

# Community Update

Anglesea



Welcome to Alcoa's regular community update, where we share the latest about the Anglesea mine and power station including ongoing opportunities for the community to be engaged in our activities.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact on our everyday lives, we remain committed to safeguarding our people and doing what we can to minimise any impact of COVID-19 on the local community.

With appropriate protocols in place, including social distancing, work-from-home options and other protective actions aligned with best practice guidance, work is progressing onsite.

## Mine rehabilitation

A key part of the mine's rehabilitation is protecting the reprofiled mine walls from erosion. This essential work involves establishing native grasslands and vegetation as well as installing five surface water drains.

After three months of planting activity and a run of drier weather, the hydroseeding of grasslands on the south wall is expected to be completed this month.

Temporary fencing now encloses the area to keep grazing animals, particularly kangaroos, away from the grass as it matures over the next two to three years.

On the north and west mine walls the native heathy woodland topsoil rehabilitation established last year is progressing well.

Earlier this month excavation works to install surface water drains on the south and west walls commenced. Concrete matting is being installed in five engineered drains from the mine's crest to the water body. Pending good weather, these works should be completed in August.

## Mine water filling strategy

As part of the mine water filling strategy, Alcoa is seeking approval from Southern Rural Water to conduct a 12-month pumping test of the Upper Eastern View Formation Aquifer. An application was submitted to the water authority in May with an expected three month assessment period.

Alcoa has an existing licence to pump up to 4 gigalitres a year from the aquifer and during power station operations we used around 3.5 gigalitres annually. To be conservative, we are seeking a licence amendment to enable up to 1.5 gigalitres of water to be used in the mine void.

The test, that we aim to start in coming months, would include extensive monitoring and key stakeholder and community reporting, and ultimately provide the information required to better inform us all about the potential use of the groundwater in the longer term.

## Coalmine Road relocation

The final stage of the Coalmine Road relocation works is nearing completion with the surfacing of around 1,200 metres of road expected to be completed in early August.

The Surf Coast Shire, Parks Victoria and the Victorian Government's Earth Resources Regulation will then determine when and if the road will be reopened to the public for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

## Keep informed

As always should you have any feedback or questions for Alcoa, please do not hesitate to contact the Anglesea team via [angleseaps@alcoa.com.au](mailto:angleseaps@alcoa.com.au) or visit [www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea](http://www.alcoa.com.au/anglesea) for more information.

Stay safe and well at this time.

Best wishes,  
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View towards the south-west corner of the mine showing the developing water body, the reprofiled south and west slopes and revegetation treatments. The grey strip in the foreground is the emerging vegetation on the former haul road.

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