

# Community Update



Last week, we held our first community forum for the year and I thank those who attended.

It was an opportunity for us to provide you, our community with an update of what has been happening across our site as we approach the 12-month anniversary of Hazelwood closing.

Importantly, the meeting allowed us to provide further details about the decision to cease our bucket wheel operation six months earlier than originally estimated. It was a difficult decision and despite some comments to the contrary, a necessary one.

Our priority now is to ensure that we support those employees affected. This includes arranging for them to receive all their entitlements, including a redundancy payment. They will also have access to a range of support services including outplacement, employee assistance programs and a \$4,000 training allowance.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those individuals who have worked hard on rehabilitation activities over the past 12 months. These Mine personnel, together with other employees and contractors, have allowed us to get on with the work of decommissioning the Station and Mine, and rehabilitation.

Members of the Project Team also updated those at the

community forum on Station and Mine Decommissioning and Mine Rehabilitation.

Following several days of high winds last month, we explained our dust mitigation action plan. These sudden high-wind events occur without much notice and, like everyone, we are experiencing a very dry season with little rain.

We have a range of rehabilitation activities occurring on site and if windy conditions are forecast, we undertake a number of preventative measures including water spraying on these areas to mitigate dust and the impact on the community. For many, the change in the Mine landscape is visible as you travel along the Princes Freeway towards Melbourne. These earthworks on the Eastfield Eastern batters were completed before Christmas last year, with some 12 hectares of batters rehabilitated. This involved laying back the batters, capping the exposed coal with clay and topsoil before seeding was completed last month. Sadly the green tinge of the sown seed has dried off due to current weather conditions but this will change once the wet weather returns.

We were also pleased to report that regulators have approved the 2017 Mine Work Plan Variation, subject to technical studies. This plan recommends two final landforms for the Mine - a full lake or partial pit lake.

The Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project is committed to achieving a rehabilitation goal of a 'safe, stable and sustainable' landscape that reflects community aspirations and the complex practicalities of Mine rehabilitation.

We also screened a 3D animation video of how the final Mine landform may look once complete. This is a fantastic tool which provides a visual of what we may expect in the future, including active and passive areas, grasslands and walking tracks. This can be viewed on our website.

An important part of our project is to keep our community informed. Be assured we remain committed to doing this and also to listening to you. Next month we will hold a number of focus groups where you can learn more about the Mine Work Plan Variation. Our Mine Technical Services Manager will outline our rehabilitation activities, which aim to leave a lasting legacy for the Latrobe Valley community to use and enjoy long after we are all gone.

The rehabilitation of Hazelwood is a first for this community. I can assure you it is a responsibility we are committed to honouring.

**Tony Innocenzi**  
Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project Director



## Turbine House powers off

Power has been disconnected from the Hazelwood Power Station Turbine House as part of ongoing decommissioning activities. Once supplying over 25 per cent of Victoria's electricity through the national grid, the last remaining auxiliary lighting in the Turbine House was turned off for the last time on 28 February when supply from the grid was cut.

With planned Station decommissioning activities on schedule and almost completed, there is little need for any personnel

to enter this area. The disconnection means the area which houses the turbines and control rooms is now in total darkness. The Turbine House is locked and secure, with perimeter lighting of the Power Station block remaining live for safety and security purposes.

When access is required to the Turbine House or surrounding buildings, a 'safe site access' procedure is in place to ensure the safety at all times of our employees and contractors.

## Works underway on Ash and Carbonation Ponds



Truck Shovel Earthworks to remove the Carbonation Pond Ash Material to HAP 1 (Hazelwood Ash Pond 1) is well underway as part of the Rehabilitation Project activities.