

## **Clean Energy Award** (*sponsored by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning*)

**WINNER**

### **Moreland City Council**

### **Enabling Community Tenants to Access Solar**

Moreland City Council worked in partnership with Moreland Energy Foundation (MEFL) to develop an innovative program to enable community tenants to benefit from solar.

The council has established a revolving fund which enables community groups who lease buildings from council to install solar with no upfront costs and save money from day one. The fund has been carefully structured so that repayments are less than the savings on tenants' electricity bills.

The 2015/16 pilot saw over 60kW installed across four buildings: Glenroy Bowls Club, Moreland Community Child Care Centre, Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre and Coburg Table Tennis Club. The second round of the program is currently underway with another 60kW of solar expected to be installed across a range of Moreland community groups in 2016/17.

Through their collaboration with MEFL and other community groups in the municipality, the project has been able to reach a broad cross section of the community and bring new tenants of all types and sizes to the table to join the program producing tangible results.

