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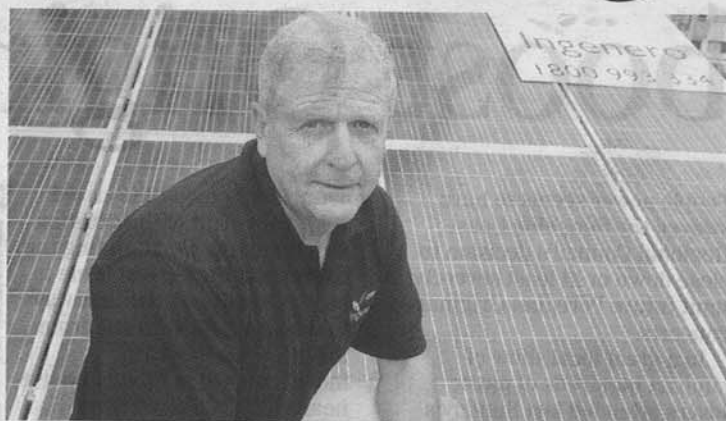
To celebrate the recent international year of action on climate change and the launch of the 10,000 solar roofs challenge, a Yaroomba family has won a solar hot water system.

The Padroth family won the system donated by Sunshine Coast Environment Council solar partner Ingenero at the launch of the 10,000 solar roofs challenge.

"It's important that we move to clean energy and make carbon savings. If everyone does a bit, it all adds up and there won't be the need for new coal-fired power stations," Tony Padroth said.

Tony has calculated an immediate \$300 per year saving on gas alone when they converted to a solar hot water system.

The 10,000 solar roofs challenge aims to put solar power and/or hot water into 10,000 Sunshine Coast homes over the next three years



Ingenero's Steve McRae with solar panels.

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making it the largest residential solar power shift ever undertaken in Australia.

The Sunshine Coast Environment Council has brought together the Maleny Credit Union and local solar business Ingenero to provide a top quality system without any up-front costs.

The savings immediately made on power bills go toward paying off the system and depending on electricity use, the savings could be similar to monthly repayments.

For information on becoming involved in the 10,000 solar roofs challenge go to www.scec.org.au or phone 1300 867 671.