



Lend Your Support to Earth Hour

South Gippsland Shire Council is encouraging residents to turn off their lights for one hour as part of Earth Hour 2016.

This year the event will be held on 19 March from 8.30pm to 9.30pm local time across the globe.

Earth Hour is a movement that started in Australia as a way to show commitment to creating a more sustainable planet.

Council is supportive of the initiative as South Gippsland's main industries, agriculture and tourism, are heavily dependent on the natural climate.

Council's Sustainability Officer Heidi Hamm said all individuals should consider their impact on the environment.

"Many of our favourite places in South Gippsland such as our beaches, rivers and Wilsons Promontory are dependent on stable climates.

"Rising temperatures and extreme weather put our natural environment at risk. We are supporting Earth Hour to ensure our beautiful landscape in South Gippsland is able to be enjoyed for future generations to come.

"By participating in Earth Hour individuals demonstrate their commitment to protecting the planet and often it provides a chance for them to consider other ways of being sustainable," said Ms Hamm.

Any individual wanting more information about Earth Hour and how to be involved can visit www.earthhour.org.au.

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