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### **NRISA** presents information on Energy Information Fund

Victorian Government has setup the <u>www.switchon.vic.gov.au</u> website to help families and small business owners optimise their power bill.

NRISA (Northern Region Indian Seniors' Association <u>www.nrisa.org</u>) has been given a small grant to disseminate this information. This overview of this system is presented at the following NRISA monthly function.

**Date / Time:** Sunday 20 July 2014, 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM **Venue:** Northcote Seniors' Hall, 18-A Bent Street, Northcote (Mel. Ref.: 30 D7)

#### PROGRAM:

- 1. Mr. Devinder Mamik, MC: Program overview
- 2. Prof Santosh Kumar, President, Welcome address
- 3. Mr. Gary Ferguson. Talk on Senior's rights.
- 4. Mr. Pravin Vaghani: Poem
- 5. Dr. Nalin Sharda: Introduction to Vic. Gov. Save Energy Program.
- 6. Mrs Sunita Sethi: Songs
- 7. Mr. Kas Mehra, Vice President. Vote of thanks:
- 8. Vegetarian Lunch: \$ 8.00 per head.
- 9. Computer problem solving after lunch by Dr. Nalin Sharda. Bring your own Laptop.

### **About My Power Planner**

My Power Planner is an independent Victorian Government tool, My Power Planner lets you:

- compare flat and flexible electricity offers
- create your own 'power profile' based on your typical usage

My Power Planner is constantly updated with the latest flat & flexible offers from electricity retailers. Check in regularly to see what offers are available to you.

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## Introduction to My Power Planner – Video Transcript https://mpp.switchon.vic.gov.au/video/transcript/homepage

Welcome to My Power Planner, your helpful electricity price comparator! Spend 15 minutes with the My Power Planner tool, and you'll be able to get a greater understanding of how you use electricity and the electricity offers most appropriate to you.

By providing your own unique electricity usage details into My Power Planner, you'll be able to create your individual power profile, and view your household or small business electricity usage. Compare your current electricity plan against other appropriate office available in your area to see if you could make savings, and explore shifting the time you use your major appliances to see if the new flexible pricing options could help you make further savings.

To create your own unique estimated power profile for use within My Power Planner, you'll need to have a recent electricity bill handy. To create a more accurate profile, you can use your electricity bill details in conjunction with your Smart Meter data. Your Smart Meter data can be accessed from your electricity provider. The time it takes to obtain this data from your provider can range from as little as a few minutes to 10 working days.

You'll need to have access to 12 months of Smart Meter data, and that data needs to be from the one electricity provider only. Uploading your data into My Power Planner once you have it only takes moments. Once you've input your data into My Power Planner, you'll be able to see how and when your household uses electricity by kilowatt hour, cost, weekday, weekend, month, and season, so that you gain an understanding of when your electricity usage typically occurs.

Knowing this will be helpful in deciding what electricity offer is right for you. A major feature of My Power Planner is that it allows you to compare your current electricity plan against other offers is available in your area. The offers presented are uniquely matched to your power profile. You can choose to look at these offers in more detail, so as to gather information for use when approaching electricity retailers.

The offers presented for consideration include flat rates and the new flexible pricing options, where different rates apply at different times of the day. By gaining an understanding of your electricity usage, you can consider whether or not the new flexible pricing offers may suit you. Remember, though, choosing a flexible pricing offer is optional only. You can stay on your current rate. The choice is yours.

You can also explore if the Flexible Pricing option of shifting the time of day you use your appliances to non-peak periods is practicable for you, and if doing so could help you make even more savings. So now it's time to start using My Power Planner. Follow the easy step by step instructions, build your power profile, and take charge of your power.

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