



Alcoa Anglesea volunteers take a break after their clean up work

## business clean up day

Alcoa Anglesea employees worked with people from the local community at the "Business Clean Up Day" activity organised by Business and Tourism Anglesea (BATA) along the banks of the Anglesea River on March 1. Business Clean Up Day is part of Clean Up Australia Day's national clean up campaign and is described as "a great opportunity for Australian businesses to clean up, fix up and conserve their environment, both in their own workplace and beyond". Alcoa has participated in Business Clean Up Day many times over the years, but we typically do an activity close to our site, usually along Camp Road or Coalmine Road. When we were invited by BATA to participate in their activity this year, we agreed that this would be a good opportunity to meet more people in the local community and also hopefully have a bigger impact through working in a large team. Our employees enjoyed the day and felt a good sense of achievement with the amount of rubbish they collected. Two trailer loads of rubbish, mostly from the east side of the river, were collected on the day. Some of the more interesting items that were found included an old bike, a car tyre and a matching set of tennis shoes.

## sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) management

Improved management of SO<sub>2</sub> has been the highest priority environmental project for Alcoa Anglesea for several years and we continue to monitor and work on it as part of the daily operation of the power station. SO<sub>2</sub> is an air emission released from the stack that is created when coal containing sulphur is burnt in the power station. The commissioning of the Air Quality Control System (a tool that allows us to better anticipate and mitigate SO<sub>2</sub> conditions) in late 2009 is proving an effective management technique for this emission. Our SO<sub>2</sub> management and performance is recorded in the Alcoa Anglesea Environment Report each month. Past editions of this report are archived here: [http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/info\\_page/anglesea\\_en\\_report.asp](http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/info_page/anglesea_en_report.asp) and new subscribers are welcome to contact the Community Relations Officer to be added to the distribution list (details below).

## get involved

There are many ways in which you can learn more about Alcoa Anglesea's operations, including:

- discussing a matter directly with our Community Relations Officer (see below);
- joining the Community Consultation Network which meets every two months to discuss matters of interest to Alcoa Anglesea and the local community;
- registering to receive Community Consultation Network meeting minutes;
- registering to receive Alcoa Anglesea's electronic monthly Environmental Report which details our overall environmental performance;
- visiting our website: [www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea](http://www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea)
- registering to have a presentation at your next community group forum; or
- taking a free tour of Alcoa Anglesea to learn more about our operations.

Contact Community Relations Officer, Anthea Doran, for more information on 5263 4249 or via [angleseaps@alcoa.com.au](mailto:angleseaps@alcoa.com.au)



## alcoa anglesea news

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**Welcome** This quarterly newsletter aims to let you know about some of the activities that have been happening in our business and details ways you can discover more information about Alcoa if you'd like to. These newsletters are also archived on our website at: [http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/info\\_page/anglesea\\_newsletter.asp](http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/info_page/anglesea_newsletter.asp)

This edition's articles cover a broad cross section of projects that have been underway at our site in the past few months, including: work with the State Government to renew our mining lease; participation in BATA's Business Clean Up Day; Alcoa's response to the Federal Government's proposed

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Carbon Tax; signing on to be Anglesea Football Club's major sponsor and the progress of the Make an Impact community pilot project in Anglesea.

If you would like to know more about any of the stories in this newsletter or our operations generally please take a look at the "get involved" section on the back page for our contact details.

Kind regards,

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Stephanie Pearce  
POWER STATION MANAGER

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## alcoa anglesea mining lease

Supplying 40% of its energy requirements since 1969, the Anglesea Power Station has played a critical role in the success of our smelting and rolling businesses at Point Henry, Geelong. For many years now, it has been our intent to continue operating past 2011 so it can continue to be a critical part of the Point Henry businesses' future.

While Alcoa has the legislative right to continue under its current mine lease arrangements post 2011, it has instead elected to enter into process with the Victorian Government to modernise the terms. There were no financial or legal incentives for us to do this but it is a sign of the commitment to dialogue and engagement we have displayed throughout 48 years of continuous operation in Victoria.

The renewal process with the State Government has required Alcoa to submit documents that identify coal reserves within our 7221 hectare lease area that may be the subject of future mining activities. This has led to speculation that Alcoa plans to clear an additional 600 hectares of the Anglesea Heath. This is not true. Alcoa does have a current coal mining plan in place which takes us out to 2016. The detailed coal mining plans that dictate where the mining operation will go beyond this have not yet been developed. We will begin work on those plans shortly via a rigorous process to incorporate the relevant technical, social, environmental and economic considerations.

In discussions that we have had with the community to date, two common questions we have received are: why is Alcoa pursuing a

50 year lease for brown coal in a carbon constrained economy and will that absolve Alcoa from looking to renewable energy sources in the future? The company is seeking the second 50 year term of our lease to provide the business certainty required to secure future investment in the Anglesea and Geelong Alcoa businesses. It does not absolve us from our responsibility to act in the face of climate change - nor does it mean we have been sitting on our hands to date. We have implemented a number of improvement projects on site and continue to look for new ones through our Environment Improvement Plan ([http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/pdf/EIP\\_Anglesea\\_0809.pdf](http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/pdf/EIP_Anglesea_0809.pdf)). We are also continuing our discussions with Loy Yang Power (via our joint Carbon Reduction Agreement) and Greener Earth Energy (via the MOI signed by both companies) to explore renewable base load energy sources. These are not currently available to us as we require base load electricity to operate industrially. Solar and wind technologies are not viable in this context.

The framework for community involvement in the mine planning process is being designed at present. Alcoa Anglesea's two formal community consultation groups, The Anglesea Heath Consultative Committee and the Alcoa Anglesea Community Consultation Network have been briefed on the project's progress and have agreed to continued involvement in discussions with Alcoa in relation to mine planning. Alcoa will continue to post updates on this project at [www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea](http://www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea).

## proposed carbon tax

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.



## supporting anglesea football club

Alcoa Anglesea has signed on to be the ground naming rights sponsor of the Anglesea Football Club for the next three years. Club President, David Cook approached the business in late 2010 seeking a long term commitment to assist the club to plan for its future and offering naming rights to the home ground. David Cook, outlined the club's plans to expand its facilities to better service the growing need for recreational facilities across the Shire and also provide a solid future for the club's supporters. "Alcoa have always supported us over the years. We wanted to take their sponsorship support to the next level, and we thought the ground naming rights sponsorship was the right opportunity for them. Alcoa's financial support for the club helps us secure our future and we look forward to working with them over the next 3 years and beyond", Mr Cook said. Alcoa Anglesea has worked with the Anglesea Football Club on other projects over many years and recognises the enormous contribution they make to the local community. We are proud to be a major supporter of theirs and look forward to watching them on the field at 'Alcoa Oval' in the coming season.



Acting Power Station Manager, Chris Rolland and Club President, David Cook with some upcoming Anglesea Football Club players

## 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 their 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 Greening Australia via [sbolus@gavic.org.au](mailto:sbolus@gavic.org.au)