

HAZELWOOD

Community Update



It was pleasing to see so many people from our community show an interest in contributing to the ongoing conversation around the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project by attending last week's community workshop in Morwell.

Our communities are best placed to understand the opportunities and challenges they face, and identify what the broader region needs to ensure continued growth in a changing economic landscape.

Reaching our six month milestone since closure was an appropriate time for our key personnel to sit down one-on-one with people last Wednesday evening in a workshop format so they could answer questions and hear suggestions about Mine rehabilitation, Station decommissioning, health and safety, and fire preparedness.

My colleagues and I valued the opportunity to hear the thoughts of the 90 attendees who spoke openly and honestly with us. The enthusiasm those in the

room have for their community and the region was evident from the ideas and thoughts they expressed.

At the forefront of everything we do is the need to balance and consider a range of influencing factors such as a shared vision, opportunities and constraints for the land, environmental attributes, commercial viability, liveability, and the social and economic profile of the Latrobe Valley.

For instance, it is important for people to understand that while we acknowledge the good intentions of those in wanting to preserve parts of our site, the issue of safety is our priority; in particular, our eight chimneys. While a feature of Hazelwood since they were built in the 1960s, they have already outlived their purpose by more than 20 years and will continue to deteriorate, especially now they are not in use. Our current focus is on keeping them safe.

That said, we want the people who live and work in the Latrobe Valley, who operate business and industry,

and who are passionate about the future of Morwell and the wider Latrobe Valley, to contribute to our ongoing discussions and influence decisions about what happens to the area affected by Power Station operations and mining.

I believe through ongoing engagement and the development of a shared vision that considers the aspirations of the community and stakeholders, we can achieve an outstanding outcome for the Hazelwood site that is safe, stable and sustainable.

I encourage you to go to our website and learn how you can be part of our future by continuing the conversation with us.

Tony Innocenzi, Hazelwood Project Director

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Meet our people



We are committed to returning the Hazelwood Mine to a full or partial pit lake to be used by our community into the future. While our preference is for a full pit lake, both concept plans include many possible uses for the area around the surface of the Mine, including woodland, native grass, wetlands, walking tracks, picnic facilities and other public amenities.

The opportunity that this project presents is exciting and I look forward to working with the community to provide a safe, stable and sustainable landform.

James Faithful - Mine Technical Services Manager



Our systematic approach to decommissioning in the Station ensures our site is secure while we manage ongoing security, clean buildings and organise salvage activities. We are committed to decommissioning the Power Station safely, ensuring the facility is left for demolition to be carried out in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

Wayne Buckley - Station Director

