

Alcoa Anglesea Update

Winter 2022

Welcome to Alcoa's regular community update where we share the latest information about our activities at the former mine and power station site.

Groundwater pumping test

As reported in the Autumn edition of NewsAngle, the groundwater pumping test is currently paused while specialist consultants collate, analyse and validate the data collected during stage one of the test.

The test will provide information to Alcoa, the regulators and the community to better inform us about the potential use of groundwater to fill the mind void and determine if a sustainable extraction rate can be established.

During the pumping test a maximum of 1.5 gigalitres of groundwater can be extracted (less than half of this volume was extracted during stage one).

The test has run in accordance with the licence issued by Southern Rural Water and is being independently reviewed.

Analysis of the data generated so far has not identified any adverse impact on groundwater dependent ecosystems including the Anglesea River.

The data is also being used to update the Anglesea Groundwater Model, in conjunction with Barwon Water, that is

being independently reviewed by a Technical Review Panel established by the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP).

Stage two of the test will commence following the completion of stage one analysis and approval from Southern Rural Water.

The aquifers and bores continue to be closely monitored and information is shared with community and regulators via regular updates.

Mine rehabilitation maintenance and monitoring

The maintenance and monitoring activities for the completed earthworks and vegetation in the mine are ongoing, including erosion repairs where necessary, weeding, and geotechnical and vegetation expert inspections to monitor performance over time.

Walk on Country

We were delighted to join five representatives from the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, including three Traditional Owners, for a Walk on Country on the mine and power station sites in May.

We always gain so much from these experiences and the generous sharing of traditional knowledge of the land.

Anglesea Bike Park

We have extended the lease for the Anglesea Bike Park until June 2024.

Having supported the Anglesea Bike Park since 2006 we understand the bike park is a highly valued community asset.

Community engagement forums

The pandemic continues to hinder our attempts to restart our face to face community forums. We will continue to assess options to host CCN meetings and mine tours later this year.

Stay informed

For further information about our activities please visit www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea or email angleseaps@alcoa.com.au to receive our monthly e-updates.

Best wishes,

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Alcoa Anglesea

Alcoa congratulates Anglesea Community House on the 150th edition of NewsAngle.

We have been a proud contributor over many years and wish the Community House continued success and positive impact in Anglesea.



The waterbody is now at 15.7% of its expected full volume.

Alcoa Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands where we operate, the Wadawurrung People, and pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.