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LED Lights to reduce Council's energy bill

Bayside Council has partnered with Ausgrid to fast track the upgrade of over 4000 residential street lights to energy efficient LED lights.

Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said Council had agreed to an accelerated replacement program which would see the upgrade occur in a more structured approach over two years rather than on an ad hoc basis as lights needed replacing.

"By upgrading all pre-2009 lights with more efficient and reliable LEDs council will also save over \$350,00 a year," Mayor Bill Saravinovski said.

Ausgrid owns and maintains all the street lights and council pays for the use.

"Ausgrid will eventually replace all pre-2009 street lights with LED lights but this could take years," Mayor Saravinovski said. "There are 10,944 street lights just in the Bayside LGA and currently they are only upgraded as they need replacing.

"This is an exciting partnership which will result in a more efficient street lighting network. The LEDs use less energy, are easier to maintain, have better lighting attributes and are expected to last up to 20 years.

"The new street lights will be good for the environment, good for council's finances and we all know good street lighting is an important part of making our community safer," he said.

If anyone notices a streetlight not working correctly they can report it via the online map-based tool at ausgrid.com.au/streetlights or by calling the dedicated street lighting phone number on 1800 044 808.

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