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SolarBuddy has been hard at work this November and we are excited to bring you updates from our distributions, campaigns, school programs and corporate engagements. Thanks for joining our fieldtrip.

Things to look forward to in this edition:

- SolarBuddy selected as charity partner at [All Energy Australia](#)
- [Typhoon relief](#) for the Philippines
- Closing the Distance - Bringing Light to Papua New Guinea
- Liberia distributions
- [STEM programs](#) in schools
- [Corporate impact](#) unlocked with SolarBuddy LIVE

Happy reading!

SolarBuddy presents at All Energy Australia

SolarBuddy was selected as the charity partner for the **All Energy Australia** Exhibition and conference. We were present with an interactive station allowing attendees to take a break from the hustle and bustle to build solar lights that will be donated to communities living in energy poverty.



- **200 JuniorBuddy lights** were built by attendees
- Environmental equivalent of planting **4,260 tree seedlings** over 10 years with **256 tonnes of CO2 emissions** reduced.



Fireside Chat with **Daniel Belzer**, *Executive Director of SolarBuddy* and **Stephen Forshaw**, *Airbus Chief Representative for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific*. We shared how strategic partnerships are key to combating extreme energy poverty.

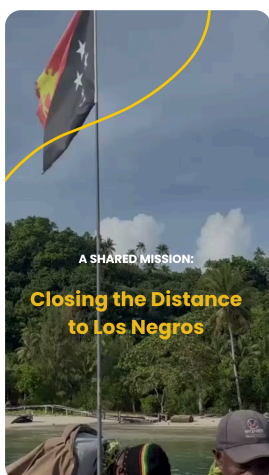


Powering Emergency Relief in the Philippines

In early November, the Philippines was hit by Typhoon Kalmaegi — a devastating storm that claimed lives, left people missing, and caused extensive destruction. In response, SolarBuddy immediately launched a Disaster Response Campaign to raise vital funds and deliver solar devices to communities suddenly without electricity or light.

Just days later, Super Typhoon Uwan struck. It became the **21st storm of the season**, with winds reaching **185 kph** and forcing millions to evacuate their homes.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, this campaign is now becoming real impact. In December, SolarBuddy will be helping facilitate education workshops and distribute hundreds of solar lights to some of the most affected communities.



Closing the Distance - Bringing Light to Papua New Guinea

As the final weeks of 2025 draw close, **there is one last mission** that feels deeply meaningful to us.

For several years, we've been illuminating communities across the **Manus Province of Papua New Guinea**. This year, we have the opportunity to bring light to an entire island in the province, **Los Negros (LLG)**.

Completing this mission would bring *100% illumination* for every child enrolled in the island's primary and high schools, as well as for teachers. A community fully lit.

We are partnering with **Wantaim PNG** to make this mission a reality. Let's light up Los Negros Island!



JuniorBuddy lights in Liberia, West Africa

Some of you may remember one of our partners from the August edition of Stories from the Field. SolarBuddy worked together with **Lena Marshall Foundation** to distribute solar devices in Grenada in the Caribbean. The story continues!

This month our distribution has landed in Liberia, West Africa. **1600 JuniorBuddy** lights are being delivered to schools in Liberia and in the near future, to Sierra Leone by the Lena Marshall Foundation team. Lena learnt about SolarBuddy after taking part in a light build event through her company. Collaboration between organisations is a powerful strategy to create lasting change.



Somerville House Students Shine Bright with SolarBuddy

A big thank you to Somerville House's Year 5 students that took part in our SolarBuddy STEM program once again! Somerville has supported SolarBuddy initiatives since 2021 and it is always inspiring seeing how committed their students are.

This year, the students set themselves an inspiring goal, to fundraise for 50 JuniorBuddy solar lights. Thanks to their incredible teamwork, creativity, and commitment, they went above and beyond, raising enough to fund **75 solar lights** that will be donated to communities living with unreliable energy sources.

[Book a STEM Program](#)

Distribution Updates

Across November,

- 2064 solar solutions on the way to Papua New Guinea
- 1488 solar solutions to South Sudan
- 458 solar solutions to Philippines
- 125 solar solutions to Sri Lanka
- 99 solar solutions to Cambodia

TOTAL: 4124 JuniorBuddies and 110 StudentBuddies

Corporate impact unlocked with SolarBuddy LIVE

Companies are engaging in End of Year Functions and Events and we are so pleased that so many of them decided to engage in [SolarBuddy LIVE programs](#).

We're delighted that more than 30 SolarBuddy LIVE events were hosted this month with corporate supporters including **AIG, Marsh, American Line Builders (NECA), Salesforce, Edmond de Rothschild and Amazon Web Services (AWS)**. Teams worked together to volunteer and assemble solar solutions that take action on energy poverty.

Did you think our SolarBuddy LIVE programs were just limited to corporates? Think again as our events are so flexible and adaptable we have even been part of a wedding! Read more [here](#) from our partner in Switzerland - Chariteam!

Join us in 2026 to unlock impact with your team.

[Book a Team Building for 2026!](#)

I'm endlessly inspired by the incredible support from our community. Together, we're not just lighting the way for children around the world—we're empowering them to dream, learn, and build brighter futures.

Thank you for being such an essential part of our journey this year.

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