

Kelvin Trimper Scholarship—a *consumer advocacy scholarship*

The Kelvin Trimper Scholarship aims to support an individual or organisation to build their knowledge or to research innovative ideas that will improve outcomes for consumers in the Australian energy sector.

Who was Kelvin Trimper?

Kelvin Trimper AM – was an urban development manager and leading South Australian horticulturist who, at his passing, was an important consumer advocate for SA Power Networks customers.



Kelvin had a significant role in improving vegetation management around powerlines, working for many years with SA Power Networks, government agencies, local councils and the horticulture sector to balance community safety and environmental outcomes. More recently, Kelvin played a notable role in supporting SA Power Networks to engage with communities across South Australia and giving consumers a real voice in planning for our energy future through his role as Deputy Chair of their Community Advisory Board and Chair of the Reset sub-committee.

Outside of SA Power Networks Kelvin was an internationally respected rose expert, garden and horticulture writer and media personality. He was the recipient of the Member of the Order of Australia award, the Gold Medal of the World Federation of Rose Societies, the Australian Rose Award and was a Fellow of the Urban Development Institute of Australia, and of the University of South Australia.

Kelvin was a dedicated member of SA Power Networks customer and community reference groups over many years and was highly regarded and respected by all. He gave thousands of hours to influencing better outcomes for customers and the community and is hugely missed by those who worked with him.

Kelvin passed away on 7 January 2024. To honour his memory, SA Power Networks, in partnership with Energy Consumers Australia, has created this scholarship in his name.

About the scholarship

Applications are invited for funding of **up to \$10,000** to build knowledge and/or improve access to programs or initiatives that will achieve improved consumer outcomes in a dynamic and changing Australian energy market.

Activities supported through the scholarship

The Kelvin Trimper scholar will work with industry and key customer advocates to identify opportunities and opportunities to improve customer outcomes.

The type of activities could include:

- Researching specific programs or initiatives that could improve customer outcomes.
- Delivering and evaluating the outcomes of a pilot program or initiative that will improve customer outcomes.
- Training to improve customer engagement and advocacy skills.
- Attending a relevant conference.
- Research project that will deliver consumer benefits.
- Other innovative initiatives which build consumer capability and advocacy skills.

Following completion of the scholarship, the recipient will undertake:

- A webinar to communicate the key learnings and insights gained.
- Meetings with relevant consumer groups/energy companies/government officials to promote the learnings.
- Speaking engagements including a presentation to SA Power Networks executive team and Community Advisory Forum.

Who can apply

Applications are welcomed from individuals or organisations that meet one of the following criteria:

- Individuals who are Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents, 18 years of age or older.
- A registered charity or not for profit organisation, or a registered 'for purpose' organisation within Australia

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the anticipated impact of the funded activity including:

- A focus on delivering improved outcomes for customers.
- Applicability of the initiative to South Australia or the National Electricity Market.
- The number of customers that would benefit the knowledge and the diversity of these consumers.
- Alignment with the priorities of SA Power Networks and Energy Consumers Australia.

Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate a knowledge of the key issues in the Australian energy sector and an interest in driving positive consumer outcomes.