

## From the Site Manager

The first Alcoa Community Consultation Network (CCN) meeting for 2016 was held recently and I am pleased to present the highlights in this Community Update.

Since 2002 the Alcoa CCN meeting has been a forum to keep the community informed of activities at the Anglesea Power Station and Mine and to receive input from the community.

Following the shutdown of our operations in August 2015, the Alcoa CCN meeting continues to be an important activity undertaken by Alcoa about every two months, and we recognise and thank participants for their time and input.

At our February meeting I was pleased to provide the 31 attendees with the latest update on the process and timeline for the site's decommissioning and rehabilitation, and on the associated draft strategy and process for community engagement.

Updates were also provided from representatives from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), EPA Victoria, and Surf Coast Shire.

To further assist with informing the community, five fact sheets have been developed by Alcoa to outline the key aspects of the process being undertaken to decommission and rehabilitate the Alcoa site. The fact sheets can be downloaded from the Alcoa website:

[www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea](http://www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea).

As always should you have any questions for Alcoa, please contact my team via email or telephone, visit our website, or come along to a CCN meeting.

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## Environment, health and safety update

The site's management team continues to place the highest emphasis on safety and the environment. Since the shutdown of operations in August 2015 there have been zero injuries and zero environmental non-compliances.

## Future fire risk mitigation

Fire prevention continues to be a fundamental consideration for Alcoa. We are proud that in our 47 years of operation we have not had any significant fire events.

Fire prevention activities undertaken by Alcoa include the completed coverage of all horizontal coal, at least twice daily mine inspections, the completion of a Trigger Action Response Plan and continued access to onsite water sources and equipment for fire control.

Alcoa regularly engages with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and the state government on fire prevention matters. Monthly inspections by WorkSafe and DEDJTR Earth Resources are also undertaken, part of which includes the testing of all fire prevention processes in place.

## Closure, decommissioning and rehabilitation process

The mine rehabilitation and closure process is consistent with the endorsed Work Plan and is regulated by DEDJTR Earth Resources. The power station decommissioning and remediation process is consistent with the National Environment Protection Measure (Contaminated Sites) and is regulated by EPA Victoria. Community engagement is a key part of these processes.

A statutory Clean Up Notice was issued by EPA Victoria in October 2015 as is due process, requiring Alcoa to manage any environmental contamination specifically at the power station site in preparation for future use. The notice requires the completion of environmental site assessments by 30 September 2017 and the appointment of an independent environmental auditor by 1 April 2016. Quarterly reports are submitted to the EPA and are available on the Alcoa website.

Following technical reviews, site assessments and an agreed community engagement process, it is anticipated that the physical decommissioning of the power station will commence approximately August 2016, and physical works in the mine will commence in 2017.

## Decommissioning activities underway

A key activity that has been completed is the removal of all loose scrap material from site along with the sale of a variety of redundant equipment. A 'Div 6 Audit' (an assessment of the site for asbestos) will also soon be undertaken by a qualified consultant. This is a regulatory requirement prior to the commencement of any demolition works.

## The Anglesea River

Alcoa recognises the community interest in the Anglesea River and following a request from government, the company is maintaining its water flows into the river at levels similar to recent years until March 31st 2016.

Alcoa has continued to comply with all aspects of its EPA licence during this process and is on track to cease discharging water at the end of March.

## Asbestos Landfill

Alcoa has safely managed an asbestos landfill for approximately 20 years under an EPA licence. Alcoa's continuing compliance with the licence conditions ensures the asbestos material contained in the landfill is safe and properly managed.

As part of the site's closure plan, Alcoa expects that the EPA licensed landfill will remain, as depositing asbestos in a contained site is a safe and appropriate way for it to be managed into the future.

## Community engagement process

In line with Alcoa's long term engagement with the Anglesea community, Alcoa will work with the community to obtain feedback to support the development of the Revised Mine Closure Plan, and the Master Plan for the power station freehold land. This process will run in addition to Alcoa's CCN meetings.

Firstly, to guide the development of these plans, key principles will be established in conjunction with the community and government stakeholders. This phase of engagement is planned to commence at Easter and will include a variety of activities over about six months to provide the broad community opportunities to participate.

Considerate of the guiding principles that will be established, and after the required technical reviews are undertaken, the draft plans will be prepared by Alcoa and then available for further feedback and input from the community in 2017.

## Community Consultation Network

The Community Consultation Network (CCN) is open for any community member to participate in with meetings held bi-monthly.

The next CCN meeting will be held on Monday 11 April, 6pm-8pm at the Anglesea Senior Citizens Club in McMillan Street. To RSVP please contact Alcoa.

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