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Hazelwood hosts business and community leaders

The Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project's vision for a rehabilitated site was presented to Latrobe Valley business leaders last week.

Around 40 people attended a breakfast event, hosted by Project Communication Manager Lauren Carey, where they watched a 3D film on the vision for the Mine and surrounding land as well as a film on rehabilitation activities across the site.

Stills from the 3D film were displayed on large photo boards around the room and attracted a great deal of interest.

Attendees put forward their thoughts on their vision for the final landform which ranged from:

- Recreation and sporting facilities; a nature food farm; soundshell and music venue.
- Community space with a full lake that is usable for recreation and/or sports.
- A strong connection to bike paths, rail trails, bicycle tourism. Destination Gippsland will unveil a strategy in 2019 which will have a large bearing on these types of visitors to Latrobe City with a couple of rail trails and funding towards the mountain bike club. Consider any possibility to connect with a motor sports complex. The potential loss of Sandown (motor sports track) may create an opportunity.
- A space which incorporates the history and culture of the Indigenous people of the area. At the moment, the discussion focuses on farming as the prior land use but there were other land owners prior to that. Also consider the establishment of native forests for conservation and wildlife habitats as well as tourism.
- Incorporate all types of sporting end uses, such as sports fields, motor racing tracks (cars and motorcycles); community group facilities such as scouts, guides and cultural; children's playground; exercise shelters; lake swimming (marathon circuits); non-powered water sports; national/international tourist attractions. Caravan parks. Camping grounds. Motels.

Project team members Wayne Buckley (Station Director), Garry Wilkinson (Mine Director), Rob Dugan (Mine Production Manager), Shane Cane (OHS Manager, Hazardous Materials and Substances) and Lauren Carey (Project Communication Manager) answered many questions from the guests.

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