

Media Release

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GREEN LOANS ASSESSOR COMING TO ALICE SPRINGS

Alice Springs residents can access interest free loans of up to \$10,000 to install solar, water saving, and energy efficient products when a Green Loans assessor visits Alice Springs later this month.

To take advantage of the Australian Government program homeowners must book a free home sustainability assessment with the Green Loans assessor, who will be here from 17 February to 10 March.

Alice Solar City General Manager Brian Elmer said, "Alice Springs Residents are lucky, as they can literally take two bites of the financial cherry by accessing both a Green Loan and the generous Alice Solar City financial incentives."

Since the Green Loans program was launched Australia-wide in July 2009, more than 205,000 household assessments have been booked to date and over 140,000 assessments already completed.

The Green Loans program aims to carry out 360,000 home assessments nationwide, so Mr Elmer encourages Alice Springs residents to get in quick so they don't miss out.

"There are no Green Loan assessors based in Alice Springs, but Alice Solar City has worked with an Adelaide based assessor who will be visiting in February."

"Even if you are only just thinking about going ahead with significant energy saving measures in the future, such as rooftop solar, I would advise booking in an audit this month. This way you can plan your activities knowing that you will be able to take advantage of a Green Loan in the future."

"For example, if you took out an \$8,000 loan to install a solar hot water system, a pool cover and shading on the windows, the Green Loan could save you up to \$2000 in interest based on current interest rates."

"Add that to the 35% incentive we offer on over 20 energy efficient activities in the home, you are looking at pretty big savings."

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In addition, there are some great deals coming to Alice Springs soon with the results of a PV system bulk purchase scheme facilitated by Alice Solar City to be announced shortly, so a Green Loan is the icing on the cake.

Call Alice Solar City for details on 8950 4350 or visit www.environment.gov.au/greenloans

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About Alice Solar City

The Alice Springs Solar City Consortium is led by the Alice Springs Town Council and includes broad community support from the Northern Territory Government, Power and Water Corporation, Tangentyere Council, the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce, the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre and the Arid Lands Environment Centre. Funding sources include the Australian Government, the Northern Territory Government, Power and Water Corporation, and Alice Springs Town Council.

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