

Strategic Focus Area: Protect. Enhance. Adapt.

Strathbogie Memorial Hall

Problem and opportunity:

Problem: Strathbogie has been experiencing frequent and prolonged power outages when the grid fails.

Opportunity: Open the Strathbogie Memorial Hall as a community refuge with an independent power source.

How does it affect or impact the community?

Power outages are often unexpected or occur in conjunction with natural disastrous events (fire, flood or storms). In the event of a power failure, people are without pumping water for sanitation and drinking, communication including emergency information, power for medical equipment, heating and cooling, re-charging portable devices.

Lives and livelihoods have been built on the ongoing supply of grid power. When we have no power, these are at risk.

Not all in our community can afford the luxury of off grid power and/or generator back up.

What is your idea and what difference would it make?

Install a generator and re-wire the Hall to suit with community donations/fundraising for ongoing fuel costs.

Providing a refuge in times of need.

Empower our community to help themselves to a flushing toilet, a drink of water, power for Cpac and other medical machinery, a cool space, connection to the internet and phone service, and a place to recharge batteries.

Providing an independent power source so our community can focus on living when power providers cannot provide.

Further information:

This is an essential part of our LEAP plan and ensures CFA can continue to use the Hall in times of power failure.

The energy audit performed at the Hall back in 2022 has cemented our aim to install solar and batteries and a potential for a micro-grid for the township. A generator installed at the Hall is an essential part of this plan.