

Streetlight Upgrade Project is Starting Early

In an effort to reduce energy usage and increase safety for our community, South Gippsland Shire Council, alongside East Gippsland Shire Council and Wellington Shire Council, is undertaking a bulk streetlight replacement project.

These upgrades will begin in Leongatha on Monday 7 February and progress across the Shire following the installers program schedule. Work is anticipated to be completed towards the end of March.

The bulk replacement project will see a saving of approximately \$9.4 million in energy and capital costs across all three Councils over the lifetime of the assets. These replacements also help Council improve compliance with Australian Standards in terms of safety and light levels.

If you want more information or have any questions, please contact Brad Kijlstra-Shone on (03) 5662 9200.

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council's Sustainability Officer, Brad Kijlstra-Shone:

"Since 1 January 2022, South Gippsland Shire Council's electricity usage is being powered by 100 per cent renewable sources, and these lights are no exception.

"The new LED lights will perform better, last longer, and help reduce Council's energy usage.

"During this project, over 1,900 street lights will be replaced, assisting us in creating safer communities and are up to 86 per cent more efficient than the existing lights."

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Mohya Davies:

"Creating safe communities is always at the forefront of the decisions we make here at Council. Everyone deserves to be part of a community where they feel safe. While lighting isn't the most glamorous topic, it is very important for our towns.

"I commend the Council staff that worked alongside East Gippsland and Wellington Shire Councils to get this project done together to save our ratepayers money."

