

HAZELWOOD

Community Update



It was pleasing to report to the Latrobe Valley community last week with an update on decommissioning activities at Hazelwood as well as our rehabilitation progress in the Mine.

Since the business closed on 31 March 2017, much has been happening at our site, initially with the first phase of the "Decommissioning" involving extensive cleaning and now preparing for the second decommissioning phase.

In tandem with this work is our extensive rehabilitation project which has been underpinned by the preparation of the 2017 Mine Work Plan Variation, submitted to the Victorian Government last month.

Decommissioning is a huge task with many projects simultaneously undertaken as detailed in the 'What's Happening' section on the following page.

All our plant in the Station and Mine, large and small, must be left in a clean and safe condition, ready for demolition.

Much of this work was completed by Hazelwood employees, many of them now finished with the business. I would like to acknowledge their commitment to these activities and thank them for their efforts under difficult circumstances.

I particularly want to congratulate the efforts of all our current employees and contractors working in both the Station and Mine. Safety is our priority and all work to date has been carried out with the utmost care.

The message I also took away from last week's meeting was that people appreciate being kept informed and want to be involved in the consultation process. I can assure you we are committed to this.

There was much interest from those present at the meeting in our rehabilitation activities, in particular whether we will have access to enough overburden material to complete all the work required.

As explained by our Mine Manager, we do have adequate supplies of overburden and I cannot stress enough that our company is committed to meeting all our rehabilitation obligations.

In the meantime I urge you to read about the extensive work to be done in the months ahead by going to a designated closure section on our website which contains comprehensive fact sheets on all aspects of the shutdown project as well as articles following the progress.

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Additional Mine fire pipework

Works are currently being conducted on the Hazelwood Mine fire service system to ensure continued fire readiness while rehabilitation works are undertaken.

Fire prevention and readiness remains a high priority across the site although with the cessation of mining operations, the risk and occurrence of fire has significantly reduced.

The operation and maintenance of the fire service system for the Hazelwood Mine will continue until rehabilitation works have been completed. The Hazelwood Mine has comprehensive infrastructure, policies and procedures in place to mitigate the risk of fire.

Recently, a new section of pipeline and batter droppers was installed down the batter face to 5 Level, the final resting place of Dredgers 10 and 11.

This 600DN (Diameter Nominal) pipeline dropper, 45 metres in length, is part of a series of pipeline

droppers installed along the Westfield western face, as well as new piping along 5 Level, to provide ongoing security of water supply through the fire service pipeline system, throughout the course of the rehabilitation works.

The works enable the fire service pipeline system to be fed from above through Balance Tanks situated at a high elevation adjacent to the Mine, or alternatively to be pumped from the Mine Pond System at the base of the Mine, according to system demand.

Works are also being currently conducted on the southern batters of the Mine in an area known as "the Knuckle" - the section visible from the Princes Freeway on the outskirts of Morwell.

The 2017 Knuckle Pipeline Realignment Project is a major rehabilitation activity upon the dirty water and artesian pipeline mains, which are integral to maintaining water supply to the fire service pipeline system, and the Mine's dewatering capabilities.

The realignment of these pipeline mains is required to allow the progression of the Overburden System into the Knuckle area as part of the Hazelwood Mine rehabilitation project. The works include realignment of 500 metres of 750DN Dirty Water Pipeline and the realignment of 500 metres of 600DN Artesian Pipeline.

Large plant being used on the project includes a 200 tonne crane, capable of lifting pipeline sections along the new alignment, and heavy earthmoving equipment.

Once the 2017 Knuckle Pipeline Realignment Project is completed, the overburden stacker (known as TS2) will gradually move its way from the South Eastfield Southern Batters dump towards the Knuckle, where it will start covering coal and adding overburden, to assist in the long term stability of the batters throughout the rehabilitation process.