

# Future of landmarks

The eight chimneys at the Hazelwood Power Station are its most visible feature and since closure, the focus has been on care and maintenance of the structures.

Construction of the chimneys started with the rest of the Station in the 1960s so they have exceeded their design life by more than 20 years.

Recent routine maintenance work should see them through to the demolition stage of the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project, however further inspections on their integrity will be carried out early next year as part of the care and maintenance program.

The chimneys are 137 metres high, have a diameter of 11 metres at the base, are 7.4 metres wide at the top and constructed as self-supporting steel reinforced concrete with a lining of brick.

Hazelwood Project Station Director, Wayne Buckley, said work on all eight of the chimneys was carried out earlier this year as part of ongoing maintenance.

"This work takes a specialist skill and was undertaken by specialist contractor, Absafe, whose employees are highly trained in high rope access work," Mr Buckley said.

"We understand that many in our community have an attachment to what has been a landmark on the horizon when you travel into the Latrobe Valley through the Haunted Hills.

"However it is a reality that since we stopped generating power and there is no heat passing through these structures that they will deteriorate quickly. In the meantime, our focus is on ensuring they are safe."



## Six month milestone

The Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project has reached its six month milestone, with a comprehensive range of decommissioning and rehabilitation activities completed across the Hazelwood Power Station and Mine.

Phase 2 of the Station decommissioning is well under way. Most of the plant and equipment has been decommissioned, cleaned and made safe with the focus now on disconnection of all energy supplies.

An "above ground" hazardous material survey of the site is running to plan while preparatory work for an underground hazardous substance survey will start in the coming weeks. Regular air monitoring of the site is also undertaken and results are clear to date.

The Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project is in the process of engaging a heritage consultant to identify items of cultural and architectural heritage significance on the site. The heritage consultant will compile an inventory of items of historical interest.

Community and organisations such as Heritage Victoria, historical societies and Latrobe City Council will then be consulted to determine the most appropriate and respectful way to acknowledge the contribution Hazelwood has made to the Latrobe Valley community and the State.

Donations of redundant equipment have also been made to ENGIE's Corporate Responsibility Partners (CSR) while the online auction process has started, the first held earlier this month and attracting national interest. A wide variety of equipment is being auctioned including tools, furniture and whitegoods, all surplus to ENGIE's needs.

Meanwhile, decommissioning in the Mine has seen the removal of power on the coal assets, the final cleaning

and removal of accumulated coal on the coal conveyors, and removal of lubricants from the decommissioned coal dredgers and associated equipment.

Progress is continuing on the Eastfield Eastern Batters' rehabilitation. Since the Stacker (TS2) was relocated onto the Level 2 Dump in the South Eastfield Southern Batters, the Bucket Wheel Excavator (Dredger 25) has delivered a significant amount of overburden required for buttressing.

As part of recent work, a number of horizontal bores have also been extended to ensure that through the rehabilitation and final landform stability measures, short term batter stability is not compromised.

Another important project undertaken in the past six months has been the preparation of the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project stakeholder engagement plan. This plan, 'Hazelwood - Be part of our future', was released at last week's community workshop session.

It demonstrates how the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project will effectively engage with the community and stakeholders in a timely, genuine and transparent two-way engagement process with a clear purpose and meaningful participation.

The scope and nature of the engagement requirement dictates that this plan is regularly updated to reflect developments and changes that will inevitably emerge in the months and years ahead.

The community must feel confident that any feedback from the consultation process will be considered by the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project, government and regulators. A copy of this plan and associated document, titled 'Let's continue the conversation', are available on our website under the Hazelwood Closure section.

