

# AGL Loy Yang Community Newsletter

January 2026



## Message from the AGL Loy Yang Team

As we begin the new year, we reflect on a busy 2025 that included major planned outages and the approval of our Bulk Water Entitlements, an important planning milestone in supporting long-term mine rehabilitation.

Over Christmas, we were pleased to support the Latrobe Valley community through a \$50,000 donation in food hampers and gift cards to the Salvation Army, along with generous children's gift donations from our employees and contractors.

Thank you for the continued support from our people, contractors, suppliers and community. We look forward to a safe and productive 2026. If you have a question, you can reach the AGL Loy Yang Team by emailing [agl.community@agl.com.au](mailto:agl.community@agl.com.au)

## Strengthening Country with GLaWAC and Habitat Creations

We've partnered with Habitat Creations and Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) on a Seed Collection Program that combines ecological restoration with cultural engagement and knowledge sharing.

GLaWAC teams have been onsite undertaking site scoping, plant identification and seed collection, supported by Habitat Creations expertise. Together, they're developing a seed bank and propagation nursery that will grow plants for future rehabilitation projects.

This partnership is an important step in honouring Country while supporting long term environmental renewal and employment opportunities for First Nations people.



## Bulk Water Entitlement Applications Approved

AGL's Bulk Water Entitlement Applications for the purpose of AGL Loy Yang mine rehabilitation have been approved.

This is an important step in planning for the safe, stable and sustainable rehabilitation of the AGL Loy Yang Mine following the planned closure of Loy Yang A Power Station in 2035.

The decision provides AGL with certainty that it can access the water needed for rehabilitation post 2035 when required, including access to surface water to support the creation of a stable pit lake. A pit lake has been identified through extensive technical studies as the most viable option for mine rehabilitation. We have also undertaken technical studies and engagement with Traditional Owners, government, local stakeholders and the community.

Rehabilitation work now continues, including planning of a Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan, participation in regulatory processes and further engagement with stakeholders and our local community. For more information about AGL Loy Yang's mine rehabilitation plans, visit [agl.com.au/minerehab](http://agl.com.au/minerehab)

## Welcome to our New Apprentices!

We're welcoming our 2026 intake of apprentices onsite this month. These new starters are beginning their careers across electrical, mechanical and fabrication trades.

We're proud to support the next generation of skilled tradespeople here in Latrobe Valley!

Scan the below QR code to read our full newsletter.



## Supporting World-Class Junior Tennis in Traralgon

Congratulations to the winners of the 2026 AGL Loy Yang Traralgon International Junior Tennis Tournament. The competition once again delivered a week of outstanding tennis and brought fantastic energy to our town. The tournament continues to be a highlight for Traralgon, drawing young athletes, families and coaches from around the world, boosting local businesses and showcasing our region as a vibrant sporting destination.

We're proud to announce that AGL Loy Yang will continue its longstanding partnership of this iconic regional tournament for a further five years until 2031. We look forward to supporting the next generation of rising stars and celebrating many more outstanding achievements on court.





AGL and LVE Reps at their Morwell Facility

## Building a Sustainable Future with Latrobe Valley Enterprises

AGL Loy Yang has teamed up with Latrobe Valley Enterprises (LVE) to deliver local environmental and social benefits through the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). The scheme was launched onsite at the AGL Loy Yang Power Station and Mine in 2025. This initiative supports Victoria's statewide goal of diverting 80% of all material away from landfill by 2030.

The CDS program encourages employees to deposit eligible beverage containers, such as aluminium cans, glass bottles, and plastic drink containers into clearly marked bins across the site. Each container carries a 10-cent refund value, and Loy Yang has chosen to direct these refunds toward LVE, a Morwell-based social enterprise that provides inclusive employment opportunities for people of all abilities.

LVE collects CDS bins from Loy Yang weekly, transports them to its Morwell facility for processing, and retains the refund proceeds to fund its programs and activities. Since the program's rollout in April 2025, more than 11,000 eligible containers have been collected, generating more than \$1,000 to support LVE's initiatives. Drew Sedgwick, Environment Advisor at Loy Yang, said: "Together, we're not just reducing waste—we're supporting meaningful change. This initiative highlights how community-driven efforts can drive both social and environmental progress."

By working with LVE, Loy Yang demonstrates that sustainability is a shared journey—one that benefits the planet while uplifting the community.



AGL volunteers at the Latrobe Valley Salvation Army

## Supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

AGL Loy Yang supported the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal, bringing together employees and contractors to assist local families across the Latrobe Valley during the holiday season.

As part of the initiative, AGL employees participated in a volunteering day, helping prepare hampers and gifts for distribution. In addition to volunteering, AGL Loy Yang donated \$50,000 worth of food hampers and gift cards to the Latrobe Valley Salvation Army, helping ensure that local families can enjoy a festive meal and receive much needed support at Christmas. Employees and contractors also participated in on-site fundraising, raising over \$2,500 to purchase gifts for local children.

AGL Loy Yang General Manager, Christo van Niekerk said: "Partnering with the Salvation Army allows us to provide direct support to families in our region. Contributing hampers and gift cards, along with volunteering, is one way we can assist the community during this time of year."

Latrobe Valley Salvation Army Team Leader Graham Kennedy added: "The support from AGL Loy Yang makes a significant difference to our Christmas Appeal. These contributions help us reach more families and provide essential items during a time that can be challenging for many."

AGL Loy Yang are proud to have helped make the festive season a little brighter for families across the Latrobe Valley.

## Bringing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to Local Families

AGL Loy Yang is helping more local children develop a lifelong love of reading by partnering with the Churchill Neighbourhood House to deliver the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Through AGL's four-year investment, more than 1,000 children across Churchill, Yinnar, Boolarra and Morwell will receive a free, high-quality book delivered to their home every month from birth to age three building home libraries and supporting early literacy at a crucial stage of development.

Families with children born from January 2025 onward who live in eligible suburbs can register online at: [imaginationlibrary.com/au/find-my-programme](https://imaginationlibrary.com/au/find-my-programme)

# AGL Loy Yang Community Grants: Supporting Local Impact Across Gippsland

AGL Loy Yang has awarded over \$20,000 in community grants to seven local organisations, each delivering projects that support the Latrobe Valley community.

AGL Loy Yang General Manager, Christo van Niekerk said: "Through our September round of community grants, AGL Loy Yang is supporting projects that deliver real benefits across our community. By awarding over \$20,000 to seven local organisations, we're helping initiatives that promote youth development, inclusion, food security, sport, and wellbeing. These grants reflect our ongoing commitment to making a positive impact in the Latrobe Valley and supporting the communities where we live and work."

## Meet the recipients and their projects:

- **A Better Life for Foster Kids – \$5,000**  
Funding the *Crisis Cases* program, which provides wheeled suitcases filled with essential items for children entering foster care, helping carers respond quickly and compassionately.
- **Reclink Australia – \$1,750**  
Supporting equipment and activities that promote social inclusion through sport and recreation.
- **West End Junior Football Club – Girls Team – \$1,500**  
Supporting the establishment of a Girls Only Under 15s team for next season.
- **Moe Amateur Swimming Club – \$1,534**  
Enabling junior coaching courses to build skills and confidence in young swimmers.
- **Glengarry Community Garden – \$2,500**  
Providing equipment to expand access to sustainable gardening and fresh produce for the local community.
- **Thrive Food Hub – \$2,592**  
This project addresses food insecurity in the community.
- **Your Own Way (YOW) – \$5,000**  
Hosting a social event for people living with disability, fostering connection and inclusion.
- **Berry Street Foster Kids and Families Christmas Party - \$1,500**  
Supporting in partnership with Foundation Civil & Mining Berry Street to deliver a Christmas party for foster kids and their families.



Grant Recipient, Berry Street Foster Kids Christmas Party