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Hundreds of Indigenous community members to celebrate new solar power station

There's a celebration at Hermannsburg in the Northern Territory for a new solar dish power station.

Solar Systems, the power station developer, is putting on an afternoon concert and open day for the community on Thursday, 10 August 2006.

Hermannsburg is only one and a half hours drive via a sealed road from Alice Springs.

Hundreds of community members and invitees are expected to get together at Hermannsburg for a barbeque lunch and entertainment from local and company bands. Local musician Warren H. Williams (who plays with John Williamson) is the headlining act. There'll also be sports donations and a surprise famous visitor for the kids.

Solar Systems' Managing Director, Dave Holland and Ntaria Council's President Gus Williams will officially open the solar power station.

"We intend that this event will recognise a great ongoing relationship between Solar Systems and the Hermannsburg community," says Dave Holland.

"Solar Systems places a high priority on community and environmental corporate responsibility."

"The Hermannsburg Solar Power Station provides about half the community's power needs with clean, green electricity."

"The solar power station consists of eight, 14m diameter, mirrored dishes that quietly track the sun from dawn to dusk each day. The dishes are the highest performance commercial solar power technology in the world."

Media visitors will be able to take footage and photographs at the event and visit the power station.

Event details:

Date: 10 August 2006

Time: Barbeque lunch from 1 pm; official opening from 2pm; music entertainment and site visits until dusk

Location: Oval opposite the Hermannsburg Council Office, please see the map below

Entertainment: Choir and bands from Hermannsburg and Solar Systems; surprise kids entertainment!

Community rules: Note that Hermannsburg is a dry community; strictly no alcohol within community bounds

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Solar Systems is the world leader in high concentration solar photovoltaic applications. The company has recently developed three new power stations for Northern Territory communities: Hermannsburg, Yuendumu and Lajamanu.

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Hermannsburg Solar Power Station

Opening Event Location

Directions to Hermannsburg

Hermannsburg is about 1.5 hours drive, 120 km West of Alice Springs. Follow Larapinta Drive from the centre of Alice Springs in the direction of the Alice Springs Desert Park. Follow this road past the Desert Park all the way to the right hand turn-off to Hermannsburg, which is signposted. The turn-off is shortly after the Albert Namatjira Memorial on the left hand side of the road.

Hermannsburg Town Map

