

Community Update



April 2024

IN THIS EDITION: Details of our upcoming Technical Conversation Session, ways to get involved and an update from recent visits to the Hazelwood site.



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Technical Conversation Sessions recommence in 2024

After the success of our Technical Conversation Sessions in 2023, the series will continue through 2024 to inform the preparation of the Environment Effects Statement - with our first event to be held on 30 April in Morwell.

The session will include a panel discussion with technical specialists preparing studies for the EES, ways to provide your feedback, as well as the chance to ask the project team and specialists any questions about the project or their studies.

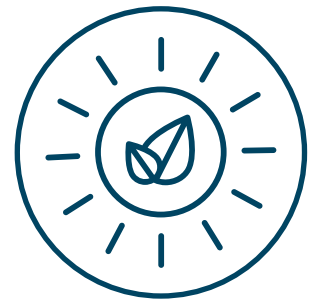
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Progressing the Environment Effects Statement

Work on the Environment Effects Statement (EES) for the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project is progressing.

The EES is managed by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and involves a comprehensive assessment of all the project's potential environment effects.

Significant work goes into preparing an EES for a project of this kind and involves detailed work to model and assess potential impacts. Technical work will continue throughout the year to finalise reports and findings before the final EES is publicly exhibited in 2025.





Get involved in the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project EES

Come along to our next round of **Technical Conversation Sessions in April 2024**. We're inviting our specialists back for another discussion on key topics to be covered in the EES.

We asked recently what topics you would like to hear. Thank you to those who responded. We have included some of the top responses in our planning for the April sessions.

At the sessions you'll hear a panel discussion from specialists on water quality, groundwater, catchments, rivers and wetlands, landform safety and stability and alternatives.

Attendees will be invited to ask questions and share their feedback directly with specialists after the panel presentation.

Technical Conversation Sessions

Tuesday 30 April, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Italian Australian Club,
499 - 501 Princes Drive, Morwell

Thursday 2 May, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Zoom link to be provided on registration.



Scan the QR code to register for the session or go to hazelwoodrehabilitation.com.au

Enhancing storage capabilities in the Valley

ENGIE Hazelwood is looking at opportunities to expand energy storage at the former Hazelwood Mine and Power Station.

A new development would add further storage capability to the grid, increasing the state's energy capacity and providing further grid stability.

As an established power generation site with access to 1.6GW of dormant transmission capacity, Hazelwood is uniquely placed to accommodate battery infrastructure and support the Latrobe Valley as it transitions towards new energy generation technologies.



Helping students look to the future

ENGIE Hazelwood also hosted a group of year 12 Geography students from Bass Coast Secondary College. The tour made up the fieldwork component of the students' task to examine a major project undergoing significant change.

The students mapped points of interest and environmental sensitivity around the site. Students will use this work alongside existing documents to identify new land uses for the site including recreation, agricultural or economic opportunities.



SEC visits Hazelwood

Earlier this year ENGIE Hazelwood hosted the State Electricity Commission (SEC) to share more about the rehabilitation plans and activities already underway.

The site tour helped deepen the SEC team's understanding of local energy developments and current activities underway to contribute positively to the energy transition in the Latrobe Valley.

Conversations with the SEC focused on the new Hazelwood Battery Energy Storage System (HBESS) and further opportunities for energy storage at the site.

The Hazelwood Battery now in operation was delivered by ENGIE, Eku Energy and Fluence.

10 years on: Community Day

In February 2024, ENGIE attended the '10 years on: Community Day' event and participated in a mine rehabilitation panel discussion to share more about the Hazelwood Rehabilitation Plans and visions for the site.

During the panel discussion, attendees asked about the environmental assessment and planning process, how impacts are considered and assessed, and opportunities post rehabilitation.

ENGIE would like to thank the event organisers for putting on the hugely successful day, with over 700 attendees coming along to get involved and look to the future for the Latrobe Valley.

Keeping safety front of mind

In January local CFA brigades also attended the site for an annual site familiarisation activity.

Crews were accompanied around the site to update their knowledge of the Emergency Response Centre, Hazelwood Battery Energy Storage System (HBESS) and other safety lookout points to ensure the CFA is familiar with the site and safety procedures in the event of an emergency.

It is important these activities are undertaken regularly throughout the rehabilitation to ensure crews remain familiar with the site as it changes.



Supporting community connection in the Latrobe Valley

Men's Sheds play a vital role providing social connections and mental health benefits to regional communities.

ENGIE Hazelwood acknowledges the work of Men's Sheds in Morwell, Churchill, Boolarra, Traralgon and Traralgon South to support their communities.

To help these groups stay active, ENGIE Hazelwood has contributed \$2,000 to each group to purchase equipment from local hardware stores. Vouchers provided will be used at local stores in the Latrobe Valley.

The Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project Director Tom McDowall said, "the social connections and mental health benefits of those connections are extremely valuable for individuals and at the same time their activities support other parts of the community."

A Men's Shed representative said the funding would enable the sheds to continue the community and outlet for practical involvement.

Working with Men's Shed is just one example of the ways ENGIE Hazelwood continues to invest locally.

ENGIE Hazelwood will continue to support local initiatives that seek to enhance social and economic outcomes for communities. This approach to benefit sharing centres on identifying and understanding local and community needs to deliver targeted benefits.

As ENGIE Hazelwood looks to the future, we'll work with councils to establish how a shared benefit approach could be best implemented in the Latrobe Valley.

"Through shared experiences, members make friends, build a network of emotional support, and develop a sense of belonging."

ENGIE Hazelwood acknowledges that the Gunaikurnai people are the Traditional Owners and Native Title holders of lands and waters in the Latrobe Valley and broader Gippsland region in which the ENGIE Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project is located, and we pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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