

As we move into the winter period, steady progress continues across rehabilitation activities at our former mine and power station site.

In this winter edition, we're pleased to share with our readers progress made against our 2026 focus areas.

Maintaining our track record

Consistent with our values and actions both during operation and since closure, we continue to maintain a track record of zero injuries and maintaining full environmental compliance.

During April, a two-monthly mine geotechnical inspection was conducted as part of the site's ongoing regulatory requirements. Pleasingly, no significant issues were identified.

Developing the final Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan

Our groundwater licence amendment application, submitted in July 2024, remains under assessment by Southern Rural Water.

Once an outcome is received we will be able to develop and deliver a final Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan, inclusive of further community and stakeholder feedback, bringing us closer to returning the site to the community.

Read more about the application by visiting www.alcoa.com/australia/en/anglesea/mine-water-filling-strategy.

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Exploring land use opportunities

Investigating land use options for Alcoa freehold land, in line with the Alcoa Freehold Master Plan and the Anglesea Futures Land Use Framework, remains an important and critical focus for our team.

This will continue in consultation with the Surf Coast Shire, Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action (DEECA), and the broader community.

Continuing mine maintenance and monitoring activities

Our extensive mine maintenance and monitoring program is integral to achieving our objective of a safe, stable and sustainable landform.

This program includes weed management, erosion repairs, stability monitoring, water monitoring, and regular geotechnical and vegetation expert inspections – activities that are expected to continue for the next five to 10 years.

Weed management

Since our last update, Alcoa's weeding contractor completed targeted preparation of three trial plot areas in the 1:5 slope grasslands ahead of a native wallaby grass re-sowing trial.

Weed management activities also continued across the mine, including treatments focussing on emerging Pampas Grass within the mine area and woody weed removal (primarily Sallow Wattle and Boneseed). Covering an area of more than 54 hectares, this work is approximately 80 per cent complete.

Environmental monitoring

Our 2026 annual Groundwater Monitoring activity recently took place across the power station and mine infrastructure areas. A comprehensive sampling and analysis program, the activity provides:

- Contemporary information on the condition and quality of the very shallow perched groundwater systems around the historical facilities; and
- Insight into the efficacy of completed soil and sediment remediation.

Vegetation activities

Across April, three trial plot grassland areas were lightly tilled in preparation for upcoming native wallaby grass re-sowing trials. These areas have been impacted by exotic grass weed species, and the trial aims to re-establish dominant coverage.

Monitoring of kikuyu establishment on the steeper 1:3 slopes as an erosion mitigation strategy has seen these grass areas develop, with further works planned during spring.

Pleasingly, in late-March the mine regulator, Resources Victoria, conducted a progressive rehabilitation audit, with the report identifying no issues or required actions.

Closing out power station remediation

Work is progressing on development of a Site Condition Report, which:

- Details the work completed over the last decade including the results of extensive environmental remediation processes; and
- Provides the foundation for future alternative land uses.

This is the last step of the process to obtain the EPA-appointed auditor Site Environmental Audit Statement and Report, confirming satisfactory completion of remediation activities and suitability of the site for future land uses.

Involving the community

In March we welcomed members of the Anglesea and District Historical Society to site for a tour, showcasing the outcomes of many years of rehabilitation work.

Alcoa also hosted a site visit with the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA) CEO and the *Re-imagining the Anglesea River* Project Team Leader, providing background on the Alcoa site, the history of the upper Anglesea River, and the Mine Rehabilitation and Closure Plan.

If you have any feedback or questions for Alcoa, please do not hesitate to contact the team via angleseaps@alcoa.com.au.

To read more about our activities including previous updates, visit our website www.alcoa.com/australia/en/anglesea.



Anglesea and District Historical Society members on tour with our Site Asset Manager, Warren Sharp.