

# Delivering a community asset fact sheet

EnergyAustralia acknowledges that the Yallourn power station and mine is located on the traditional lands of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation. We acknowledge them as Traditional Owners, as well as their living culture and connection to Country.

## Planning for the future

Upon retirement of the Yallourn power station in mid-2028, EnergyAustralia's ambition is to deliver a unique space for the Latrobe Valley community.

We aim to deliver this by converting the mine into a lake interconnected with the Morwell and Latrobe rivers, which currently adjoin the mine.

Our hope is this area will be surrounded by native bush and woodland, grazing areas, and wetlands that can become a community recreational hub. The land could include multiple walking paths and bike tracks and provide business opportunities for the region.



An artist's impression of an interconnected lake in the Yallourn mine

It is our intention that the lake and surrounding parklands deliver benefits to the Latrobe Valley community, including:

- A safe and stable landform with community accessible facilities suitable for recreational use and public gatherings, such as aquatic activities, walking and cycling tracks
- Interconnecting community pathways with our neighbours
- Protection and preservation of cultural heritage sites
- Preservation of local fauna and flora and other positive environmental outcomes, including the potential for better water movement through local rivers resulting in improved water quality
- Providing a useful emergency flood mitigation and water storage resource.

## Progressive rehabilitation

Each year we continue to rehabilitate more ground than we disturb. As for the power station, we will decommission, demolish and rehabilitate the plant, with the safe removal of plant infrastructure and services.

Efforts to return the environment to its natural state have already begun. During the past 20 years more than 300,000 plants of 100 different species have already been planted and we have created a unique wetland that attracts native birdlife and aquatic species.

Work is also underway to construct a shallow shoreline of trees to offer shade as part of our progressive rehabilitation strategy. Current rehabilitation works are carried out in collaboration with local Landcare and government groups to deliver the best long term environmental outcome for the area.



Yallourn mine wetlands

## Working with the community

As our plans for a recreational community hub progress, we will be present and available to our community in keeping with our intention to be a good neighbour.

Forums and smaller face-to-face sessions will be held in which we will present our plans and seek input from different interest groups and locals. The current approved work plan provides for the filling of the mine. This would potentially ensure the fastest and safest approach, while acknowledging resources that must also serve an important community need.

EnergyAustralia will continue to work collaboratively with Traditional Owners, the broader community, government regulators and Latrobe City Council to achieve a solution that adds value to the region.