

Community update

Anglesea



Welcome to Alcoa's regular community update, where we share the latest about the Anglesea mine and power station including ongoing opportunities for the community to be engaged in our activities.

During these uncertain times Alcoa remains committed to safeguarding our people and doing what we can to minimise any impact of COVID-19 on communities close to where we operate.

With appropriate protocols in place to protect our workforce, suppliers, contractors and community, work is continuing onsite.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 restrictions have meant the cancellation of our April and June Community Consultation Network meetings, but we will continue to keep you informed with monthly updates and opportunities for online feedback.

We hope you enjoy this update and should you have any feedback or questions for Alcoa, please do not hesitate to contact the Anglesea team via angleseaps@alcoa.com.au or visit alcoa.com.au/anglesea for more information.

Stay well and safe!

Kind regards,
Warren Sharp, Anglesea Site Asset Manager

Mine rehabilitation works

Following the completion of the major earthworks in the mine last month, the hydroseeding of the native grassland on the south wall is now more than 50 per cent complete.

Specialised contractors are laying coarse sand and compost to prepare the surface before spraying wood fibre mulch and grass seed onto the area. The works have been hampered by recent wet weather and are now expected to be completed next month.

A temporary fence has been constructed around the grasslands area to keep grazing animals, particularly kangaroos, away from the grass as it matures over the next two to three years.

Mine water filling strategy

As outlined in our April and May updates, Alcoa has made an application to Southern Rural Water to conduct a 12-month groundwater pumping test as a source of water to commence the mine void filling process.

Alcoa has an existing licence to pump 4 gigalitres a year from the Upper Eastern View aquifer and is required to apply for a licence amendment to enable the water to be used in the mine void. During power station operations we used around 3.5 gigalitres per year, however during the test only approximately 1.5 gigalitres in total would be extracted. The test, that we aim to start in coming months, would include extensive monitoring and key stakeholder and community reporting.

Our strategy is that the 12-month test will provide additional information to Alcoa, the regulators and the community to better inform us all about the potential use of the groundwater in the longer term.

Coalmine Road

Work on the Coalmine Road relocation activity - the final preparation of the subsurface prior to crushed rock and sealing - is nearing completion.

Wet weather has also delayed these works, however we should have them complete during July, weather permitting.

Once completed and signed off by the Surf Coast Shire, temporary fencing will be removed. The shire, Parks Victoria and the Victorian Government's Earth Resources Regulation will then determine when the road will be reopened to the public for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

Weeding

An extensive weeding program to remove invasive vegetation species is underway in and around the mine rehabilitation area.

Locally experienced contractors are conducting the work to identify and remove or treat weeds.

To date more than 70 hectares has been completed. In the second half of the year the program will be expanded to the power station and surrounding lease area.

Anglesea Bike Park

In line with Alcoa's commitment to ensure a smooth transition to a new location for the Anglesea Bike Park, we have extended the no-cost lease to June 2022.

This provides certainty about the bike park in the near term and also allows further time to consider options for its future location.

Having supported the Anglesea Bike Park since 2006 Alcoa understands the park is a highly valued community asset.

We want it to remain as an important part of the community's social fabric long into the future.

We will continue to work with the Anglesea Bike Park Committee, Surf Coast Shire and the Victorian Government's Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) on this important community matter.

Reconciliation Action Plan

Earlier this year, Alcoa Australia launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan to guide our efforts to build meaningful outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and our business.

Locally the Anglesea team has an engaging relationship with the Wadawurrung Aboriginal Corporation and looks forward to continuing our work together.

We will honour, respect and recognise indigenous heritage in future land uses, with our commitment embedded in our community informed Guiding Principles developed in 2016.

Learn more about Alcoa's employment participation, education and relationship development commitments in our Reconciliation Action Plan on the Alcoa website.



Eden Project Anglesea's Water Concept – a wondrous centrepiece rising from the water body.

An update from Eden Project

UK lockdown measures, which had meant non-essential workers staying at home with only an hour of outdoor exercise per day allowed, are now beginning to lift. We recently reopened the outdoor gardens at Eden in Cornwall and we hope to be able to reopen our Biomes very soon.

As people emerge from their time in isolation, we sense a desire to leave behind what we used to consider "normal". Many people have used this time to reconnect with their families and to discover the natural riches on their doorstep.

Spending more time in nature is good for us both physically and psychologically - a wider understanding of humanity's place in the natural world has been at the heart of the Eden message since the very beginning. It is important that we don't lose this momentum and slip lazily back into the old way of doing things.

So we find ourselves at a crucial moment and history will judge us on the direction we choose to take. A global network of Eden Projects – of which Anglesea would be a crucial pillar – will be an important voice in the efforts to make the world a better place.

Despite the lockdown, we have continued to work hard on Eden Project Anglesea and we are hoping for a resolution on the water body soon. We are missing our friends and colleagues in Anglesea and we are looking forward to being able to visit again soon.

Best wishes,
David Harland, CEO, Eden Project International
www.edenprojectanglesea.com.au



An aerial of the mine's south wall showing the progress of the hydroseeding program. Coalmine Rd is shown on the left.



A close-up of the native wallaby grass on the mine's west wall, 70 days after germination.