnt to the ground in a major fire that gutted the business section of Warragul. Kennedy rebuilt the hotel in its current structure in 1889 using hand-made bricks from his own brickworks that had been established on a 20 acre site north-east of Warragul. The hotel was renamed the Orient Hotel.

Daniel Kennedy was born in Mangalore in 1843 after his parents had arrived from Ireland two years earlier. He started his working career as a teacher in 1867 in the Greta-Glenrowan area.

Kennedy was to later become a police informer against the infamous Ned Kelly and his gang.

He was nicknamed the 'Diseased Stock Agent' because when referring to the Kelly gang he used the code phrase 'Diseased Stock'.

Kennedy was considered a very reliable informer to the police and was apparently instrumental in the capture of the Kelly gang.

He moved to Gippsland in 1883



New owners of the O&H Bar & Bistro, from left: Daniel Bertacco, Diana Ognenovska and Stephen Bertacco (owner/chef). Absent: Katrina Bertacco.

apparently to escape the continuing hostility that was caused after the Kelly gang's demise.

Kennedy purchased the Crown Hotel in Warragul and was quick to gain respect throughout the community but in his expanding business interests he had unfortunately incurred heavy financial liabilities at the wrong time.

In 1891 the boom, fostered by the banks, burst and a major depression followed. Kennedy could not meet the demands of his creditors and became insolvent.

During Kennedy's time at the hotel he was visited by 'Wild Wright', a relation of Ned Kelly. Kennedy was to look after his guest very well with free accommodation, meals and drinks on the house.

This visit set tongues wagging around Warragul with the rumour that he had to

treat Wild Wright with such respect because Wright was well aware of Kennedy's involvement in the capture of his relation, Ned Kelly.

During this visit, a fist fight for money was organised between Wild Wright and a bushman from Leongatha. It was a renowned event that the bushman was to win in the third round.

Much has changed at the O&H Bar and Bistro as it is known today. On September 26, 2011 new owners Katrina, Daniel and Stephen Bertacco took over the running of the O&H Bar and Bistro after operating a restaurant in Malvern for the past 15 years.

Brothers Daniel and Stephen were raised in Moe and moved back to the West Gippsland area to be closer to family and are enjoying running the iconic Warragul venue in Queen Street.

Where to and why did Furniture Plus move?

Have you noticed the changes down at Gladstone St?

Trucks delivering dirt, bulldozers demolishing walls - where did Furniture Plus Homemakers go?

Furniture Plus have temporarily relocated to another store at 141 Queen Street (opposite Supercheap Auto).

The reason for the relocation to Queen Street is to avoid future flooding. Furniture Plus have been flooded six times. The worst delivering over two foot (600mm) of water, spoiling all stock in the shop at the time.

The 10 Gladstone Street store is being completely renovated and extended. Concrete and dirt will be delivered

to the site in order to raise the area up 1 metre. This will give peace of mind to the owners of Furniture Plus, Di and Noel Eade.

Furniture Plus will relocate back to the original site in mid April 2012. Over the next couple of months, the original store will be transformed into a modern retail space giving customers a true shopping experience.

Furniture Plus offer the complete package with Bedding, Lounge, Recliners, TV Units, Dining Settings, Coffee Tables, Bookcases.

To kick off the new year, Furniture Plus are having a massive Sealy Mattress Sale with 30% off and free local delivery.



Furniture Plus has relocated temporarily to 141 Queen St (opposite Supercheap Auto). Call in and say hello.

So come into their new (temporary) store and see what's on offer. You don't need to travel out of town. Furniture Plus Homemakers should be your first port of call.

They can furnish every room in your home. Head down to 141 Queen Street (opposite Supercheap Auto) and drop into Furniture Plus Homemakers.

Alpacas opt for a change of Lifestyle

The newest residents living at Lifestyle Warragul are of the furry variety as the village is now home to four Alpacas.

Since moving into a specially designated area along the creek at the front of the Clubhouse, Larry, Leeroy Brown, Casper and Ned Kelly have all become popular members of Lifestyle Warragul.

According to the Australian Companion Animal Council, Australians have one of the highest levels of pet ownership in the world. Sixty-three per cent of Australian households provide a pet with a loving home.

As a result, Lifestyle Communities were interested in exploring some options for communal pets for the Warragul village.

Lifestyle Communities Director, James Kelly explains why they decid-



ed to introduce the Alpacas into the community.

"So many of our residents take so much joy from their pets. That's why we're committed to welcoming pets into all of our villages. We had the space and thought that introducing Alpacas all of our residents could enjoy was a great idea," Mr Kelly said.

Larry, Leeroy Brown, Casper and Ned Kelly

are all very well liked amongst both residents and visitors. Friends and family have thoroughly enjoyed coming down to say hello to the Alpacas.

Village Manager, Mavis Stevens, is pleased with how well the Alpacas have settled in and the level of enthusiasm from the residents.

"Everyone has loved getting to know them. They are so gentle and have their own personal-

ities. Come and visit the village, we have plenty of apples and carrots on hand to feed them," said Mavis.

Lifestyle Warragul is located at 134 Warragul-Lardner Road, Warragul.

For more information on Lifestyle Communities Villages or Lifestyle Warragul phone 5623 3208 or 1300 50 55 60 or visit the website www.lifestylecommunities.com.au

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