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### Close-up look at fire preparedness

The new Latrobe City Mayor and Deputy Mayor were among a community group given a close-up look at ENGIE Hazelwood's fire preparedness program last week.

Councillors Darrell White and Dan Clancey joined community and CFA representatives including Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner, Rae McKay; Chair of the Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, Susan Lloyd; the Latrobe Valley Authority's Janet Needham; and CFA District 27 Operations Officer, Emma Conway.

Prior to the site tour, Hazelwood's Manager of Security and Emergency Services, Alan Roach, briefed the group in the Emergency Command Centre, which is manned by key personnel on days of extreme fire danger.

The group then travelled by bus to the Mine Lookout where they viewed water sprays operating, Dredger 25 which is being used to dig overburden for distribution over exposed coal batters and the Northern Batters Fire Services lookout, where they saw large water tankers in action.

They also watched a demonstration by one of four huge tankers on site, each carrying between 30,000 and 40,000 litres of water. The tankers disperse water from different sprays located on the front, back, top and sides of the trucks.

The Mine's Technical Services Manager, James Faithful and Mine Superintendent, Dave Shanahan, outlined fire preparedness and rehabilitation activities.

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