



Jared Drummond, CEO Gary Evershed and Cameron Agnew are all smiles as the new panels are fitted to the roof of the Margaret River Rec Centre. PICTURE: DEREK POOL

Council's name goes up in solar system

WORK began this week to install the new photo-voltaic array on the roof of the Recreation Centre.

Partly funded through State Government grants, the solar panels would allow the council-run centre to move closer to its energy efficient goals.

A 21kw solar panel system and a 1kw wind turbine were fitted this week. The equipment would re-

duce CO2 emissions by approximately 37 tonnes per year and significantly reduce energy bills over the next 25 years.

Shire president Steve Harrison said the project, an initiative of council officers and the Sustainability Advisory Committee, was a great step forward for the council in using and promoting renewable energy sources in the South West region.

Local member Barry House said the \$90,000 contribution to the \$180,000 project was to encourage a progressive shift toward clean energy across the State.

"This project is just another example of the dedication, hard work and foresight of the Augusta-Margaret River community in gaining State Government funding at such a competitive level," he said.