Portland Aluminium is a joint venture between Alcoa of Australia Limited (55%), CITIC (22.5%), and Marubeni Aluminium Australia (22.5%). Alcoa manages the day-to-day operations at the smelter, which opened in 1986.

The smelter has a rated capacity of 358,000 metric tons per year and produces 22.5-kilogram aluminium ingot.

Majority of Portland Aluminium’s product is exported to customers in Asia, with other customers located in the USA as well as domestically.

Portland Aluminium is situated on approximately 600 hectares. The smelter operations, ancillary buildings, and roads occupy approximately 100 hectares.

Portland Aluminium is the largest employer in the region, with approximately 460 direct employees and about 120 contractors. The majority of employees live in the local Portland community.

Annually it contributes approximately AU$60 million in salaries and wages, and around AU$92 million in local supply contracts. In 2017 approximately AU$6 million was paid to Victoria’s local and state governments through the payment of taxes, rates and charges.

The smelter produces approximately 13 per cent of Australia’s total aluminium production.

Aluminium from Portland Aluminium is a valuable export good for the state of Victoria.

More than 65 per cent of Alcoa of Australia’s total annual revenue stays in Australia through wages, local purchasing, taxes, royalties, capital investment and dividends to Australian shareholders.

Alcoa of Australia Limited produces an annual Tax Transparency Report and voluntarily established an Annual Compliance Arrangement with the Australian Tax Office (ATO) in 2012.

Open-door Community Advisory Network meetings are held quarterly.

Each year Portland Aluminium contributes approximately AU$260,000 in local partnerships and supports a broad range of community services.

Portland Aluminium was integral in founding The Committee for Portland. Established in 2007, the committee advocates and facilitates the future development of Portland and surrounding areas to be a vibrant and economically sustainable community.

Portland Aluminium was the founder of the highly regarded Future Leaders of Industry Scholarship program over 10 years ago that supports local students to learn about local careers.

In partnership with United Way Glenelg Portland Aluminium is helping improve literacy in the region through the delivery of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library where free books are delivered to children from 0-5 years. The Glenelg Shire has the largest take up of the program Australia wide.

In 2017, employees contributed approximately 1,000 hours of volunteerism to local schools and community groups and initiated 13 ‘Alcoans Coming Together In Our Neighbourhoods’ (ACTION) events.

The 500 hectares of land surrounding the operations is managed to protect and conserve native fauna with the main focus being on the protection of habitat and an emphasis on significant species.

Portland Aluminium is committed to continuously improve environmental performance, reduce environmental impacts and develop more sustainable operating practices, Targets and actions for water, waste, air and land are outlined in the site’s Environment Improvement Plan.

Portland Aluminium maintains walking tracks on its land adjacent to and connecting with the renowned Great South West Walk, a 256km trail taking in the Glenelg River, Bridgewater Lakes, Bridgewater Bay and Portland Bay’s spectacular forests and coastline. Walking tracks are open to the community.
Alcoa of Australia

- Alcoa of Australia has operated in Australia from more than 55 years and in this time has invested more than AU$12 billion.
- Alcoa’s Australian operations represent one of the world’s largest integrated bauxite mining, alumina refining and aluminium smelting systems.
- Two bauxite mines and three alumina refineries in Western Australia produce almost 45 per cent of Australia’s alumina. In Victoria, Portland Aluminium Smelter (which is 55 per cent owned by Alcoa of Australia) produces approximately 13 per cent of the nation’s aluminium.
- Alcoa employs thousands of people, predominantly from regional Western Australia and Victoria, and adds value to Australia’s local, state and national economies at every stage. Alcoa employs 4,275 employees and in 2017 paid AU$654 million in wages and benefits.
- Alcoa’s values ensure that we act with integrity, operate with excellence and care for people.
- Alcoa has been named an employer of choice for 16 consecutive years by the Federal Government’s Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA). Flexible work practices at Alcoa mean that employees can balance their personal interests and family life alongside their work commitments.
- Alcoa has earned a place, for the second consecutive year, on the World Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), a respected benchmark for corporate sustainability. Only the most sustainable companies in each industry are considered for DJSI membership.

Alcoa

- Alcoa is a global industry leader in bauxite, alumina and aluminium products, with a strong portfolio of value-added cast and rolled products and substantial energy assets.
- Alcoa is built on a foundation of strong values and operating excellence dating back nearly 130 years to the world-changing discovery that made aluminium an affordable and vital part of modern life.
- Since developing the aluminium industry, and throughout our history, our talented Alcoans have followed on with breakthrough innovations and best practices that have led to efficiency, safety, sustainability and stronger communities wherever we operate.
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