

AGL Loy Yang Community Newsletter

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Message from the General Manager

Welcome to the AGL Loy Yang Community Newsletter. This newsletter will be published quarterly to provide our community with regular updates on our site operations and community initiatives.

Loy Yang Power Station and Mine has been a cornerstone of Victoria's energy supply for over four decades. Supporting the communities where we operate is important to us. As we prepare for the rehabilitation of the Loy Yang Mine following the scheduled closure of the Loy Yang A Power Station in 2035, we remain committed to engaging with our community and stakeholders throughout the planning process. Over the past two weeks, we have had more than 300 community conversations, providing valuable insights that will help inform our plans for future mine rehabilitation.



Christo van Niekerk, AGL Loy Yang General Manager

Preparing for major outages

Planned outages are an essential part of keeping our operations running safely, reliably, and efficiently. These scheduled maintenance periods allow us to carry out critical inspections, repairs, and upgrades that can't be done while the plant is operating. By investing in asset improvement, AGL ensures it can continue to generate electricity that powers Victorian homes and businesses.

We're preparing now for major outages on our Station Unit 2 and Mine Dredger 16.

At a cost of approximately \$147 million these projects will be delivered by external contractors and AGL employees later this year.



Are you our next apprentice?

Applications for the AGL Loy Yang 2026 Apprentice program intake are now open. We're looking for apprentices for electrical, mechanical, and fabrication trades. During the four year program, you'll gain hands-on experience and a nationally recognised trade qualification.

You'll join our current cohort of 26 apprentices, rotating through teams onsite receiving mentoring and support, undertaking training at TAFE, and even getting the opportunity to work on special projects. Two of our apprentices recently competed at the Worldskills National Championships, showing where an apprenticeship with AGL Loy Yang can lead you.

Scan the QR code for further information and to apply.



What's on

Talk to us about careers at the Federation University Open Day

9am – 2pm 10 August
Churchill Campus

We're proud to be sponsoring the Gippsland New Energy Conference

9 - 10 September
Gippsland Performing Arts Centre

AGL Loy Yang North Gippsland Football Netball League Grand Final

13 September
Gaskin Park, Churchill

Applications for AGL Loy Yang's Community Grants Program

Opening September
Grants of up to \$5000 available

Read the full newsletter

Scan the QR code



AGL Loy Yang powering young imaginations

AGL Loy Yang has joined forces with United Way Australia and Churchill Neighbourhood House to continue the work of the Latrobe Health Assembly and expand the delivery of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library across the Latrobe Valley—ensuring more children have access to books in their earliest and most important years.

Through a four-year partnership, AGL Loy Yang is investing more than \$245,000 to help deliver the program to over 750 local children, providing them with a free, age-appropriate book each month from birth to age three. That's up to 36 books per child, building home libraries and supporting early literacy skills.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library has a proven impact on childhood development. By working together with trusted local organisations, AGL is proud to help empower families and strengthen education outcomes for children in the region.

This initiative builds on AGL Loy Yang's broader commitment to supporting community—ensuring a brighter start for the next generation of Gippslanders.





Willow Carter, GLaWAC, Jane Leslie, AGL, and Darren McCubbin, Gippsland Climate Change Network.

Growing EV charging facilities across Gippsland

With support from AGL, The Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN) has recently opened a new electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) building in Kalimna West.

This charging station joins a comprehensive network of EV chargers across Gippsland aimed at providing affordable and convenient charging options for electric vehicle owners. The network includes facilities at Lardner Park, Baw Baw Food Hub in Warragul, the Business Enterprise Centre in Churchill, Yallambee Aged Care Village in Traralgon, the Uniting Church in Yarragon, and Morwell Innovation Centre.

The network has been strategically planned and developed by GCCN to reduce range anxiety for EV drivers and encourage the adoption of more electric vehicles in the region. AGL's sponsorship has been instrumental in growing this charging network over the last three years.

"Gippsland is making significant strides in embracing clean energy solutions, and the expansion of our EV charging network is a testament to our commitment to helping people decarbonise the way they live, move and work," said Christo van Niekerk, General Manager AGL Loy Yang. "We are proud to support GCCN in this initiative and look forward to seeing more people in the region make the switch to electric vehicles."

Shaping the future workforce through co-operative learning placement

AGL Loy Yang is working alongside Federation University to provide hands-on working experience via the University's Co-Operative Program.

The program allows students to gain real life experience, get credit and build professional networks by completing a placement at workplaces in the area. Gippsland-based Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) student, Simon Lea is currently completing his placement with us at Loy Yang.

Through his placement, Simon is getting an insight into what life outside his class setting is like. Simon had studied electrical components and systems as part of his engineering degree at Federation and while his coursework provided a strong foundation, nothing compares to the hands-on learning he has experienced onsite at Loy Yang.

A moment that stood out to Simon was witnessing the Unit 4 major outage. "Seeing components like 6.6kV motors, generators, turbines and boilers disassembled was fascinating and gave me insights I wouldn't usually get. It was a great chance" said Simon Lea.

If you know a Federation University student that may benefit from a co-operative placement, you can find more information on the University's website by searching 'co-op placements'.



Simon Lea, Co-Operative Program Student



AGL Loy Yang supporting the community at NGFNL AGL Pride Cup

AGL Loy Yang Community Fund Grant Recipients

The AGL Loy Yang Community Fund Program supports community-based initiatives, projects and events within the Latrobe City region.

“Our community grants program allows us to help community groups in a multitude of different ways with projects that are important to them”, said AGL Loy Yang General Manager, Christo van Niekerk.

We recently awarded the recipients of our March 2025 Community Fund round.

Two of the successful recipients were the Gippsland Motorcyclist Toy Run and Monameath Senior Citizens Club.

For 24 years AGL Loy Yang has supported the Gippsland Motorcyclist Toy Run, who work alongside organisations such as the Salvation Army and St Vincent De Paul, particularly over Christmas time. The \$1500 grant lends a helping hand to families who are unable to provide their families with presents for Christmas. Each year the Toy Run supports 2,000 local children to have a brighter Christmas.

Monameath Senior Citizens club was awarded a grant of \$1,516 that was used to help purchase chairs for the elderly and less agile members.

The full list of grant recipients are:

- **Better Place Australia** – Community Services Expo - \$2,750
- **Baringa Friendship Games** – Soccer Program - \$1,000
- **St Gabriels Primary School** – 3D printers for STEM program - \$2,500
- **Australian Outward bound development fund** – Scholarships for Traralgon Secondary College Students to participate in a 10-day hiking and white-water rafting adventure learning program - \$5,000
- **Lumen Christi Primary School** - Yoga and mindfulness sessions - \$1,324
- **Gippsland Reserve Committee of Management** – Electrifying maintenance equipment - \$3,114
- **Flynn Community Town Hall** – Industrial dishwasher - \$3,999
- **Gippsland Motorcyclist Toy Run** - \$1,500
- **Monameath Senior Citizens Clubs** – Safe Seating Chairs and IT Equipment- \$1,516

The AGL Loy Yang Community Grant Fund Program will reopen for applications in September 2025, with grants of up to \$5,000 to be awarded. For more information visit the AGL Loy Yang website.

Supporting The Little Village Project

AGL Loy Yang is a proud partner of The Little Village Project.

The Little Village Project is a grassroots, community-led initiative founded by local youth worker and counsellor Ben Tunks, and proudly auspiced by Kindred Spirits Enterprises. It helps vulnerable children in the Latrobe Valley access vital supports – from speech therapy and psychological care to glasses and other essentials.

But this project isn't just about filling service gaps. It's about reimagining the system. It's about working together to create a future where every child has what they need to thrive – and where our whole community shares in that responsibility.



Scan the QR code to watch a video and hear from some of their incredible partners, including AGL Loy Yang.



Thank you for visiting us at the AGL Loy Yang Engagement Hub

We extend our thanks to everyone in the community who visited the AGL Loy Yang Engagement Hub.

The Engagement Hub held from 15th to 26th July at the old Traralgon Court House was designed to facilitate two way dialogue with our local community about our site and future plans.

We spoke to over 300 people at the Hub answering questions and receiving feedback about what's important to our community and stakeholders.

We appreciate your time and interest in AGL Loy Yang.



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