



Community Consultation



Why we engaged

Opal Australian Paper has been part of the Latrobe Valley for over 80 years. In that time we have employed thousands of people from Morwell, Traralgon, Moe and the surrounding areas. We are deeply connected with the people of the Latrobe Valley.

That is why we put community engagement at the centre of our Energy from Waste plant development at the Maryvale site. The support of the community is crucial in our planning.



How we engaged

Engagement and consultation efforts undertaken to date have included:

- Focus groups held in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe
- The establishment of an Information Centre and Project Office in Morwell for local people to visit, find out about the project, and ask questions of the project team
- The production of regular stakeholder emails to provide interested parties with project updates
- Regular advertisements in the local newspaper to provide information about the project and AP
- Pop up information centres in Traralgon, Morwell and Moe (at the shopping centres and library)
- Regular updates provided to the Maryvale Community Consultative Committee

To date the Information Centre and Project Office has had 294 visitors, over 54 delegations have received a tour and the pop up information centres were visited by almost 200 people.

As of February 2023, Opal Australian Paper has conducted more than 300 community and stakeholder engagement activities.

Opal Australian Paper has also engaged with a wide range of community and business groups, including:

- All six Gippsland Councils
- Traralgon Chamber of Commerce
- Committee for Gippsland
- Advance Morwell
- One Gippsland
- Latrobe Valley Sustainability Network
- Traralgon Central Rotary Club
- Voices of the Valley
- Gippsland Regional Executive Forum
- GROW Gippsland
- Federation University
- Gippsland Climate Change Network



We continue to engage

- Please **contact** our project team at: creatingenergy@opalanz.com
- To **receive regular project updates** you can sign up to our mailing list by emailing: creatingenergy@opalanz.com
- To **arrange a private tour** of the **Morwell Energy from Waste Information Centre**, or for larger groups please contact our project team at: creatingenergy@opalanz.com
- **Drop by** our **Energy from Waste Information Centre** which is open every Tuesday from 10am to 3pm, at the Morwell Innovation Centre, first floor, 1 Monash Way, Morwell