

# Redback bites back at power

A homegrown smart battery firm says it is helping people save thousands of dollars on their power bills amid a cost of living blowout.

Redback Technologies chief technology officer **Adrian Knack** says the Indooroopilly-based company's home battery systems convert and store electricity generated from rooftop solar panels for use when the sun isn't shining.

Knack (illustrated) says the technology allows consumers to be less dependent on the grid in the face of sharp rises in power bills in a volatile energy market.

"As power prices, inflation, and cost of living expenses increase, unfortunately solar feed-in tariffs have fallen in southeast Queensland," he says. Redback was founded in 2015 by a handful of clean-tech enthusiasts dedicated to the transition to renewable energy in Australia. Knack says all of Redback's systems are designed and tested in Australia to withstand our harsh climate and conditions.

He claims that installing a home battery system together with a new solar system means consumers are generating impressive savings from switching to clean, green energy.

Knack adds that with warnings the power grid will battle to cope with demand this summer, the batteries provide a back-up option that allows them to operate – for up to weeks in some cases – in the event of a blackout.

Data released by the federal

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government shows households with rooftop solar panels can save more than \$1000 a year on their electricity bills and double that amount with a home battery. Knack says some Redback customers with a right-sized home battery system are achieving rates of more than 100 per cent self-sufficiency. "This means they are producing more power than they're using and are able to export some back to the grid," he says.

## SHINING EXAMPLE

Local jewellery designer **Marguerite O'Sullivan** and returning Dancing CEO has raised much needed funds for the Women's Legal Service Queensland's (WLSQ) at a recent fashion event. O'Sullivan commissioned a collection of local artists and designers to reimagine, decorate or re-style themed t-shirts at the event that raised more than \$7000 for the WLSQ.

O'Sullivan is one of the business executives performing next May in the 2024 Dancing CEOs event to

raise money for the WLSQ's financial abuse prevention unit.

## LEGAL PROMOTIONS

Maurice Blackburn will elevate two of its Brisbane legal eagles next year to principal level as part of its latest round of promotions. **Jarrah Ekstein** from the firm's Brisbane class actions practice and **Patrick Turner** from the employment and industrial law team will become principal lawyers as part of the moves. Overall, 24 lawyers across the firm will be promoted, including 10 in Queensland, 10 in Victoria and four in Sydney.

The promotions represent many of the firm's practice areas including road and work injuries, public liability, superannuation and insurance, medical negligence, class actions, litigation funding, and employment and industrial.

Maurice Blackburn chief executive **Jacob Varghese** says the promotions have been well earned, with successful applicants reflecting the firm's values and shared commitment to provide access to justice for clients.

"All of these promotions reflect consistent work, growing technical expertise and developing leadership," says Varghese.

