

GREEN STREET LIGHTING

PROJECT COMPLETED!!!



Street lighting across South Gippsland is now brighter, less expensive and better for the environment thanks to an upgrade to energy efficient light globes via a Federal Community Energy Efficiency Grant.

Almost 1300 existing 80-watt mercury vapour lights have been replaced with T5 fluorescent bulbs, which are 60 per cent more energy efficient.

South Gippsland worked in partnership with Bass Coast to 'bulk buy' the lights as well as the installation work. The savings achieved from this approach resulted in an additional 80 energy saving lights being installed in some heritage areas across South Gippsland and approximately 40 old style lights being upgraded across Council's parks and car parks.

Since March this year, the electricity bills associated with the street lights have seen a decrease of approximately 100,000 kWh compared with the same period last year. At today's electricity rates that's a saving of over \$15,000 in just 3 months!

The project team are very happy with these preliminary results.

Any questions about this project can be directed to Heidi Hamm – ext 815

