

# Yallourn fact sheet



The EnergyAustralia Yallourn power station and mine operate on the lands of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners, as well as acknowledge their living culture and strong connections to their Country.

## A century of support

For more than a century Victoria's Latrobe Valley has generated electricity to illuminate, warm, cool and power millions of homes and businesses across the state and the country.

Yallourn has been part of the region's proud heritage since 1921, when the former State Electricity Commission of Victoria built a power station fuelled by brown coal.

That temporary pioneering project was a success and a permanent power station was built on the banks of the Latrobe River in 1924.

This was followed by the construction of other power stations on the site through to the 1974 construction and operation of the power station we know today.



Overlooking the Yallourn site and mine from the 18th floor of the power station. Photographed by Arsineh Houspian.

## Powering Victoria

- Yallourn operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with a generating capacity up to 1480 MW
- Yallourn provides about 20 per cent of Victoria's electricity, and about eight per cent of Australia's National Electricity Market (NEM)
- Yallourn provides power to around two million homes.

## Highly-skilled workforce

- Yallourn employs around 500 permanent workers on site
- For three to four months of some years, our workforce increases to 1000 when we undertake major unit outages, along with four yearly integrity maintenance works adding an extra 150-200 workers
- Each Yallourn worker is estimated to generate an additional four to five jobs in the Latrobe Valley
- At any given time, Yallourn has at least 15 apprentices on site.



**~2M**

Powering around 2 million Australian homes



**~20%**

Of Victoria's electricity is powered by Yallourn



**~8%**

Of the NEM is powered by Yallourn



**500+**

Permanent workers and up to 1000 during maintenance



**15**

Apprentices on site

## Bringing economic prosperity to the Latrobe Valley

- Historically, around \$200-\$300 million is spent each year to keep Yallourn operating reliably
- From electricians to catering, there are more than 240 small businesses that Yallourn contracts with
- Yallourn contributes over \$25 million in royalties and \$3 million in payroll tax to the state of Victoria annually.



Education Association Wurreker Awards came courtesy of Latrobe Council's Aboriginal Employment Officer, Joanne Brunt (pictured with David Burt).

## Part of the community

- Yallourn contributes almost \$2 million annually in local council rates helping to deliver important community services
- In the past decade, Yallourn and its workers have contributed \$2.7 million to many charities and organisations that support local families, community groups and businesses

- Each year Yallourn provides more than \$140,000 in community grants and sponsorships
- In line with its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), \$20,000 goes toward supporting local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and youth education programs
- In 2019, Yallourn was recognised for its work in increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recruitment from the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association's Wurreker Awards
- Many Yallourn workers also live in the local community, which they actively support through volunteering opportunities with local schools and organisations.

## Leaving a sustainable legacy

- As we continue to mine, we carry out progressive rehabilitation
- 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
- Major revegetation projects have been completed at Yallourn including Morwell River Wetlands (over 100,000 plantings) and Morwell West Drain (60,000 seedlings planted).



**\$200-\$300M**

Historically spent annually to keep Yallourn operating reliably



**+240**

Contracts with small businesses



**~\$2M**

Contributed annually in local council rates to help deliver community services



**\$20K**

Committed funds from RAP supporting local Aboriginal and Torres Strait programs



**+300,000**

Plantings in the past 20 years

## Yallourn Transition

In March 2021, after decades of faithful service, EnergyAustralia announced the Yallourn power station in Victoria's Latrobe Valley will retire in mid-2028.

EnergyAustralia approached the Victorian Government with a plan to retire Yallourn and transition to cleaner energy in a way that does not leave the workforce or the community behind.

Yallourn has a proud heritage of 100 years in electricity generation. We will be supporting the Yallourn workforce through a multimillion-dollar program so they can prepare, train and plan for their future.

Support for the Yallourn workforce and our commitment to build a four-hour utility-scale battery of 350 MW capacity<sup>1</sup> by 2026 will help secure Victoria's energy supply and enable more renewables to enter the system.

<sup>1</sup> Based on forecast assumptions