

AGL Loy Yang Community Newsletter

October 2025



Message from the General Manager

Welcome to the October edition of the AGL Loy Yang Community Newsletter. We've entered a busy period onsite with our Station Unit 2 major outage underway. The outage has brought increased activity and people to site as we undertake upgrades and repairs to the Unit.

Congratulations to our apprentice, Amber Leyshan, who was named Victoria's Apprentice of the Year for 2025. This award is a great achievement and testament to Amber's hard work, and recognition of the successful partnership we have with TAFE Gippsland to prepare our apprentices for trade careers.

I look forward to sharing more updates and achievements with you in future editions.



Christo van Niekerk, AGL Loy Yang General Manager

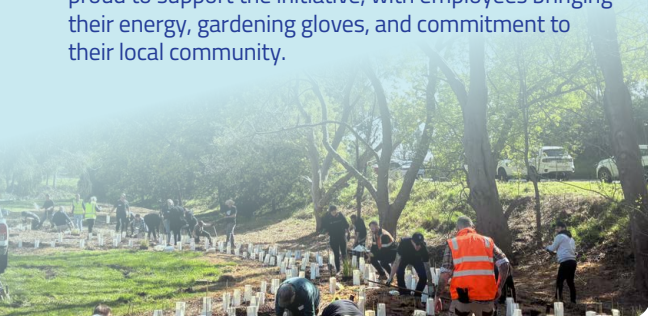
Supporting our community through volunteering

As part of our ongoing support for our community, AGL provides employees with a day of volunteering leave each year. Employees use their leave to support causes close to their hearts including environmental projects, sporting clubs, local schools and community events.

Recently, AGL Loy Yang volunteers joined the Gippsland Community Leadership Program (GCLP) to revitalise a popular camping spot in Boolarra.

The event, brought together volunteers to restore native vegetation, plant new trees and enhance the natural environment.

The day encouraged attendees to unplug, reconnect with nature, and strengthen community ties. We were proud to support the initiative, with employees bringing their energy, gardening gloves, and commitment to their local community.



Learn about Loy Yang's mine rehabilitation

We've published an animation demonstrating our plans to rehabilitate the Loy Yang Mine to be safe, stable and sustainable following the scheduled closure of the AGL Loy Yang Power Station in 2035.

More than a billion tonnes of brown coal has been dug from the mine and used in power stations to produce electricity. Currently, this leaves a mine void more than 200m deep and with a surface area of nearly 10 square kilometres. When mining finishes, we're planning to develop the mine void into a pit lake. Technical studies currently indicate that a pit lake is the most viable rehabilitation option.



Scan the QR code to watch the animation.

What's on

Join us at upcoming community events that we're proud to be supporting:

- Morwell International Rose Garden Festival
– 7 – 8 Nov, Morwell Rose Garden
- The Little Village Project Fundraiser
– 28 Nov, Bonnie Brae Homestead
Learn more at thelittlevillageproject.org.au

Scan the below QR code to read our full newsletter.



Loy Yang's Amber Leyshan, named Vic Apprentice of the Year

One of our talented boilermaker/fabrication apprentices, Amber Leyshan has been named Victorian Apprentice of the Year.

Amber is completing an engineering and fabrication apprenticeship at AGL Loy Yang and is enrolled in Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade at TAFE Gippsland.

The Victorian Training Awards named Amber Victorian Apprentice of the Year at their 2025 awards night, recognising and honouring Amber's achievements which include winning her category at the WorldSkills Regional competition, achieving the highest welding score in Victoria.

Amber's motivation to apply was to champion trades and inspire others.

"I did it to be a voice for trades and promote a positive story about a career in trades," Amber shared. "It's nice to be recognised, and I want young people to know that it's possible to take a chance and start a career in trades with little or no prior experience."

Amber will now compete for the title of Australian Apprentice of the Year. Congratulations Amber!





My Energy Story

My Energy story celebrates AGL people and their experiences shaping the energy transition.

AGL Loy Yang's Mathias Wood is one person sharing his energy story. Mathias shares what it means for him to work at AGL and be part of the energy transition:

"Before moving to Victoria, I lived in the Hunter Valley and worked at AGL's Bayswater and Liddell assets. Now, I'm based at Loy Yang, and my family and I call Traralgon home. It's a great place to live and work and we love being part of this community.

"In my role as Mine Permit Coordinator, I lead a team that provides safe access to all

the operational plant at AGL Loy Yang, including high-voltage operating and motor systems. It's a critical part of keeping the site running safely and efficiently.

"What I love most about working at AGL is the people. The collaboration, the shared goals, and the sense of purpose we all bring to our work – it's incredibly rewarding.

"I'm proud to be powering the transition by leading a team that will continue to provide safe access to plant for maintenance activities, right through to the safe and responsible closure of our site.

"Looking ahead, I hope AGL continues to be a strong contributor to the Latrobe Valley community, just as it has been for many years. As we transform our operations, that ongoing support will be more important than ever."

Scan the QR code to watch Mathias' story.



Spotlight on Loy Yang dredgers

Dredgers play a vital role in generating electricity at AGL Loy Yang. One of our dredger drivers, Chris, recently shared insights into his vital role in powering homes and businesses across Victoria.

“The dredger plays an important role in digging coal, removing overburden or inter seam. Operating the dredgers is like being in the driver's seat of a slow moving giant, it is a pretty good feeling to know that coal we are digging up each shift is the first step in turning raw material into energy that lights up homes and businesses.”

“Each day can look quite different. It's a hands-on and dynamic role that keeps me engaged and constantly problem-solving.”

“Safety is a core part of everything we do. It's all about looking out for one another and making sure everyone goes home safely at the end of the day.”



Powering young careers

AGL Loy Yang is proud to play an active role in shaping the future of Gippsland's workforce by supporting young people exploring career pathways in energy and beyond.

At the Job Skills Expo, held earlier this year, high school students from across the region had the chance to engage directly with eight of Loy Yang's apprentices from the Fitting, Boilermaking, and Electrical trades. Alongside representatives from the Loy Yang and Recruitment teams, the apprentices shared their personal journeys and demonstrated hands-on activities, sparking curiosity and meaningful conversations about vocational careers.

AGL Loy Yang also participated in Federation University's Careers Fest and Open Day at the Churchill campus, connecting with hundreds of secondary students, university applicants, and their families. Representatives from across the business—including engineering, IT, finance, operations, HR, and communications—shared their own career stories and highlighted the diverse opportunities available at AGL.

These events reflect AGL Loy Yang's ongoing commitment to empowering young people and supporting regional education. We're proud to be part of the journey that helps Gippsland's next generation thrive.



Supporting the new First Nations garden at Liddiard Road Primary School

A new First Nations garden has been established at Liddiard Road Primary School in Traralgon thanks to more than \$20,000 in funding from AGL Loy Yang, along with hands-on help from our employees and local partners.

Led by respected Elder Aunty Vera Harrold and Marrung Lead Rikki-Lee MacRae, the project was delivered by First Nation's contractor Pearce Cameron, creating a culturally safe and welcoming space where students can connect to Country, learn about native plants, and explore First Nations culture and storytelling.

The garden was brought to life with the support of school staff and students, as well as our employees and Foundation Civil and Mining, who provided equipment and skilled operators to clear and prepare the site ahead of installation. Volunteers came together for a working bee and tree planting day to help shape the space.

"This garden is more than a landscape project — it's a space for learning, reflecting, and understanding. We're proud to contribute to something that will benefit generations of students while honouring the knowledge and care of local First Nations people," said Christo van Niekerk, AGL Loy Yang General Manager.

Featuring native bush foods, learning spaces, and yarning circles, the garden will support both the school curriculum and everyday cultural learning and play. It also reflects Liddiard Road's strong relationships with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Aunty Vera Harrold said the space is about growing connection. "This garden brings culture into the everyday. It gives our young ones a chance to see, hear and feel the stories and the plants of Country."

The First Nations garden project is part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the community we work, live and operate in.

