

EnergyAustralia Yallourn Community Update

March-April 2026



Image: James Stevenson, gives the thumbs up on the rotor.

It's been a big few months at Yallourn. We closed out 2025 with the Gippsland Motorcyclist Toy Run, now in its 26th year. Our team really came through, donating \$16,000 worth of toys to local families doing it tough over Christmas. It's one of those things that makes you proud to be a part of this community.

Early 2026 has kept us just as busy. Many of you will know that one of the units at Yallourn had a turbine failure back in August. Getting it back online took a big effort from teams right across the site. Luckily, we were able to source spare parts from a power station in China which was being decommissioned. On 16 February, we got the unit back on the grid, and the team deserves real credit for that.

We're also progressing our mine rehabilitation plans and have a lot to look forward to with opportunities for Yallourn to remain at the heart of energy generation in Victoria through the Yallourn Energy Security Precinct.

The team and I are looking forward to more conversations with the community as the year unfolds. Your feedback genuinely shapes what Yallourn looks like now and into the future.

James Stevenson

Head of Yallourn

Community engagement is at the heart of what we do at Yallourn

We're excited to share a fantastic update about our impactful donation to Lowanna College (our local secondary school near Yallourn Power Station and Mine), home to a vibrant Institute of the Arts, receiving brand-new wireless microphones to help power their performing arts program, lighting the way for future stars to shine bright.



Image: From left to right - Lowanna's Arts Team Phillip Berends, Tina Thompson, Joe Licciardello, Heather Snowdon, Ramayer Gourley and Zac Godwin

Glory for Corey Wedlock over Barry Lester in the Newborough Bowling Club Classic Singles



Image: Corey Wedlock claims victory over Barry Lester, holding firm, demonstrating consistency under pressure, securing his second title at the event



Gippsland Women on Farms tour the Yallourn Mine to learn more about the changing landscape

New one-stop-shop for all Yallourn information

The Transforming Yallourn Project now has its own dedicated website, head over there and check it out!

You'll find resources, articles, videos, and contact details if you would like to get involved or have your say. Visit www.transformingyallourn.com.au to find all this and more!



Update on the Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan

One of the big moments for Yallourn last year was the public exhibition of the draft Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP), which ran for 60 days from 18 June to 18 August 2025. It was great to meet with locals at Farmers Markets from Stratford and Sale in the east to Trafalgar in the west, as well as through drop-in sessions at our Community Hub in Morwell. We also held two webinars so interested community members could ask our experts questions about the DMRP directly.

The final version of the DMRP, including community and stakeholder feedback, and other information can be found at www.transformingyallourn.com.au. A summary of 'what we heard' through this process is provided below.

Energy security

We want to understand how Victoria will be powered post Yallourn.

Water

We care about water use, how water is sourced to create a lake, and what the lake water quality will be.

Morwell River Diversion

We want to understand more about the MRD and the Morwell River.

Land use and future access

We would like there to be commercial and tourism opportunities.

Ongoing community and stakeholder involvement

We want to continue to be involved in opportunities to shape and design the future of the site. We want to form traditional owner partnerships.

Environment

We want to know more about how the lake will impact or benefit biodiversity and the surrounding environment.

Stability

We want to understand how stable the land will be during and after lake filling.

Social impact

We are interested in jobs, recreation and community benefits.

An energy future for Yallourn

Yallourn has helped power the lives of Australians for over 100 years. It has a rich history, welcoming prime ministers and royalty, and employing generations of families. It's a place where people have met, going onto marry and raise families in Gippsland.

We are committed to honouring this proud history as we work towards closing the power station and coal mine in mid-2028. One of the ways we are doing this is looking at how Yallourn can remain at the heart of energy generation in Victoria through the Yallourn Energy Security Precinct.

We have started some early investigations into new gas fired generation and battery energy storage systems on the site, with opportunities to support new industrial loads such as data centres. You may see teams in and around the site conducting biodiversity surveys and other specialist studies. Further information, including our latest community notification, is available at www.transformingyallourn.com.au.

At EnergyAustralia, we love supporting BIG-HEARTED local initiatives.

In the Latrobe Valley, we made \$60,000 worth of donations across two rounds of community grants. Round 1 for 2026 is closing soon and Round 2 opens in September. Your community organisation could join Berry Street, Morwell Baseball Club, Tanji Valley Landcare, and Westbury CFA, who were successful in last year's grants.

For information on grant guidelines, eligibility criteria and how to apply, scan the QR code.



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