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Snowy Hydro wins Excellence Award

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Snowy Hydro Limited's 'Scheme Modernisation Project' has won this year's Engineers Australia Canberra Division Engineering Excellence Award.

Snowy Hydro Limited's Scheme Modernisation Project is a \$250 million, seven year investment in maximising asset value, maintaining long term operational capability, and modernising the assets of the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

The internationally recognised Tumut 3 Power Station is the largest hydro-electric power station in Australia and the primary objective of Scheme Modernisation is to increase the capacity of Tumut 3 from 1500MW to 1650MW – a 10% improvement in efficiency.

In presenting the award the judges commended Snowy Hydro on achieving engineering excellence and delivering the first stage of the project with above expected operational benefits, high safety and environmental performance, extensive utilisation of local resources/contractors and achieving on-time and budget outcomes.

Terry Charlton, Managing Director, Snowy Hydro Limited said: "This engineering award recognises the technical expertise and professionalism of the Snowy team and our contractors in undertaking what is the largest and most important project at Tumut 3 Power Station since its construction. It is important we maintain the icon that is the Scheme, and it is even more critical this is done in the interests of our business."

"Winning this award is a very clear demonstration and recognised evidence of Snowy Hydro Limited's care for the Scheme that is justifiably funded through modern business drivers such as efficiency, sustainability and product to the market."

There have been a number of people involved in this project, both Snowy Hydro personnel and specialist contractors, and to receive this award is an outstanding acknowledgement for Snowy Hydro's stewardship of the Scheme.

The Scheme Modernisation Project was also shortlisted as a finalist at a National level at the recent Engineers Australia Engineering Excellence Awards.

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Below L-R: ACT Chief Minister, John Stanhope, Snowy Hydro's Darryl Eager, Gary Burslem and Darren Davis, and President of Canberra Division of Engineers Australia, Bob Nairn.



Community Feedback

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As mentioned in our first edition of Snowy Hydro NEWS, Snowy Hydro commissioned Stollznow Research to undertake an independent research and feedback project of community views, opinions and thoughts on a range of matters related to and about Snowy Hydro Limited.

Stollznow Research is a member of the Association of Market and Social Research Organisation (AMSRO) and interviewers worked under the Australian Market Research Society Code of Professional Behaviour. We were very impressed with their approach, their independence and professionalism.

The project involved the communities of Cooma, Jindabyne, Tumut, Tumbarumba and Adaminaby with over 500 people freely participating in the feedback process.

The results identified areas for improvement but many areas where we are doing a good job.

Some of the areas for improvement were in better informing the local community about what Snowy Hydro now is, who relies on its effectiveness and how it operates in the market. Obviously these areas need better explanation to the local community.

The community feedback project has demonstrated that Snowy Hydro's relationship with the local community is strong and the work Snowy Hydro currently does in the community is generally very well received which was very pleasing.

It is important that we provide feedback from the project to the local community. Listed below are the key findings from Stollznow Research:

- Over 80% of the local community are either satisfied or very satisfied generally with Snowy Hydro Limited

- Only 50% of the local community have a good or excellent knowledge of Snowy Hydro.
- Almost 80% of the community are interested or very interested in Snowy Hydro.
- Over 80% of the local community are concerned or very concerned for Snowy Hydro if it cannot continue to grow and succeed in the National Electricity Market (which is all the more relevant given the Recommendations to the NSW Govt in the Owen Report involving privatisation of all NSW's electricity assets excluding any comment on Snowy Hydro Limited).





- Over 80% of the community are aware of Snowy Hydro's Cloud Seeding Project and 79% of the local community want to see the project expanded.
- Most local people get their information about Snowy Hydro through word of mouth and friends and family followed closely by local newspapers and radio.
- The Snowy Hydro Website is not well utilised as an information source by the local community.
- There is a genuine willingness from the broader community to better understand Snowy Hydro activities, business operations and future business needs.
- Snowy Hydro communications with the local community have improved over the last 12 months but further improvement can be made.
- Over 80% of the community have a strong desire for Snowy Hydro to be a commercially successful business and recognise that this is very important to the local economy.
- The community highly values Snowy Hydro's support of the Snowy Hydro South Care Rescue Helicopter.
- The community very strongly recognised that water releases from the Snowy Scheme are determined by a Water Licence approved by three governments.

- The community seeks more information through local media, newsletters and presentations to community groups about Snowy Hydro.
- The community did not have high awareness of some of Snowy Hydro's key community sponsorships and community initiatives.

We have indeed listened to your feedback!

The following initiatives have been taken as a result of this community feedback:

- 1) Launch of our new newsletter "Snowy Hydro NEWS", in order to improve our communications to the local community, provide more information about the business and provide facts about operations and activities.

- 2) Establishment of a Community feedback email address communityfeedback@snowyhydro.com.au to provide another channel for community feedback to Snowy Hydro

- 3) New design and layout of the Snowy Hydro corporate website: www.snowyhydro.com.au in order to make it more user friendly and better explain the Snowy Hydro Limited business

- 4) A commitment by the company to undertake the community feedback process again in 2008 in order to measure performance and continuous improvement.

We thank the community for your participation which will assist us in improving our community relations and communications initiatives.





The Owen Report and Snowy Hydro

*Terry Charlton
CEO & Managing
Director*



It is very important that we explain the reality in which Snowy Hydro Limited operates and the challenges we now face as a result of the Owen Inquiry into the NSW electricity industry. The Owen Report, if substantially implemented, will forever change the shape of the industry because the Government owned electricity businesses will shift into private sector ownership. Snowy Hydro was not considered by the Owen Report.

It appears that the business of Snowy Hydro Limited is still not well understood by many in the local community and our community feedback results demonstrate this. It is however encouraging to know that the community want to know more and to better understand the business. This is now all the more important given the likely outcomes of the Owen Report, so let's start at the beginning....

The Snowy Scheme has changed "forms" over the years. The services it provides and the markets in which it operates have also changed. The

way we use the assets has changed even more; what is expected of the Snowy Scheme and its "offspring", Snowy Hydro Limited since 2002, has changed forever.

It has changed because of the needs of the markets it serves and because of its unique capability to meet the evolving needs of these new markets.

So what does Snowy Hydro now do?

Let's first look at water.....

We do not own water, we do not sell water! We are controlled by a Government water licence.

We collect and store water. We release a fixed amount each year, as per our water licence which is determined and approved by three governments, into storages controlled by the New South Wales' Government being Blowering Dam and the Murray Darling Basin Commission's Hume Dam. Snowy Hydro Limited does not control annual releases to downstream users from these dams; the applicable government agencies do so such as NSW State Water.

Let's look at a few facts about water:

- The Snowy Water Licence is set up to facilitate annual water releases for water users, provide environmental flows and create necessary flexibility for essential electricity generation.

- The Snowy Water Licence is a legally enforceable document agreed to by the NSW, Victorian and Federal Governments
- The NSW Department of Energy and Water determines the amount and timing of environmental flows to rivers including releases into the Snowy River
- Electricity generation is inseparably linked to water releases from the Scheme as the only practical way to release water is through the Scheme's turbines





Let's now look at Electricity.

Profound change has occurred due to the creation of a National Electricity Market in 1996, and the very substantial and continuing growth in the demand for electricity, particularly at peak times.

Snowy Hydro Limited should no longer be thought of as a generator of electricity – we only generate around 14% of the time. We are now much more an insurance provider or, expressed another way, a price risk manager to the electricity industry which is a vital service to the National Electricity Market.

Snowy Hydro is currently a leading supplier of electricity price risk financial hedging contracts to energy retailers such as Energy Australia, Integral Energy and Country Energy. These retailers supply electricity to consumers like you and me at a constant price but they need to seek protection to limit the price risk they face in the volatile National Electricity Market, as prices move from \$zero to \$10,000 per megawatt hour (MWh).

Let me explain how we do this risk management thing with regard to electricity.....

Retailers charge you for the electricity you use. The price per unit is constant over the medium term, say \$50 per MWh. But the retailer has first to buy the electricity sold to you.... but the price to be paid by

the retailer can vary between \$zero and \$10,000 per MWh and it can vary every 5 minutes as the market operates on a bidding system.

The retailer cannot pass on this price movement to consumers, so the retailer takes out insurance against such rapid and large price movements. Snowy Hydro Limited, provides the insurance policy or, as we call it, a financial hedge contract.

If the price goes above what the retailer is willing to risk having to pay, then we pay the retailer the difference in the form of cheques that offset the price over and above the level the retailer is willing to buy at over the long term. We can do this because we have fast start, and now very reliable, Snowy Scheme assets, that generate electricity in minutes. We then earn the prevailing higher price for the electricity that we put into the National Electricity Grid, fully offsetting the cheques we have paid out to the retailer.

For this price risk mitigation the retailer pays us a substantial and long term "insurance premium". It works well for us, it works very well for the retailers and it keeps your electricity prices from fluctuating widely and arguably from the prices significantly increasing due to the risk that would otherwise have to be priced into the cost of electricity.

This is electricity price risk management by Snowy Hydro Limited in practice.

We try to limit our generation to only peak demand times – and in this way we make sound profits in order to pay dividends to our shareholders. The way we run the business today has been the case now for over 5 years.

We have to be profitable in order to have a sufficiently strong cash flow just to maintain our assets, dams, pipes, power stations etc at a very high, reliable and safe standard and we have to continually upgrade our very complicated and sophisticated communications and control systems, which operate in a harsh environment across 5,000 square kilometres of the Snowy Mountains. Remember, our shareholder governments do not put cash/equity, or debt, into our Company; they only take out dividends.

Like any company:

- we have to maintain our assets,
- we have to grow as our markets grow and now likely to change,
- we have to keep pace with the very sophisticated technology used by the market managers, by our customers and by our competitors,
- we must pay dividends to our shareholders; and
- particular to Snowy Hydro, we have to provide water, at no cost, for environmental flows.



This requires a profitable business and it also requires that we should have access to new or additional equity.

To believe that if we do nothing and revert to operating the Scheme as primarily a water operation is simply commercially unrealistic.

The result being that there would not be sufficient funds to maintain the Scheme at the level of "care" that I believe the community expects. Some anti Snowy Hydro activists think we should revert to the past but as we don't own water and we cannot sell water, I and the company fail to understand how we will derive the income to look after the Scheme. The Snowy is a water Scheme paid for by an electricity business.

Over and above keeping the existing business at the higher standards we have achieved since corporatisation of Snowy Hydro in 2002, we now have other pressing reasons to need capital.....related to meeting the threat of climate change.

We have a scarce resource, water, and we foresee greater variability in future weather patterns and behaviours – bushfires, longer dry periods, hotter weather over more often continuous days.

The answer to this future potential dilemma is not more dams, this is

impossible as we are in a National Park. We need to think of other ways.

The building of gas fired electricity generation plant can substitute for using water for generation – using gas as the fuel rather than scarce water, saving the water for release not when required primarily by electricity needs but when required for farmers and water storage needs. It makes obvious sense to sometimes use gas instead of water as our "fuel".

Snowy Hydro Limited adopted this fuel substitute vision four years ago and now has over 600 MW's of gas fired electricity generation plant in Victoria with plans to develop plant in South Australia and New South Wales, if we can get the necessary capital.

Snowy Hydro must eventually be given the other leg that underpins any successful company – we now need the ability to raise capital, to grow to meet the changing needs of all our stakeholders. We respect our history but we think in the future as those who built the Scheme did!!

It is unarguable that if we are to ensure the Snowy Scheme retains its rightful place as a vibrant and living icon, as those who built the Scheme would certainly have wished, we need to continue to

grow a profitable business around the Scheme. We want the Scheme to always have strategic importance and to be forever regarded with considerable pride for modern engineering excellence. Our modernisation project and award for engineering excellence are testament to this outcome.

We are working through all the implications of the Owen Report and our possible responses but this will take some months.

We will continue to try to do the right and most sensible things in the interest of the Snowy Scheme, our business, our shareholders, our employees and the local region.

In the next issue of Snowy Hydro NEWS we will provide further updates on the implications of the Owen Report to our business.

In the meantime please consider the obvious implications of the situation in which Snowy Hydro is now placed as the electricity industry and the ownerships of our customers change around us.

Terry Charlton
CEO & Managing Director
Snowy Hydro Limited



Above L-R: Snowy Hydro's Libby Eichler and Lara McAuley accepting the award from ACT Chief Minister, John Stanhope

Our Year At Snowy

A trainee's experience by the 2007 Trainees

Snowy Hydro Limited offers many opportunities for young people in the Snowy Mountains Region and we have been fortunate enough to experience this first hand by completing their 12 month administration traineeships. As school leavers with no real experience in office administration, we consider ourselves to be lucky to have been given the chance to work in such a large successful business here in Cooma.

The most valuable things that we have gained from our traineeships are the skills and experiences that you learn during the year.

Working for a major business like Snowy Hydro allows us to not only further develop computer and communication skills, but we also

learnt how to work as part of a great team, handle deadlines and manage our time effectively.

Through the traineeships we not only got an invaluable head start with work experience, but Snowy Hydro also sends us to Cooma TAFE to complete Certificate 3 and 4 in Business Administration.

We also received training in other areas which included CPR, first aid, fire warden and Aussie host training, and while we might not use these skills everyday we know that it will help us later in life in whichever path we choose to take.

Students who are looking to work in office administration and want to gain experience and qualifications, this would be ideal for you.

Similarly for those who want to go to university after the traineeship, and want skills that will help them in the future, these traineeships are a great way to get a head start in your career.

We all recommend the twelve month traineeship with Snowy Hydro as a great opportunity. We have had a fantastic year and would like to thank everyone at Snowy Hydro for their support and encouragement during 2007.

Pictured Left are the 2007 Trainees.

Top L-R: Ghazi Ahamat, Jenna Goggin and Ian Sutcliffe. Bottom L-R: Jo Harfield, Emma Langdon and Jessica Chandler.



Breastscreen Appreciation Award

Danielle Neilson Marketing and Communications Advisor



ACT Chief Minister John Stanhope presented an Appreciation Award on behalf of Breastscreen ACT and south east NSW to representatives from Snowy Hydro Limited for their support and assistance in promoting breast screening and awareness to the women in the Cooma-Monaro community.

Snowy Hydro Limited received the 'Large Employer' award for providing an opportunity for employees to attend information and discussion sessions with a health promotion officer from Breastscreen to promote breast awareness.

The relocatable Breastscreen unit will be visiting the Cooma-Monaro district early in 2008 and women aged 50-69 are encouraged to make an appointment during that time.



Water Storages Update

*Andrew Nolan
Manager Water*



The recent months of spring have seen some improvements in lake levels mainly due to the usual seasonal inflow increases from snowmelt.

However, as a result of warm temperatures, a below medium snow season and low precipitation, these water inflows have been significantly lower than long term average.

While spring run off has been much lower than average, it has still exceeded what Scheme storages received last spring, which recorded the lowest inflows on record.

Overall, since May this year water inflows into Scheme storages have been well below long term average and Snowy Scheme storages are still at around their lowest levels since construction.

Prolonged above average inflows will be required to return water levels to those seen prior to the start of this drought cycle in 1996.

It is very difficult for anyone to accurately predict future weather

patterns and associated water inflows. However, it is anticipated that we will experience another water year where minimum releases will be automatically reduced under the Snowy Water Licence.

In addition, under this continuing drought scenario, major water storage levels such as Jindabyne and Eucumbene are likely to drop, as they did last year.

However, even if these current drought conditions continue, due to our water management strategies of increased gas generation and recycling of water at Tumut 3 Power Station, Snowy Hydro believes that it can meet its water and electricity commitments going forward.



Cloud Seeding Update

*Dr Suzanne Kenyon
Cloud Seeding Team*



Snowy Hydro's cloud seeding activities for the 2007 season concluded on the 29th September.

The 2007 winter season provided much more opportunity to improve snow falls than the 2006 season. This year there were 112 hours of cloud seeding, compared to just 55 hours last year.

As part of our normal annual procedures, all of the cloud seeding generators have now been removed from the mountains for summer. As usual, environmental monitoring has taken place over the winter months and collection of samples will continue through to late January when the last of the snow drifts is expected to have melted.

While still in the experimental phase, our team of expert scientists advise that preliminary results from this season again show a strong result in improving snowfalls across the target area.

Our cloud seeding science team includes senior research partners from Monash University, University of Melbourne and the United States



Project Updates

Desert Research Institute, as well as extensive technical support from CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology.

Interest in the benefits of the cloud seeding project by the local community has increased considerably this year after the very poor 2006 winter season.

Community support for the project has been very strongly reflected in an independent community feedback project which was completed recently.

Part of the research measured community awareness and support for cloud seeding. The results were very compelling with 79% of the local community supporting an expansion of the Snowy Hydro Cloud seeding project to cover more of the mountains.

We thank the community for their interest and support for the project and await advice from the NSW Government in regards to any expansion of the project.

Currently, our team is continuing with the studies and analysis of data collected this season and start preparation and planning for the 2008 season including ongoing briefings to local and regional stakeholders as has been the case this year.

Jounama Small Hydro Project

*Peter Hill
Senior Project
Manager*



Civil works are well underway for the Jounama Small Hydro Project. The 14 megawatt small hydro-electric power station being constructed will be attached to the existing river diversion conduit at Jounama Dam.

The concrete plug that was in the old river diversion conduit has been removed by using localised blasting techniques.

The penstock or main feed pipe is on site and now ready for installation.

The manufacturing of the major components small hydro plant has now been completed in Spain with shipment expected shortly.

With continued diligent work from the project team and good planning it is expected that the commissioning of the Jounama Small Hydro Project will occur in late 2008.

The small hydro, costing \$21 million, will enable energy to be economically recovered from the release of waters to Blowering Reservoir.

Removal of Jindabyne Cofferdam

*Darryl Pead
Area Manager
Kosciuszko*



The removal of the Jindabyne coffer dam is the final stage of the Jindabyne Project Works. These works are expected to commence from the end of January 2008. It is expected that the removal of the coffer dam will be completed before winter 2008.

Snowy Hydro is in the process of selecting a contractor to remove the coffer dam, which was established to allow for the major works on the Jindabyne Dam to be undertaken including a new intake tower for water releases to the Snowy River and new fuse gates to improve dam performance.

The coffer dam will be removed in such a way that there will be no work carried out in the water of the lake itself given the current low lake levels.

Earth material from the coffer dam will be transported to a variety of sites. Specifically the clay material used in the core of the coffer dam will be used for works at the Snowy River Shire Council landfill.

Snowy Hydro will be making local radio announcements regarding truck and traffic management arrangements for the project prior to works commencing and through the course of the project to keep the community informed.



Visit the Scheme Over Summer

*Carol Cooper
Information &
Education Centre
Cooma*



Wondering what to do with visiting friends and relatives this summer?

Why not take them to experience the Snowy Mountains Scheme!

Snowy Mountains Scheme Information and Education Centre - Cooma

This state of the art visitor facility showcases the amazing story of the Scheme from the early construction days to the role it plays today.

WHERE: Monaro Highway, Cooma
2kms north of Cooma CBD

OPEN: 7 days
8am – 5pm Mon to Fri
9am – 2pm Sat, Sun &
Public Holidays
Closed Christmas Day, New
Years Day and Anzac Day

COST: Entry, films and all activities are free of charge

Murray 1 Visitors Centre and Café, Alpine Way, Khancoban

The Murray 1 Power Station and the Murray 1 Visitors Centre and café offers an exciting interactive experience! Here you can go on a power station inspection that provides an ideal opportunity to learn more about Snowy Hydro and view Murray 1 Power Station from the viewing gallery.

WHERE: Alpine Way, 10kms east of Khancoban

OPEN: Summer (Oct to Apr)
7 days
9am – 4pm Mon to Fri
10am – 4pm Sat, Sun &
Public Holidays
Closed Christmas Day
and Anzac Day

COST: Entry, activities & inspections free of charge. Inspections are at 11am & 2pm and go for approx 20 minutes.

Snowy Mountains Scheme Visitor Display Centre, Talbingo.

For visitors to Talbingo, why not visit the Snowy Mountains Scheme Visitor Display Centre located at the Talbingo Shopping Centre.

This display provides information on Tumut 3 Power Station, the works being undertaken and information displays on the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

WHERE: Talbingo Shopping Centre
Whitty St, Talbingo

OPEN: 7 days
8am – 4pm

COST: Entry is free of charge





Community Partnerships

Snowy Ride 2007

*Doug Rendoth,
Michelle Stewart
& Peter Hill*



The Snowy Ride returned to the region in November. Snowy Ride is a motorcycle event run annually in the Snowy Mountains to raise money for Childhood Cancer Research. This year over 2800 riders came to the Snowy Mountains for this event.

This event also hosts a group of children suffering from cancer and their families to have an all expenses paid and well deserved break in the mountains for a weekend.

There is also the Snowy Ride Special Kid's Day which is organised by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Snowy Hydro in cooperation with Cooma APEX.

Snowy Hydro has generously supported the Snowy Ride and the Children's Cancer Institute through in-kind and financial support for many years. Snowy Hydro staff, in conjunction with NPWS, volunteer their time to drive these special kids and their families up to the base of Mt Kosciuszko. Those that are well enough then take the hike up to the top of Australia and back again.

These special kids and their families experienced the best our region has to offer - taken to the top of Mount Kosciuszko, provided luxury accommodation in Thredbo, got to ride on some of the great bikes visiting the region and also attended a fundraising concert at the Thredbo Alpine Hotel which this year showcased big names such as "The Angels".

Over the last 7 years that the event has run in the Snowy Mountains, the Snowy Ride has now raised over \$1.3 million for the Children's Cancer Institute Australia. The Snowy Ride not only raises funds but the event itself injects millions into the local community as a major tourism event.



Above: The Snowy Ride kids enjoying a remaining patch of snow below Mt Kosciuszko.

Tumbafest – Your Complete Festival Experience

*Mark Clayton
Area Manager
Murray*



Snowy Hydro is also proud to be one of the major sponsors of eleventh annual Tumbafest being held on the 23rd and 24th of February 2008, and we encourage everyone in the region to attend.

In a major boost to the festival's sponsorship campaign, Snowy Hydro recently signed a naming rights agreement for the 2008 Stage/ Entertainment program.

Tumbafest's Executive Officer, Shelley Jones, said the sponsorship of the festival reflected Snowy Hydro's role as a leading, socially responsible company, encouraging activities that nurture wider community wellbeing and success.

Mayor of Tumbarumba Shire Council, Dave Robertson said that corporate support is a vital part of the festival's continued success.

"Snowy Hydro's increased commitment to Tumbafest will enable Tumbarumba's flagship event to further grow and develop," said Mayor Robertson.

For more information go to www.tumbafest.com.au.



Community Partnerships

Adaminaby Water & Environment Camp

Narrele Kelley
Education
Program
Coordinator



Snowy Hydro was proud to provide support to Adaminaby Public School's first Environment Camp held on the 8th and 9th of November 2007.

The Adaminaby Camp involved more than 120 students from Bredbo, Cabramurra, Jerangle, Dalgety, Nimmitabel, Numeralla and Adaminaby schools. Several Snowy Hydro specialists attended the camp to talk to the students and assist with environmental programs and activities, which included:

- Bug Watch
- Water Quality Testing,
- Electrical Safety,
- Micro Beasts
- Magnetics
- Alpine Environments
- Fire Safety
- Multi Skill Sports
- Rock Climbing, Scottish Dancing, Aboriginal Dancing and Kite Making
- and a Liquid Nitrogen show by Fizzics Education.

Students aged from Kindergarten to Year 6 armed with gumboots, nets and buckets really enjoyed learning more the environment through water activities over the two days. Snowy Hydro employees including myself, Don Cheong, Melinda Deas, Helen Venables and Veronica Brown assisted students with the studies and activities.

Snowy Hydro's David Whitfield provided a very interesting way for the students to discover water flow rate in the river. This was done by means of oranges - throwing them into the river and measuring their flow rate as they move with the current. The oranges were then collected to measure the rate.

The Adaminaby Camp was a great success and enjoyed by all who participated. Students gained a lot from activities and learnt more about their local environment. Thanks must go to the Bolaro Station Manager for allowing access to the Bolaro grounds and to the Country Areas Program resource centre for supplying most of the equipment used over the two days. Finally, a big thank you to the Adaminaby P&C, who did an excellent job catering for all of the students, teachers, parents and presenters who attended the camp.

Snowy Hydro Southcare Fundraiser

David Hogan
Manager
Regional
Marketing



On the 1st of November, Snowy Hydro Limited together with Snowy Hydro SouthCare and over 100 business, community and government leaders celebrated the achievements of the regional rescue helicopter service.

This fundraising event follows Snowy Hydro Limited's continuing sponsorship of the rescue service which was renewed in 2006 with a \$2.15 million sponsorship.



Above L-R: At the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Business and Community Leaders Fundraiser in Canberra, Mayor of Cooma Monaro Shire Council, Roger Norton, Commissioner of the ACT Emergency Services Agency, Gregor Manson, Snowy Hydro CEO and Managing Director, Terry Charlton and State Member for Monaro, Steve Whan.

At the event last month, former patient Virginia Berger spoke about the day she suffered an aortic dissection, and Snowy Hydro SouthCare helped save her life.

As Virginia put it, Snowy Hydro SouthCare "is one organisation that is of service to all ages, right across the spectrum of society... You just have absolutely no idea when you might need this helicopter service and its dedicated crew. Believe me, this is probably one of those few times in my life when I know what I'm talking about!"

At the event, CEO and Managing Director of Snowy Hydro Limited, Terry Charlton, said, "We see an obligation to make sure we are supporting the community in positive ways, and I can't think of any more positive way than Snowy Hydro SouthCare. We are delighted to be a part of this service."

For more information on Snowy Hydro SouthCare visit www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au or call (02) 6207-8375.

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