



Efficient buildings save money

A partnership between neighbouring councils will see South Gippsland Shire Council achieve \$20,000 in annual cost savings.

Efficient Buildings by the Coast is a Federal Government funded energy efficiency project that saw both South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shire councils undertake a series of building improvements at a combined total of \$198, 863.

At South Gippsland Shire Council, works included the installation of efficient lighting, air conditioning upgrades and equipment timers in the main office building and the building known as Carino's at a cost of \$62, 264. Council contributed just over \$21,000 and received a grant of just over \$41,000.

Coordinator Sustainability, Geoff McKinnon, said the total estimated savings for South Gippsland as a result of the project was the reduction of 70,000 kWh of electricity per year.

"This equates to almost 100 tonnes greenhouse gas emissions or about 20 cars," Mr McKinnon explained.

"This is another example of a successful partnership project with Bass Coast. The Green Street Lighting project was a previous partnership which is saving Council in excess of \$60,000 per year that delivers wins for both ratepayers and the environment."

Caption: A contractor installs downlights as part of Council's Efficient Buildings by the Coast project.

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