

# alcoa anglesea community update

Welcome to our column in the Surf Coast Times where we report on some of the recent activities within our business.

## Mine Lease Renewal

Supplying 40% of its energy requirements since 1969, the Anglesea Power Station has played a critical role in the success of Alcoa's Smelting and Rolling businesses at Point Henry in Geelong. It has been Alcoa's stated intent for many years to exercise its right to a second 50 year term under the Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act 1961 so that it can continue to be a critical part of Point Henry's future.

Although Alcoa has the right to continue under its current terms it elected to enter into a process with the Victorian Government to revise the terms of the lease. There were no financial or legal incentives for the company to do so and our commitment to dialogue is a further example of the voluntary leadership Alcoa has shown throughout 48 years of continuous operation in Victoria.

The renewal process has required Alcoa to submit documents that identify coal reserves within the lease area that may be the subject of future mining activities. This has led to speculation that Alcoa



plans to clear 600 hectares of the Anglesea Heath in the near future. This is not true. Alcoa has a current coal mining plan in place out to 2016. The detailed coal mining plans that dictate where the mining operation will go and in what time frame post 2016 have not been developed yet.

Alcoa will begin the development of these detailed coal mining plans in 2012. The plans will cover short-medium term timeframes to incorporate relevant social, environmental and economic considerations. The framework for community involvement in this process is being designed at present and will be communicated further once finalised. For the

company's most recent statement on this process please visit: [http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/news/releases/20110317\\_ANG\\_lease\\_renewal\\_update.asp](http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/news/releases/20110317_ANG_lease_renewal_update.asp)

## Carbon Tax Response

Readers will be aware of the Federal Government's plan to introduce a carbon tax next year and many people have asked what Alcoa's view on this is. Alcoa's position on a Federal Government carbon tax has not changed for many years. We called on the parliament to 'amend and pass' the legislation in late 2009. The business still supports an economy-wide response to the challenge of climate change. It believes that regardless of the mechanism used, it is essential the Australian response does not diminish the international competitiveness of Australian industries which would simply lead to job losses and the transfer of emissions to other countries. Alcoa has a 'closed loop' aluminium business across Australia with refining, smelting and recycling businesses that employ 6000 mostly regional Australians. These businesses are run and maintained at highest world class standards for their age and type. As a commodity business trading on the global marketplace Alcoa is seeking a carbon tax that allows it to remain active in Australia whilst also allowing it to transition to base load renewable energy sources as they become commercially available.

## Make an Impact Program

Alcoa has worked in partnership with Greening Australia on a range of initiatives for nearly 30 years. Our newest project is to offer a version of the greenhouse reduction program called Make an Impact that began with Alcoa employees in 2006 to the Anglesea community. It launched in February this year with over 200 people enjoying a night of community entertainment.

The program works with interested households and community groups and aims to build on efforts already underway by Greening Australia, Alcoa, local government, state government and independent organisations to reduce carbon footprint through fun activities. Workshops that teach people how to compost, how to build a pizza oven, how to grow your own food and a whole lot more are already scheduled. If you would like to learn more about this program, please contact Sarah Bolus at [sbolus@gavic.org.au](mailto:sbolus@gavic.org.au)

## Community Consultation

Alcoa Anglesea has a range of activities and publications available to people who would like to learn more about the business. If you would like to learn more about Alcoa, you can do so by initially contacting [angleseaps@alcoa.com.au](mailto:angleseaps@alcoa.com.au) or by phoning 5263 4249.



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