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## Saints powers ahead with stage 2 solar project

St Marys Rugby League Club is proud to announce the launch of Stage 2 of its \$8 million commitment to sustainability and renewable energy.

This expansion marks another significant step toward reducing the Club's environmental footprint and supporting a greener future for the Western Sydney community.

Stage 2 involves the installation of **1,220 solar panels on new carpark canopies**, delivering an additional **740kW of solar power**. The project will also provide **225 shaded undercover car spaces**, reducing heat and enhancing comfort for patrons during warmer months.

Construction is expected to commence Monday, 20 January, and disruptions will be kept to a minimum.

Combined with the 451kW system from Stage 1 (completed February 2024), this initiative will generate enough solar energy to power the entire Club during daylight hours.

Stage 1 of the solar project at St Marys Rugby League Club has already delivered impressive results, generating **419 megawatt-hours of renewable energy** and achieving a cost saving of **\$101,968** thus far.

Importantly, it has helped reduce **282 metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**, significantly decreasing our carbon footprint. These outcomes demonstrate the powerful impact of sustainable energy on our operations and the environment, and we're excited to build on this success once Stage 2 is complete.

Club CEO Rod Desborough highlighted the long-term benefits of the project:

"Sustainability is a core focus of our operations. Expanding our solar capacity helps us lower emissions, reduce costs and invest in community-focused initiatives. We thank our members and guests for their patience as we complete this important work."

St Marys Rugby League Club's Environmental Sustainability Strategy already includes initiatives like water harvesting, LED lighting upgrades and expanded recycling programs.

This solar project reflects the Club's broader commitment to responsible business practices and environmental leadership in the hospitality sector.

For further information on the Club's sustainability efforts, visit:  
[stmarysleagues.com.au/environmental-social-governance-esg](https://stmarysleagues.com.au/environmental-social-governance-esg)

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