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Supporting an hour off for Earth

Shoalhaven City Council has supported Earth Hour since its inception in 2007. And this Saturday Council is encouraging all citizens and businesses in the city to turn off their lights and stop using electricity for one hour on Saturday 27 March 2010 from 8.30pm.

Already millions of businesses, cities and local governments throughout the globe have pledged their support for Earth Hour 2010. Shoalhaven will be one of 92 countries and regions that have signed on to turn off their lights for Earth Hour.

These countries include Saudi Arabia, Mongolia, Cambodia, the Czech Republic and Paraguay among those that will make their debut when the lights go out around the world for one hour on 27 March.

“Earth Hour is an opportunity for the global community to speak in one voice on the issue of climate change, while at the same time coming together in celebration of the one thing every single person on the planet has in common – the planet,” co-founder Andy Ridley said.

Earth Hour is an initiative of the World Wildlife Fund and the Sydney Morning Herald and is about communicating in a simple way what we can do even as “ordinary” individuals to minimise energy consumption and the environmental consequences of energy production. The aim of Earth Hour is to have all residences and businesses turn out their lights between 8.30pm and 9.30pm on 27 March.

“Earth Hour in 2010 has proven to a truly global move to help raise awareness of the need for all people and businesses reduce their production of greenhouse gases,” Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said.

“This is a small step that Council can take and will help to show support to all the citizens, businesses and communities in the city that we take seriously our part in helping the city maintain its wonderful environment and showing that we are serious in our endeavours to save energy and reduce our environmental footprint.”

“The Earth Hour is only a small challenge and council has several initiatives that will help us to reduce our footprint. But more importantly we are hoping that all businesses and citizens will also get behind the initiative and take up the candles and enjoy an hour where we have help the earth by turning off our lights and reducing our energy use.”

Photo caption: Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green would like all citizens and businesses in the city to take part in Earth Hour 2010 on Saturday 27 March from 8.30pm.

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