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Centroc Councils get smart with energy savings

“As part of a regional push to conserve energy and of course save our rate payers’ money, Centroc Councils are adopting a revolving energy cost savings fund,” said Cr Ken Keith Chair of Centroc, Mayor of Parkes Shire Council.

“This initiative is part of the successful Australian Government Community Energy Efficiency Program rolling out in the Centroc region. As part of the program Centroc councils are installing energy efficiency measures which will save money and energy. Councils will then set the monies that they save on electricity bills aside in the revolving energy cost savings fund and plough them back into energy saving initiatives that will save even more money and energy,” said Cr Ken Keith.

“The fund is internally restricted so each council will have complete control over the savings they make, at the same time it inspires Councils to come up with ideas to help save money and energy. It also provides a small amount of money to invest in future programming that saves money and this is useful when applying for funding,” said Cr Ken Keith.

“The initiative is being co-ordinated by Centroc staff who will be measuring member councils energy use and providing each council with advice on how much energy and money councils are saving as part of the program,” said Cr Keith.

“The cost of electricity has a huge impact on Council’s budgets and this will only go up. So the idea is to use less and introduce renewables. These initiatives will help councils save money on their electricity bills and reduce their carbon footprint relating to electricity usage while promoting energy efficiency to our communities,” said Cr Keith.

“It is anticipated that the overall installation of energy efficiency improvements will increase the energy efficiency of a range of council assets by an average of at least 20%” said Cr Keith.

“We are pleased to be working in partnership with the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency on these great initiatives,” said Cr Keith.

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