

Community update

Anglesea



Welcome to our monthly community update where we share the latest on the rehabilitation and closure of the mine site, the decommissioning and remediation of the power station, and future land planning concepts. Alcoa's strong commitment to health, safety and environmental protection continue to underpin our work.

As always, community consultation and engagement help guide our activities. Recently we held our bi-monthly Alcoa Community Consultation Network (CCN) meeting.

More than 60 participants discussed updates about the mine and power station sites, environmental assessment work and the latest on the Eden Project Anglesea concept. Thank you to those who attended and participated in the discussion.

Key topics from the meeting are outlined in this update and a meeting summary will also be posted on the Alcoa website.

We have two community consultation activities coming up soon and I encourage all those interested in our site to attend.

In addition to the scheduled December CCN meeting, we will also be hosting a community update meeting on Monday 11 November to share the latest information and hear the community's views on the Eden Project concept and the Power Station concept. More details about the meeting are below.

On behalf of Alcoa, I thank the community for your ongoing interest in our activities.

Kind regards,
Warren Sharp
Anglesea Site Asset Manager, Alcoa of Australia

Mine rehabilitation activities

In line with Alcoa's key objective to ensure a safe and stable future landform in the former mine, the reprofiling of the mine walls continues to progress. To date more than 2.4 million cubic metres of material has been moved.

Principal contractor Mibus Bros continues to steadily shift earth to re-slope (lay back) the south wall, with overall works now approximately 75 per cent complete. Works are expected to be completed early 2020.

A combination of scrapers, dozers, haul trucks and excavators are being used to reset the crest of the wall and re-establish the toe-line (base) in the mine where it will interface with the water body.

All mine rehabilitation activities are consistent with the draft Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan that has been shared with the community (available at www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea) and in line with the Mine Work Plan Variation approved by the Victorian Government's Earth Resources Regulation in March 2018.

Rehabilitation of the completed north and west walls is underway to re-establish native heathy woodlands vegetation. All topsoil has now been laid and will be monitored as it grows.

For the steeper slopes on the south wall a native wallaby grass will be established to provide surface water erosion protection. The area totals approximately 50 hectares. Grass trials over almost two years have provided good learnings for the upcoming seeding.

Coalmine Road relocation works

As part of the south wall mine works, a previously closed section of Coalmine Road is being relocated further south.

The new road design has been agreed by a working party comprising representatives from the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP), Surf Coast Shire, Parks Victoria, Barwon Water and Alcoa.

Works to date have included the construction of the relocated road section (for use by emergency vehicles only) and the associated relocation of Barwon Water services.

While Alcoa is responsible for the relocation of this section of Coalmine Road, DELWP and Surf Coast Shire will determine the long-term use and management of the road.

To ensure the safety of the community during these works, fencing is in place along the west side of Messmate Track.

Unauthorised entry beyond the fence line is prohibited as the area is an active construction zone.

Intermittent vehicle closures of Messmate Track to allow for the road construction works will commence in November and will continue until February.

Road closures are communicated via variable message sign (VMS) boards.



Power Station decommissioning activities

The power station decommissioning and removal works are now complete, marking a major milestone for Alcoa and the future of the site.

As part of the works, more than 10,000 tonnes of steel have been recycled, 30,000 tonnes of concrete have been recovered for reuse and approximately 12 kilometres of underground services have been removed and recycled where possible.

The area where the power station and associated facilities once stood is now back to level ground with the industrial stack the only structure currently remaining for possible reuse as part of the future land plans. Should no suitable future purpose for the stack be identified, it will be removed by Alcoa.

The environmental assessment of the area has commenced. The assessment is in line with the Clean Up Notice issued by EPA Victoria to Alcoa following the cessation of power generation operations in 2015. Alcoa is also conducting an environmental assessment of the former mine workshop area.

Sampling is being undertaken at more than 150 points around the site to determine the levels and extent of any contamination in soil and groundwater, including sampling as part of the underground services and concrete removal. The samples have not identified any unacceptable risks to human health or the environment.

Regular feedback about the environmental assessments is being provided to the community at Alcoa CCN meetings and through a written quarterly report to the EPA which is also posted on alcoa.com.au/anglesea.

Alcoa has been working with a specialised consultant to design the landfill capping for the onsite asbestos landfill and will provide an update and seek the community's feedback at the December Alcoa CCN meeting.

Upcoming community meeting

Alcoa and Eden Project are committed to providing ongoing opportunities for the community to share and discuss their ideas and feedback about the future use of the former Anglesea mine and power station.

On Monday 11 November, Alcoa's Warren Sharp and Eden Project International's David Harland will host a meeting to discuss the progress of the Eden Project Anglesea Concept and the Power Station Concept.

Alcoa and Eden Project Community Update Meeting

6:00pm to 8:30pm
Monday 11 November

Anglesea Senior Citizens Club
McMillan Street Anglesea

RSVP to angleseaps@alcoa.com.au

Eden Project Anglesea Concept

As detailed at the October Alcoa CCN meeting, Alcoa and Eden Project are currently working to resolve the Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan water strategy and determine the planning authority and framework moving forward.

A further update on these key enablers will be provided by Alcoa and Eden Project representatives at the November Community Update meeting.

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