



# Bright Futures for East Gippsland

**East Gippsland Shire Council has won more than \$1.7 million in Commonwealth Government energy efficiency funding.**

**The money will be used to cut electricity costs and reduce carbon emissions through the Bright Futures program.**

Latest technologies will be installed to help create a Bright Future in the region, with electrical infrastructure upgraded to make it more efficient and cost effective.

Council's carbon footprint will be slashed by 1,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year while utility costs will be greatly reduced. Projects to be funded by the grant include:

- Installation of energy efficient street lights – about 3,000 street lights in residential areas (spanning over 1,360 km of roads) which currently use 80 watt globes will be replaced with energy efficient lights.
- The Bairnsdale Aquatic and Recreation Centre and Lakes Entrance Aquadome have been big consumers of energy (gas and electricity) but this will change with the installation of a mix of heat recovery equipment, pool blankets, cogeneration, energy-smart lighting and more.
- Corporate Centre – energy costs will be reduced in the main council office building in Bairnsdale when energy efficient heating and cooling are installed and internal lighting is upgraded to latest LED technology.

Funding is from the Australian Government as part of the Community Energy Efficiency Program.

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