



Byron Bay's solar train rolls to milestone

THE Byron Bay Railroad Company have plenty to celebrate lately.

The Company won plenty of awards last year, including the Rail Sustainability Award at the Australasian Rail Association Awards in July, and now has another reason to pop the champagne.

The enormously-popular Byron Bay solar train, assumed to be the world's first, transported their 100,000th passenger over the weekend, just a little more than a year after the service was launched.

The two-carriage carries passengers between North

Beach Station and the centre of Byron Bay township, and is run entirely off solar.

A Company spokesperson said, before the summer period commenced, stats showed the not-for-profit train service has generated 58,210kWh (kilowatt hours) over and above the power it has needed to run the operation. In comparison, the average three person household in both the Byron Shire and Ballina Shire areas use approximately 13.6kWh per day, or 4,965kWh per year, meaning excess energy provided to the grid is sufficient to power 11.72 homes for a year.



CELEBRATION: Byron Bay's solar train carried its 100,000th passenger over the weekend after its maiden voyage in December 2017.

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