



Panel 1

How Far We've Come!

Focus: 10 years on from the mine fire, what are the positive outcomes in our region and what work do we need to focus on moving forward? The ongoing story of our community in transition.

Ask the panel a question, submit online or raise your hand during the Q&A section

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Moderator



Bronya Lipski (She/Her) — Environmental law and policy nerd

Bio

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Panellists



Chris Buckingham (He/Him) — Latrobe Valley Authority

Bio

Chris Buckingham, CEO Latrobe Valley Authority

Chris has extensive experience working in senior leadership roles across business, community and government. He is recognised for his capacity to provide positive leadership, inspire change and get people working together for the greater good.

Chris loves Gippsland and is passionate advocate for the region. He has lived in the region with his family since 1997. He has an optimistic, can-do view of the world and believes that when the people of Gippsland work together, they are able to overcome just about any challenge.

Chris is a Graduate, Australian Institute of Company Directors; was a Finalist in the 2012 Melbourne Awards for Individual Contribution to Melbourne's profile, and served the visitor industry in a voluntary capacity as Adjunct Professor, College of Business, Victoria University for a number of years. He enjoys volunteering in a range of community activities, with a particular interest in locally produced food, community events and running.

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Wendy Farmer — President, Voices of the Valley, Community Organiser, Friends of the Earth.

Bio

Wendy Farmer is an inspiring figure in Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley. She is passionate about advocating for the environment and raising awareness to promote sustainability. Wendy is President of Voices of the Valley, a local community advocacy group in Latrobe Valley. Voices of the Valley's advocacy work has led to, notably, the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiries, The Latrobe Valley Authority, Latrobe Valley Health Innovation

Zone and EPA Victoria reform. Voices of the Valley has won Awards for Environmental Justice and Health

Equity. Voices of the Valley is known for not just looking at what the problems are but also creating solutions.

Wendy is also the Gippsland organiser in the Yes2Renewables team. Yes 2 Renewables is a Friends of the Earth's campaign for 100% renewable energy, climate jobs, and strong communities.

Wendy's drive and dedication are evident in her many roles. She is an excellent media spokesperson, a prominent figure in the community, and a powerful public speaker. She has been invited to speak at progressive events around Australia and is a highly respected board member of The Next Economy.

Wendy Farmer is an inspiring force for positive change in Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley. Her passion for environmental sustainability and her dedication to her community is an example to us all. Wendy Farmer's commitment to making the world better for future generations is admirable.

Wendy is passionate about Social Justice, Health, sustainability and prosperity for our community.

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Tracie Lund (She/Her)— Manager, Morwell Neighbourhood House

Bio

Tracie Lund, a highly regarded community leader in the Latrobe Valley, has been a driving force since she and her family relocated to the region in 2011. As the Manager of Morwell Neighbourhood House since 2012, she has transformed it into a vital support hub, gaining valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by the Latrobe community.

During the Hazelwood Mine Fire in 2014, Tracie's advocacy skills were a stand out seeing her play a crucial role in bridging the communication gap between services and the Morwell community, providing essential information and support. She was a vocal advocate and a key driver behind the community's push for a long-term health study.

An advocate of grassroots democracy, Tracie ran as an Independent candidate in the 2014 State Election, securing an impressive 11% of the primary vote and reshaping Morwell into one of the most marginal electorates. In 2020, she was elected as a Councillor for Latrobe City Council and currently serves as Deputy Mayor, tirelessly working to enhance health, wellbeing, resilience, and employment opportunities for residents.

Recognized for her unwavering dedication to public service, Tracie's strengths lie in her diverse relationships, her ability to build and expand connections, and her talent for uniting like-minded individuals to achieve significant victories for the broader Latrobe Valley community.

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Tony Wolfe (He/Him) — Former Coal Worker & Gippsland Climate Change Network Member

Bio

Tony has worked in the fossil fuel power generation industry in Gippsland in for over 40 years.

Born in Morwell and growing up on a dairy farm nearby, he started an apprenticeship as an electrician at the age of 15 at Hazelwood Power Station and progressed to the role of a Unit Controller at Loy Yang (picture Homer Simpson). He has graduated from the Australian Rural Leadership Program & Gippsland Community Leadership Program, completed a Graduate Certificate in Rural Leadership at James Cook University and spent time as Deputy Mayor at Baw Baw Shire. Currently, he is a Board Member of the Gippsland Climate Change Network, sits on the RDA Gippsland Committee and Community Advisory Groups for the Star of the South offshore wind farm and OSMI (Delburn) wind farm. Tony is also a volunteer Camp Leader, caring for kids impacted by cancer with Camp Quality. His passion is to see regional Australia capitalise, and communities engaged, in the significant opportunities that are presenting as part of the transition away from fossil fuels.

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Panel 2

Health & Wellbeing Outcomes

Focus: What have we learnt from extensive research and community lead health & wellbeing initiatives conducted in the 10 years since the fire regarding the health impacts and progress in our community.

Ask the panel a question, submit online or raise your hand during the Q&A section

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Moderator



Dr Matthew Carroll (He/Him) — Co-principal Investigator, Hazelwood Health Study, Monash Rural Health Churchill

Bio

Dr Matthew Carroll is the Co-Principal Investigator for the Hazelwood Health Study and is responsible for the Gippsland components of the study. Dr Matthew Carroll is a Senior Research Fellow within the Monash School of Rural Health and is based at Churchill, in the Latrobe Valley. Dr Carroll has been involved in the study from its inception, and leads the Psychological Impacts stream as well as being involved in other stream activities

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We are currently planning to do a related session on Friday 16 Feb as part of the innovation breakfast series and are keen to connect with different community groups across 2024.

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Panellists



Dr. Lieke Scheepers — Early Life Follow-up Stream Research Fellow, Menzies Institute for Medical Research (University of Tasmania).

Bio

Dr. Lieke Scheepers, an epidemiologist and Research Fellow at the Menzies Institute for Medical Research, specialises in studying how early-life exposures shape later-life health outcomes.

Recently, she joined the Hazelwood Health Study's Early Life Follow-up (ELF) stream to explore the effects of mine fire exposure during pregnancy and infancy on health outcomes in childhood and adolescence.

Topic Highlights Summary

- Pregnant women exposed to smoke from the fire were at greater risk of developing gestational diabetes.
- No long-term impact on lung function of babies exposed to the fire. The mild effects, shown 3 years after the fire, did not persist to the 7-year follow-up.
- Children whose mothers were exposed to the fire were more often prescribed croup and asthma medication, such as prednisone, during the first two years of life.
- Children whose mothers were exposed to the fire were more likely to visit the emergency department for respiratory condition and for allergies and skin rash, in their first year of life.

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Tim Campbell (He/Him) — Hazelwood Health Study, Monash University

Bio

Tim is an early career researcher in the field of psychology with Monash University School of Rural Health, based in Churchill. Alongside a PhD project exploring parental mental illness and family-focused mental health care, Tim is a research officer with the Psychological Impacts stream of the Hazelwood Health Study. This includes surveying adults, children and families, and conducting analyses of administrative databases that record local health, educational, and social outcomes. As the community moves

forward from the mine fire event, the stream also seeks to understand the community's recovery, resilience, and social wellbeing.

Topic Highlights Summary

Some of the key findings from our research in the HHS Psychological Impacts stream are:

- Overall, adults in Morwell experienced low to moderate levels of distress in relation to the mine fire. Those who were exposed to more smoke during the event, who were younger at the time, or have experienced other adversities have typically been most vulnerable to distress.
- Children in Morwell also experienced, on average, moderate levels of distress in relation to the event, with primary school-aged children more susceptible. NAPLAN data suggest that the event caused some delays in academic progress among students attending Morwell primary and secondary schools, which persisted for some years.
- Local health service data suggest that the mine fire period was associated with subsequent increases in demand for mental health care and prescription of psychiatric medications.

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Dr Susan Yell (She/Her) — Hazelwood Health Study, Community Wellbeing Stream, Federation University

Bio

Dr Susan Yell is an Adjunct Senior Research Fellow in the Institute of Education, Arts and Community at Federation University's Gippsland Campus. She leads the Community Wellbeing stream of the Hazelwood Health Study. The Community Wellbeing stream's focus is on resilience, recovery, and transition for this community since the mine fire. We are also looking at how to track changes in community wellbeing using publicly available data.

Ten years on, many of these issues are still relevant to a range of other challenges the Latrobe Valley community is facing.

Topic Highlights Summary

Some of the key findings of our research are:

- The handling of the Hazelwood mine fire eroded trust in the authorities dealing with the crisis.
- There were flaws in the way the community was communicated with during the crisis.
- Some community members formed groups to provide support to one another and to plug communication gaps.
- Social media played a role in enabling these community groups to express their views and advocate for themselves and the community.
- The Hazelwood mine fire inquiry recognised the need for improvements in communication, but there are still concerns about the apparent lack of a plan for a similar future emergency.
- The recovery phase raised the question of 'recovery to what?'
- Many community members have hopes and aspirations for the future and want to engage in these conversations.

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Ellen-Jane Browne (She/Her) — Latrobe Health Assembly

Bio

Ellen-Jane is currently Executive Officer of the Latrobe Health Assembly, a place of community informed health innovation situated in Victoria's Latrobe Valley. She has been in the role for the past three and half years. Ellen-Jane brings to the role a long history of working in the university and

government sectors. These include - Principal Advisor for the establishment of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone, Director Portfolio Services at DHHS, Academic Register at RMIT, and many other senior officer roles spanning six government departments and two Universities. Ellen-Jane also tutored in the areas of Sociology, Political Science and Law. Away from work, Ellen-Jane has a love of the Strzelecki Ranges in South Gippsland, the CWA, her old school Land Rover Defender, and Antarctic History First Editions. Ellen-Jane holds a variety of graduate and post graduate qualifications in the areas of Sociology, Political Science, and Public Administration from Monash, RMIT and Melbourne Universities.

Topic Highlights Summary

- The Latrobe Health Assembly provides our community with the opportunity to shape health and wellbeing outcomes in the Latrobe Valley.
- The Latrobe Health Assembly is the only one of its kind in Australia and is a once in a generation opportunity to lift health outcomes in the Latrobe Valley.
- The Latrobe Health Assembly is the communities Assembly... it is a recognition by the Government that the Latrobe Valley community has not always been listened to, and that by creating the Assembly we are giving voice to the community.
- The work of the Latrobe Health Assembly is broad, and it seeks to influence all those things that contribute to better health. We work with our partners to develop, test, pilot and evaluate new ways of intervening in the health system. All with community voice as the focus.
- Above all, the Latrobe Health Assembly is about listening and providing hope for a better Latrobe Valley.

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The Latrobe Health Assembly welcomes community members and invites interested people to explore our webpage and consider joining the Assembly, becoming a friend of the Assembly or joining one of the advisory groups.

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Jane Anderson (She/Her) — Latrobe Health Advocate

Bio

Jane was appointed as the Latrobe Health Advocate by the Minister for Health in 2018. The first-of-its-kind in Australia, the Advocate is part of the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone and provides independent advice to the Victorian Government on behalf of Latrobe Valley communities on system and policy issues affecting their health and wellbeing. Jane provides community-wide leadership by enabling, mediating, and advocating for health improvements.

In 2019, Jane was appointed Chair of the Latrobe Valley Asbestos Taskforce, which was established by the state government to review how asbestos is managed in the Latrobe Valley.

Jane is a member of Regional Partnerships Victoria, a committee member of Gormandale Community House, and a former Board Director of Lifeline Gippsland.

Previously, Jane was the Regional Director of Anglicare Victoria for 12 years and a practising lawyer for 7 years in private and community settings. Jane served with Victoria Police for 11 years in roles including prosecutor, investigator, and general police officer.

Topic Highlights Summary

Explanation of Advocate role, with an expectation to hear from people not ordinarily heard.

The Engagement model developed with the community has 3 areas to emphasise:

- **We engage:** An essential part of my job is to listen to and understand the views and needs of people in Latrobe. For me, the only way to do this is to first understand how people in Latrobe want to have their voice and what is important to them.
- **We influence:** We identify immediate actions and longer-term aspirations, and work to improve current systems and transition to new systems. We connect stakeholders into community and build community sensitivity to the genuine constraints of the system.
- **We prompt change:** We advocate on behalf of Latrobe communities for systems change to improve health and wellbeing.

Priority Campaigns that have enabled systems change to improve: Palliative care; Human connections; Access to Services; Community First Planning; Accessible Transport

Examples of systems change — community voice being louder and more valued, stronger relationships and collaboration, changes to mindsets, improved services

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I welcome the opportunity to meet with individuals or groups to listen to their concerns and aspirations for sustainable health and wellbeing.

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Panel 3

Mine Rehabilitation

Focus: The Valley Future Vision and aspirations, what are the energy sector and government's big picture plans for the region? What can we do to make the valley more livable? What are some barriers we face when designing our future?

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Moderator



Dr Jess Reeves (She/They) — Future Regions Research Centre, Federation University

Bio

Jess Reeves is a place-based sustainability science researcher. With a background in geology, she is passionate about the interplay between humans and their environment through time – including recent industrial pollution and long-term human modification of landscapes. She is particularly interested in elevating community voices around environmental stewardship, incorporating multiple ways of knowing place. She teaches and conducts research at the Gippsland Campus of Federation University Australia.

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I would like to give a shout-out to my project, funded by CRC-TiME, which will be seeking 30 Latrobe City Council community members to participate in a citizen jury on future land uses for the mine lands. This will be kicking off in June. I also recommend people be directed to the MLRA website for updates and further info.

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Rhonda Hastie — Yallourn Rehabilitation Leader, Energy Australia

Bio

Rhonda is an environmental engineer with 15 years' experience in industrial site remediation and rehabilitation. As Yallourn's Rehabilitation Leader, she is passionate about ensuring that Yallourn's future rehabilitated landscape will enable ongoing opportunities for the region

and including community in the process.

Rhonda's career started remediating sites all over Australia before moving into Government, advising on rehabilitation for all Latrobe Valley mines, which gives her an in-depth understanding of the entire region's rehabilitation needs.

Rhonda is a Latrobe Valley local who can often be seen riding her bicycle to work or her horse out on the trails. She loves a good chat and will happily talk all day about mine rehabilitation.

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Antonia Scrase — Technical Director, Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority, Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority

Bio

Antonia has 20 years' environmental experience in the UK and Australia, working in mine closure, geo-environmental industry, risk and approvals, and brown field development. For the last 11 years, she has focused on mining, specifically mine closure. She has worked for the mining industry, consultancies, and government.

Antonia is passionate about mine closure and has driven interstate government knowledge sharing by launching and chairing the interstate government closure discussion group. She was also a key part in a closure focused legislative change process in South Australia.

Over the last 4 years, Antonia has focused on the closure of lignite coal mines in the Latrobe Valley, where she worked for industry before joining the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority (MLRA) as Technical Director in October 2022. She is keen to employ her knowledge and experience in this area, to assist in ensuring there is a smooth pathway to mine rehabilitation for industry, government, and community, that enables easy transition to secondary land uses to facilitate the growth and prosperity of the area.

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Anthony Feigl — Director Rehabilitation & Innovation, Resources Victoria, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

Bio

With a background in environmental science and natural resource management, Anthony is passionate about finding innovative solutions that benefit communities and the environment.

Anthony's role as Director of Rehabilitation and Innovation at Resources Victoria includes leading

programs to support successful rehabilitation of Latrobe Valley's three coal mines.

Anthony enjoys collaborating with stakeholders and the community to achieve positive change.

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Dwayne McAlpine — Civil Engineer, Loy Yang Civil and Development, AGL Loy Yang

Bio

Dwayne is AGL Loy Yang's water specialist who is a key technical expert working on rehabilitation planning and delivery at Loy Yang. He has worked at AGL Loy Yang for four years, and previously spent 8 years managing critical water assets at Gippsland Water.

Dwayne completed engineering studies at Monash University, Gippsland.

He is a lifelong Gippslander who grew up in Yaram and has lived in Traralgon for 15 years, and is now raising his two children here in the Latrobe Valley.

Dwayne is passionate about achieving best practise rehabilitation and water management at the Loy Yang site.

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Adam Moran — Corporate Environment and Technical Specialist Leader — Energy, Water, Climate, and Sustainability

Bio

Adam has over 20 years' experience across large global corporations in the energy, natural resources and mining space providing innovative and strategic risk management advice. His experience was gained in a variety of industry sectors working for leading companies such as Boeing, Bosch, and Rio Tinto on environment, climate policy, adaptation, and engineering process improvements in manufacturing.

Working for French energy organisation ENGIE, Adam manages the environment and planning for large projects within Australia, including the Hazelwood Environmental Effects Statement.

Over the last several years, Adam has worked extensively in the mining environment, particularly focused

on achieving sustainable water outcomes for both operation and closure requirements across both the Latrobe Valley and also South America and Africa. The importance of involving all stakeholders in the approach is key to achieving outcomes that can be advantageous to the local community.

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Panel 4

Active Communities: Climate, Environment & Community to the Front

Focus: What tangible actions can community members take to get involved with local groups? How social connection helps with community cohesion.

Ask the panel a question, submit online or raise your hand during the Q&A section

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Moderator



Bodye Darvill (She/Her) — Director Emerging Industries,
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Bio

Bodye Darvill is Director Emerging Industries at the Latrobe Valley Authority. She supports energy transition across the Gippsland region, working closely with stakeholders in government, industry, education and community sectors. With qualifications in Communications, Business and Community and International Development, Bodye's work focuses on supporting strong and long-term economic and social outcomes for the Gippsland region.

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Panellists



Laura Melville (She/Her) — Organising Program
Co-Manager, Environment Victoria

Bio

Laura (she/her) is a community organiser with over 10 years of experience building people power to win campaigns for climate justice. Laura has been working with community groups across the Latrobe Valley since 2014 and is based in Far East Gippsland on unceded Aboriginal land. Laura is passionate about ensuring that the transition beyond fossil fuels and

extractive industries provides regional communities with opportunities to thrive.

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Tracey Anton — Friends of Latrobe Water

Bio

Tracey Anton lives on a farm at Toongabbie in Latrobe Valley and is the Treasurer for Friends of Latrobe Water (FLoW), a community advocacy group formed for the purpose of protecting the Latrobe River system, connected waterways and Gippsland Lakes to facilitate a positive post-coal mining legacy for future social and economic prosperity of the region. FLoW networks with multiple groups in broader Gippsland and across southern Victoria to lift the profile of our degraded waterways taking the fight to our policy makers to improve waterway health and that of our environment.

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Jane Sultana (She/Her) — Latrobe Valley Sustainability Group

Bio

Jane grew up in Melbourne but came to live in the Latrobe Valley in 1990 when she took up a position as a Primary School teacher. Ten years later she married a Moe man and has lived in the area ever since.

Jane currently volunteers with three different organisations. They are:

Scouts Victoria: Jane has been a Scout leader with the 1st Newborough Scout Group since 2011.

Latrobe City Council: Jane is on the asset management committee for the Edward Hunter Heritage Bush Reserve in Moe.

Latrobe Valley Sustainability Group: Jane is the secretary of this grassroots citizens organisation advocating for urgent climate action and environmentally sustainable development for our region.

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For more information about joining Edward Hunter Heritage Bush Reserve working bees and activities speak to Jane on the day.

For more information about Latrobe Valley Sustainability Group activities email info@latrobevalleysg.com, visit our website <https://latrobevalleysg.com>



Esther Lloyd (She/Her) —Senior Program Officer, Gippsland Climate Change Network

Bio

Esther is passionate about working with regional communities exploring opportunities around climate change and energy innovation shaping our future social, technological and environmental landscapes. She currently partners with the Latrobe Valley Authority's New Energy Team, and is also a regular 'talking science' guest speaker for ABC Radio Gippsland

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I run a community energy innovation network with government, industry, and community for those who want to be involved in more technical aspects of projects and initiatives that will benefit all of Gippsland. I am also starting a peer community group for people who have a community energy question, project idea or challenge, to learn from other communities members who have gone through or are currently going through something similar. I will have dates before this event for next meetings. GCCN hosts and supports various energy saving and electric car community days though the year. Keep an eye on our socials. We also have the Gippsland New Energy Conference coming up again in September that will be hosted by the Latrobe City Council.

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