

# Solar session to draw crowds



• Theresa Huxtable from the Wollongong Climate Action Network.

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NOT many products can claim to make you feel better about yourself, but according to Wollongong anti-climate change campaigner Theresa Huxtable, installing solar panels on your roof can do just that.

"We've had a solar hot water system in our house for four or five years now and it does make a difference," she said.

"Just psychologically I think people feel really good and that they've done something that is worth while and makes sense (when they install solar hot water systems)."

Ms Huxtable, backed by the Wollongong Climate Action Network, has organised a free solar hot water information night tonight (Thursday) at Russell Vale Community Centre.

Ms Huxtable said there was a genuine interest among the community in solar heating and said there had been a push by climate action groups to make the benefits of solar heating known to the public in recent years.

The information night will

run from 6pm-9pm and will include displays from companies such as Rinnai, Solahart and Illawarra Hot Water.

There will also be an information session presented by the Wollongong Climate Action Network.

There will be finger food and beverages provided between 6pm and 7pm.

Ms Huxtable said she was hoping to attract 50 to 100 people to the event.

"Some of the hot water people coming have said we'll get a lot of people because some of them are installing a lot of these systems every week," she said.

She said solar water heating was great because it lowered household electricity costs and helped the environment at the same time.

"It reduces the reliance on electricity from a coal fire base to the sun," she said.

"It makes so much sense.

"If you've got a hot water system in your house your bills are going to come down."

If possible please call Theresa Huxtable on 0421 655 149 or email [thuxtable55@optusnet.com.au](mailto:thuxtable55@optusnet.com.au) to register your interest in attending.