

December 2024

Point Henry Update



Reflecting on the year that was and gearing up for 2025

Throughout the year we continued to steadily progress rehabilitation activities across our former smelter site, whilst ensuring environmental, health and safety compliance.

Key activities included the landfill consolidation project, remediation of former evaporation ponds and the commencement of a potential developer partner selection process - an exciting opportunity for the long-term future of the site.

On behalf of the Alcoa Point Henry team I wish to thank the community for your continued interest in our work throughout the year and hope you enjoy a safe, healthy and happy festive season ahead.

Warren Sharp | Point Henry Site Asset Manager

Environment, health and safety

We worked safely with zero injuries recorded by our workforce and contractors in 2024. Equally as important, no environmental non-compliances have occurred.

As required by the Environmental Action Notice, six-monthly status reports were submitted to EPA Victoria in June and December.

Development partner expression of interest process

Between June and August, we ran an expression of interest process seeking a potential development partner for the site.

A significant amount of interest was received from a wide range of small, medium and large developers, culminating in numerous strong submissions for Alcoa's consideration.

Following a review of the applications, Alcoa has invited a number of developers to participate in the next stage – Request for Proposal.

During this process, further detail will be sought from each participant to determine which developer may be most suitable as a potential long-term development partner, one who shares Alcoa's values and vision for the redevelopment of the site as a legacy project for Geelong and the region.

A project such as this is anticipated to take more than 20 years and is guided by the Point Henry 575 Concept Master Plan and the state's Moolap Coastal Strategic Framework Plan.

The Request for Proposal process is expected to run through to April 2025, after which assessment of the more detailed submissions will be completed by Alcoa.

We look forward to providing further updates about this exciting opportunity for the site during 2025.



The Point Henry site looking towards Moolap

Landfill consolidation project

The landfill consolidation project is a key component in transitioning Point Henry into a valuable community asset for generations to come, involving reducing three onsite landfills down to two.

Moolap landfill site

Works within the Moolap landfill site continued to push ahead throughout 2024, with the following milestones achieved:

- As planned, waste was safely relocated from the Point Henry industrial site and CPL landfills and placed in the newly constructed, best practice containment cells
- Completion of a best practice landfill cap lining system to the newly constructed cell 6 and placement of cap subsoil and topsoil
- Installation of new perimeter fencing

These works are underpinned by a Works Approval from EPA Victoria and a Planning Permit from the City of Greater Geelong, coupled with the issuance of an Operating Licence and include inspections from EPA appointed auditors. All are subject to stringent conditions.

CPL landfill site

A significant milestone was reached between June and September, when we successfully relocated over 60,000m³ of waste from our CPL landfill site into the new, best practice containment cells at Moolap.

Backfilling and revegetation work for the former CPL landfill site are now earmarked to be completed in April 2025 - a milestone that will see the achievement of our goal to reduce landfill sites from three to two.

Original landfill (old SPL/salt dross and general refuse) remediation project

We are working through plans and approval processes to complete the remediation of our original landfill area.

The remediation project involves recovery of the eastern portion of the landfill from Crown land, placement of the recovered waste on the remaining portion of landfill on Alcoa's freehold land capping the site with a current, best practice engineered cap lining system.

Following works, the Crown land will be rehabilitated before return to the state, including revegetation with native species complementing the adjacent foreshore area.

Key features and benefits of the original landfill remediation project include:

Significant reduction of the overall landfill physical footprint

Increase in the buffer distance to the foreshore from 60 metres to 115 metres

Construction of a best practice landfill capping system over the entire landfill area

Construction of a new cut off wall along the eastern boundary, further reducing any future risk of groundwater leachate towards the Bay and water infiltration



Moolap cell 6 showing best practice lining, subsoil and topsoil placement



Former CPL landfill from which all waste has been safely relocated

Construction of a rock armour wall to protect against any risk of sea level rise and storm surges

Rehabilitation of the Crown land wetland area, including topography matching and native vegetation re-establishment and return of this area to the State

Subject to the necessary environmental and planning approvals, works are anticipated to commence in the second half of 2025.

If you have any questions about this proposed activity, please reach out to Alcoa via the contact details below.

Remediation of evaporation ponds

Works to remediate three former evaporation ponds continue to progress steadily.

At closure, the three storage ponds contained approximately 150,000m³ of residual process wastewater.

Using a series of forced evaporation systems to accelerate natural evaporation processes and supported by some offsite waste water processing, the volume of wastewater has been reduced to a single pond, containing approximately 10,000m³.

Throughout 2024 the two empty ponds have been fully cleaned and the liners have been removed.

The remaining pond is scheduled to be emptied and removed in early 2025.

Keep informed

We acknowledge the importance of our activities to the community and will continue to engage with you as we work toward delivering the best possible outcomes for the future of the site, the community and the environment.

If you have any feedback or questions for Alcoa, please contact the Point Henry team via point.henry@alcoa.com.au.

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