

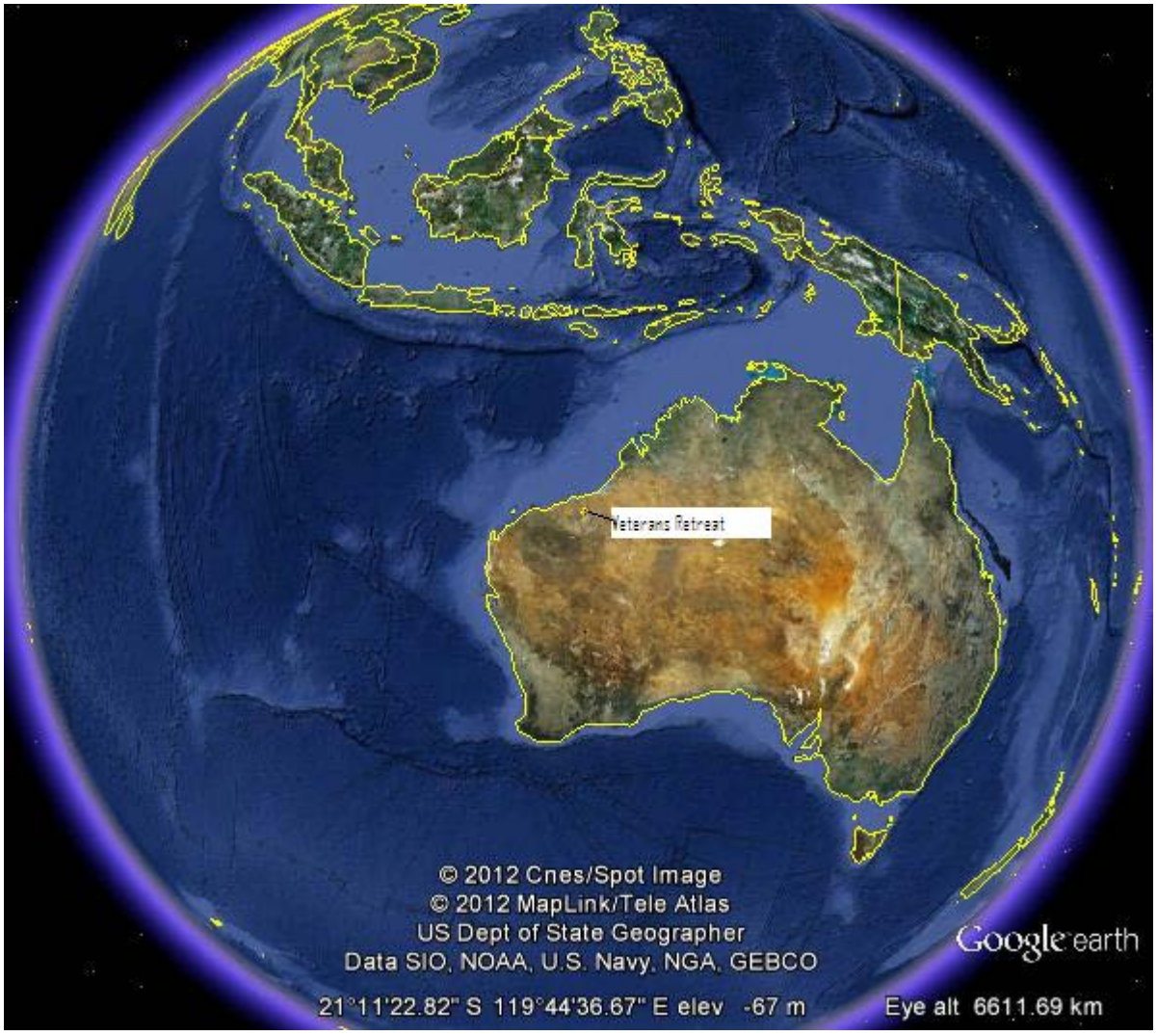
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MEDIA RELEASE

6 kWp Solar/Diesel Hybrid Power Supply

Meentheena Station Veterans Retreat, Western Australia





The first remote veterans retreat in Western Australia, located about 75km east of Marble Bar on the Telfer road, is now powered by an innovative solar photovoltaic/diesel hybrid system designed, manufactured and installed by Regen Power in Canning Vale. The fully automatic hybrid power system has 32 panels, 24 nos of maintenance free batteries and Regen's award winning variable speed diesel generator -HybridGen^{TM} .The solar panels would generate an average of about 30 units of electricity per day. HybridGen^{TM} can achieve a fuel saving of up to 40% depending upon the site load compared to a conventional diesel generator.

A night and day effort by all volunteers and Regen staff – Shaji Mathew and Anup Thomas - was required to get the system up and running in 5 days . According to Don Bryan, Secretary of the Veterans' Retreats

Western Australia (VRWA), “The whole exercise was not easy, with the heat and remoteness of the site .... However everything was completed and commissioned on time and our thanks go to all the people involved who put in a huge effort to get it done.”

Solar panels were roof top mounted to donga and newly added house verandah with cyclone tie down bolts of course, the battery bank is located in an air-conditioned & insulated sea container, a verandah style shade roof was provided for the generator set. 24 hour power is now available from the battery container, the large shed, the house and all donga’s.





“A major effort from Regen enabled us to be completely prepared with all the peripheral items and construction equipment we needed to do some of the preliminary work in preparation” adds Don.

“Regen off-grid solar power system is ideally suited to our very remote site that has limited access at some times of the year and very limited communications at all times”



The VRWA is a not-for-profit organization with the objective of assisting veterans of military, medical, police and other services to cope with their experiences in past conflicts and events. The retreat is part of the old Meentheena Station (approximately 218,000 hectares) situated along the Nullagine River. The license issued to VRWA consists of a strip approximately three kilometers wide and extending approximately 52 km south from the Rippon Hills Road and centered on the Nullagine River. The area is ideal for camping, with numerous activities to enjoy including bushwalking, bird watching and fishing from the many billabongs.



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