

Infrastructure Innovation for a Strong Climate Future Award

Special Commendation

East Gippsland Shire Council – Bright Futures East Gippsland

The Bright Futures East Gippsland project demonstrates strong leadership in climate change mitigation by a small rural council. The energy saving initiatives implemented have achieved outstanding reductions in energy consumption, energy costs, and CO₂ emissions that serve as an exemplar for other councils to replicate across Australia.



This project has showcased the project management skills of the East Gippsland Shire Sustainability team and illustrated how a few simple and innovative measures can not only lead to significant energy and cost savings but can also capture the attention and increase the capacity of the local Community to do the same. The project established an innovative approach through large-scale installation of commercially available technology, to prove the economic viability of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, supported by a diverse array of community education and participation actions.

The Council has adopted a compelling monitoring program to measure the benefits that can be achieved, and to communicate the achievements to their community and to other councils and organisations.

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