

Media Release

## Solar Powered Disability and Mental Health Services. A first for Townsville and Queensland.

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Kith and Kin Association Limited, a Townsville-based not-for-profit disability and mental health service, is going solar.

The solar project will use 40 photovoltaic panels with a maximum output of 165 watts each, resulting in a 6.6 kilowatt solar array to be installed on the roof of Kith and Kin's offices in Flinders Street by AllSafe Energy Efficient Products.

Thanks to a federal government grant and 28 years of prudent management, Kith and Kin is now investing in the sustainability of its services and the environment.

Once commissioned, the 6.6 kw photovoltaic array will save an estimated 9,250 tonnes of carbon per year.

Cyber Factory will also assist to create a web page that will make the information and output statistics from the solar project accessible to anyone in Australia or from anywhere in the world via the organisation's web site ([www.kithandkin.com.au](http://www.kithandkin.com.au)).

Kith and Kin's CEO Peter Yoxall said, "We have been in the business of helping Townsville residents in the areas of disability or mental health for over 28 years, and this project will help us to continue doing that in a more sustainable manner.

"As far as we can see, we will be the first not-for-profit disability and mental health service to install and run a solar plant of this size and make the information available via the internet in Australia. It will be a first for Townsville and, possibly, a first for Australia.

"We are very proud to be leading the way with such projects as this one. I think the return on investment of projects like this is huge when you look at the scope of impact now and in the future.

"We only hope that other organizations, businesses and home owners also consider what they can all do to keep this the lucky country. I would like to thank our Board of Directors for their support with this project, especially Chairman Barry Whitehead, who has been instrumental in this project."

For more information on the Kith and Kin Solar Project, visit [www.kithandkin.com.au](http://www.kithandkin.com.au) or email [alfred@kithandkin.com.au](mailto:alfred@kithandkin.com.au).

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