

# Double Glaze Matters

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## Solar Panels-Prices Drop

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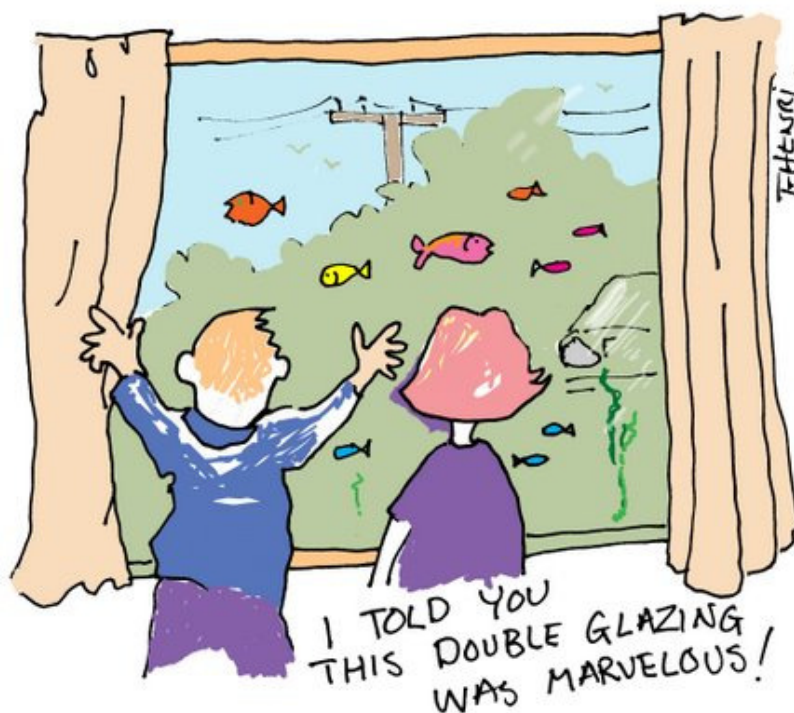
There are a few things happening with solar panels that you may be interested in. Firstly there was an add in the Age on Saturday for a 1.5 kw system from True Value Solar costing \$2,000. I haven't heard of the company before but it suggests that there is a lot of downward pressure on prices. Their website is [www.truevaluesolar.com.au](http://www.truevaluesolar.com.au)

Secondly, on June 30th the "multiplicative factor" for solar

panels drops from 5 to 4. This effectively reduces the rebates by around \$1,000 which could see prices rise by \$1,00. So if you are thinking of buying, now may be a good times.

And finally I found a great document on solar panels. Produced by the Clean Energy Council it is pretty comprehensive. You can download it from their website [www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au](http://www.cleanenergycouncil.org.au)

## A cartoon from Franciscus Henri



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*Come and visit me  
at the Warrandyte  
Sustainability Expo,  
Saturday 2nd April  
10 am to 4 pm  
Free Entry*

## MY wind farm

As some of you may know, I am an investor in the Hepburn Wind farm near Daylesford. So yesterday I went and visited my wind farm. To be precise, I don't own the wind farm... more like 1 metre of one of the blades.

It was a most satisfying experience to see that all the work done by an enormous number of volunteers is finally bearing fruit.

The two towers are up and the blades installed. They need to install the electrical control systems and after testing it should be on line by the end of July. Hepburn wind is the first community owned wind farm in Australia. If you wish to learn more or to invest in the project, visit

[www.hepburnwind.com.au](http://www.hepburnwind.com.au)



**My wind farm**

## DIY Double Glaze-Aluminium Frames

My promotion of double glazing is slowly progressing and I have completed a number of home measurements which are being converted to purchases although generally as "let's try a couple of rooms and see how it goes".

I have started to work on aluminium windows and have bought two second hand frames. In general, they don't seem well suited to full replacement of the glass, but secondary glazing is an option.

I am currently testing a system which holds the glass in an aluminium frame which then pop rivets to the existing frame. It should work on fixed windows, although sliding windows will be a problem. I will soon have the frames in the back yard as "tests" but I really need to install them in a real house.

So, if you would like to have your aluminium framed windows secondary glazed with me doing all of the work, give me a call. I cannot guarantee that it will work perfectly but I will try very hard to make it work. And if you decide you want it removed within 12 months, I will give you your money back!



**My frame for aluminium windows**