

Enel Green Power Australia joins Monash University to support the next generation of sustainability leaders

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Enel Green Power Australia (EGPA) has partnered with Monash University to support the launch of its innovative and award-winning Green Steps program for 2021.

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The agreement with EGPA has been signed for a pilot year to support the 2021 Green Steps program which will run this year from July through to October.

Green Steps offers transformative and practical sustainability training and consultancy projects for ambitious emerging leaders. Over the past 22 years, the extracurricular program has transformed lives, launched careers and most importantly, created a network of leaders who are now working in organisations to make the world a more sustainable place to live.

Now an established program under the Monash Sustainable Development Institute (MSDI) with support from Monash Buildings and Property, each year, the program offers 30 fully funded places to Monash students across all facilities and disciplines.

Monash Sustainable Development Institute and EGPA have a shared mission in building capacity and driving action to accelerate the energy transition in Australia and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) locally and globally.

“We’re incredibly proud to partner with MSDI for the transformative and educational Green Steps leadership program that will equip students with critical sustainability and leadership skills”, said Enel Green Power Australia Country Manager Werther Esposito. “This is an exciting collaboration with MSDI, a world leading institute bringing about sustainable and positive change through pioneering research, education and innovation.”

“Sustainability is the foundation of our operations, creating shared value in the communities where we operate and integrating the UN SDGs into our business model. As a global leader in clean energy and one of the largest renewable energy companies in the world, we’re looking forward to sharing our leading global and local approach to sustainability and extensive industry knowledge to empower a new generation of leaders”, said Mr Esposito.

Associate Professor Annette Bos, Deputy Director (Education) at MSDI is delighted EGP will share their unique approach to sustainable development with the cohort.

“Students will have the opportunity to learn directly from EGPA about their sustainability strategy, including how they integrate the SDGs into their business model. A number of the students will also gain valuable experience contributing to EGPA’s renewable energy initiatives as part of the Green Steps consultancy projects.”

“This is an exciting opportunity and we look forward to working with EGPA to support ambitious young sustainability leaders at Monash,” said Professor Bos.

Green Steps is about equipping students with the skills, tools and knowledge needed to become effective leaders and sustainability change agents. Today, the program has alumni globally, leading on sustainable development action and initiatives within organisations and the community. The partnership is the first in a series of steps to expand the reach of the Green Steps program and broaden its impact.

About Green Steps

Created in 1999 by a group of Monash students, Green Steps is a transformational education program for emerging student leaders and sustainability change agents.

Delivered by a team of experts and educators from Monash Sustainable Development Institute (MSDI) across five days of training, the program gives students practical skills and knowledge which they're then able to apply to an interdisciplinary team based consultancy project. More than 1400 students in Australia, the United Kingdom and Malaysia have been trained through the program and it is MSDI's longest running education program.

Green Steps has been recognised with several prestigious awards, including the Premier's Sustainability Award, the United Nations Association Education Award and the Banksia Environmental Award.

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Enel Green Power®, within the Enel Group, develops and operates renewable energy plants worldwide and is present in Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and Oceania. A world leader in clean energy, with a total capacity of around 49 GW and a generation mix that includes wind, solar, geothermal, and hydroelectric power, Enel Green Power® is at the forefront of integrating innovative technologies into renewable energy plants.

Enel Green Power Australia commenced work in Australia in 2017 and owns and operates the Bungala Solar Farm in South Australia and the Cohuna Solar Farm in Victoria, with a pipeline of further renewable projects under development across Australia.

About Monash Sustainable Development Institute

Monash Sustainable Development Institute (MSDI) works to understand, influence and transform systems to achieve sustainable development and advance the wellbeing of people and the planet for current and future generations. MSDI does this by collaborating with government, industry, academic and civil society partners to build knowledge and capacity, and drive practical change.

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