

PinnacleHPC: Switching to solar with the professionals

About PinnacleHPC ACCOUNTANTS

PinnacleHPC Accountants is a trusted, Griffith based accounting firm, servicing clients throughout the Riverina and beyond. The firm employs 65 talented individuals, with an unrelenting focus on accounting excellence and customer service.

The firm is continually seeking new ways to operate more efficiently and sustainably, particularly as the business continues to expand.



Griffith based accounting firm switches to solar to reduce operating costs

- Custom designed solar system based on the firm's energy consumption to return maximum savings.
- A 35KW system installed for PinnacleHPC, with an additional 15KW and 30KW system to service the other building tenants.
- Solar Professionals managed the process end-to-end including engagement with other tenants to ensure all parties were satisfied with the solar solution.
- It is projected that all of PinnacleHPC's daylight consumption will be offset during the warmer months.

The business challenge

PinnacleHPC Principal and Director, Graham Lyons explains the decision to go solar simply made good business sense.

“Like many businesses, we have noticed a significant increase to electricity prices but we have also had a notable increase in the volume of energy consumed over the past few years. We offer our employees flexible working arrangements – some come in early and leave early whilst others prefer a late start and finish. We are happy to offer these flexible work arrangements, however it does increase our operating costs as the office is occupied over an extended period of time – well beyond the traditional hours of 9am to 5pm.

“I did my own research, looked at the numbers and it was clear that going solar made good business sense.”



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Why Solar Professionals?

Graeme advises any businesses looking to go solar should first do their own research and understand consumption patterns to understand how solar can be adopted prior to going to market.

“We requested quotes from two solar companies, one being the Solar Professionals. It was clear that the Solar Professionals would provide the best value for money. The quality of the equipment they would be using and the research that they had conducted to understand our business requirements was an indication that we were getting the best value for money.

“The subsequent work of Solar Professionals confirmed this. Their knowledge and professionalism was outstanding, along with providing the Pinnacle office with tier one equipment. Aside from an extra vehicle in our car park, the installation was swift and caused no interruptions to our daily operations,” said Graeme.



The solution

The PinnacleHPC office shares roof space with three other tenants, therefore it was necessary to liaise with the other building occupants and the landlord to design a system that would suit the needs of all parties involved.

“Solar Professionals took ownership of this project and worked with all tenants to come up with a system that would best meet the needs of all tenants.”

The resulting installation consisted of 140 x 250W Triana Honey solar panels and 2 x 20KW Aurora inverters.

The other two tenants of the building followed Pinnacle's lead, contracting Solar Professionals to install a 15KW and 30KW system on the shared roof space.

The benefits

Although installation of the solar system was only recently completed and actual savings won't be realised for another quarter, it is projected that the system will offset approximately two thirds of the total office electricity consumption.

Director Graeme Lyons also expects that during the warmer months (October through to March), the system will offset all daylight consumption.

This system has been specifically designed to suit PinnacleHPC's load profile to offer significant savings throughout the year, across all seasons.



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