

# Advice to new home builders from Alice Solar City



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## What do new home buyers have to gain from being part of Alice Solar City (ASC)?

Building a new home is a major investment – to maximise that investment it makes sense to build a home that is appropriate for the Alice Springs climate and contains energy efficient fittings and appliances. This will ensure that the home is comfortable to live in, has lower running costs in terms of energy bills and improves re-sale value.

## How can new home buyers become involved in Alice Solar City?

The first step is to visit the Smart Living Centre on Todd Street (opposite Alice Springs Town Council building). The Smart Living Centre has a range of displays on solar hot water, solar electricity (photovoltaics), energy efficient lighting and other relevant information. Specific resources are available in relation to new home design and construction, and general advice on energy efficient home design and appliance choice is available from the Alice Solar City staff. The process for new home builders to become registered and receive advice and financial incentives is:

- Visit the Smart Living Centre and complete the registration process. If possible, bring a copy of your house plans to allow ASC staff to provide preliminary advice (depends on how far advanced your project is). You will be advised which incentives (see list below) you are eligible for.
- You will be asked to sign a registration form listing the incentives.
- You will be sent vouchers for these incentives with more information about the incentives where applicable.
- Once your home is completed and you have moved in, you should contact ASC to arrange for a (free) Home Energy Survey to be carried out.
- After the Home Energy Survey, you will be provided with a personalised energy saving report.
- If you have been 'pre-approved' for financial incentives, you should provide a copy of the required documentation (i.e. invoices) along with the voucher as provided for the applicable financial incentives
- Payment for the pre approved incentives will be made directly to you, via EFT.
- Incentives will not be available for energy saving measures, such as insulation and low energy lighting, that are mandatory requirements under



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building regulations or are considered best practice for those building a new home. However, other incentives may be approved during the home energy survey. Our normal processes for these incentives will apply, i.e. you must use one of our registered suppliers and the work cannot be carried out prior to the home energy survey or prior to receiving an incentive voucher from Alice Solar City.

### **Which energy saving measures attract a financial incentive for new home buyers?**

New home buyers are eligible for funding for the following measures:

- A solar hot water system which must be one of the following:
  - Solahart 302JOTP - electric boost with 'one shot' relay
  - Solahart 302JOTP – gas in-line boost
  - Solahart 181JOTP – electric boost with 'one shot' relay
  - Solahart 181JOTP– gas in-line boost
  - Solahart Streamline 272DJV split system – electric boost with 'one shot' relay
  - Solahart 272DJV gas inline boost split system
  - Solahart 272DJV split system – gas integrated boost
- Installation of window tinting
  - must have a minimum WERS cooling rating of 3
  - approved for north, east and west windows only
- Installation of double-glazed windows
  - Must have a minimum WERS cooling rating of 3.5
- A variable speed pool pump\* which must be one of the following.
  - Viron 300
  - Pentair Inteliflo
  - Pentair Maxiflo

\*The supplier must provide training in the correct use of the pump and needs to provide evidence that the training has been carried out.

### **How do I find out more?**

It's easy; simply drop by the Smart Living Centre (open 8.30 am – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday, 10.30am – 5pm Friday) visit [www.alicesolarcity.com.au/residents/newhomes](http://www.alicesolarcity.com.au/residents/newhomes) or phone 8950 4350.