



## Snowy 2.0 project news



The first large plant and equipment have arrived onsite at Lobs Hole for our principal contractor, Future Generation, to start construction of worker accommodation at the Exploratory Works campsite and for preparatory works at the Main Access Tunnel portal.

Snowy Hydro's roads contractor, Leed Engineering and Construction, is progressing the upgrade of roads and access to Lobs Hole, with work continuing on Lobs Hole Ravine Road and the installation of bridges across the Yarrangobilly River and Wallace Creek having been completed. There is plenty of activity on the project – there are currently more than 200 personnel working onsite.

In other news, local businesses and service providers who want to become involved in Snowy 2.0 have participated in a series of workshops in Tumut, Tumbarumba and Cooma to learn how to register as a potential supplier and access tender information.

Future Generation partnered with the Industry Capability Network (ICN) NSW to present the workshops, with about 200 people attending. ICN, a national business procurement network, is matching suppliers with Snowy 2.0 sub-contracting and supply packages.

ICN is managing the registration of all potential suppliers and is distributing tender information for Snowy 2.0. Business owners who want to participate must register, free of charge, on the ICN Gateway at [gateway.icn.org.au](https://gateway.icn.org.au)

To date more than 100 Snowy Mountains businesses have been involved in Snowy 2.0.

For more information about Snowy 2.0 business opportunities visit the [Future Generation website](#).

## 70 years young – reunions across the region



Snowy people from far and wide have come together to celebrate the 70 years since construction began on the Snowy Mountains Scheme on 17 October 1949. This historic milestone was marked at community events in Cooma, Khancoban and Talbingo throughout spring.

As former workers and their families shared stories, caught up with old friends and met new ones, their pride in helping to create a scheme that has contributed so much to the nation was evident.

The focus of the celebration events was always about the workers and recognising their hard work, achievements and the sacrifices they made to build the Scheme. Current Snowy Hydro staff were volunteers and enjoyed hearing stories from the past seven decades. There were also bus tours to some of the Snowy assets and a range of community-hosted activities.

At the Cooma event, a crowd of more than 1,500 people gathered on the lawns in front of the Snowy Hydro office. The day featured an official welcome, with speeches from CEO Paul Broad, Federal Minister for Energy (and grandson of Snowy Scheme Commissioner Sir William Hudson) Angus Taylor, NSW Deputy Premier John Barilaro and Snowy Monaro Mayor Peter Beer. A panel of former workers – Charlie Salvestro, Pippa Robinson and Jim Crocker – also spoke and provided colourful insights into the early days of Scheme construction.

Hundreds of people took office tours, visited the Snowy Hydro control centre, watched cloud seeding demonstrations and attended 'Snowy Talks' which focused on Snowy 2.0 and our business today. The Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre was a hive of activity as people flocked to experience the new immersive theatre, view the displays and drink a good coffee.

The Red Energy jumping castle and Tesla were a hit and the 70th anniversary merchandise was very popular at the pop-up shop. If you're interested in purchasing some 70th merchandise it's available at the Discovery Centre and the Cabramurra shop.

It was also wonderful to have so much community involvement with stalls from Snowy Kids, Monaro High School, the Leo Club and Cooma North Pre-School, while the crowd was entertained with performances from Monaro High School music students, Cooma School of Music's Guitar Ensemble, the Cooma Harmony Chorus and local musician Michael Horneman.

In Khancoban there was a joint celebration for the Snowy 70th and an official opening of the newly-renovated Lady Eileen Hudson Rose Garden (Lady Hudson was the wife of Commissioner Sir William Hudson). The event began in the rose garden, where rainy weather held off long enough for the official proceedings before about 80 guests retreated to the comfort of the Khancoban Alpine Inn for a barbecue provided by the Khancoban Public School.

Lady Hudson's grandson, Duncan Taylor, shared fond stories of his grandmother – a keen gardener – while there were also speeches from former Snowy employee Ken Lister, Snowy Valleys Mayor James Hayes and local member Justin Clancy. Local children joined in for the cutting of the ribbon to officially open the Lady Hudson Rose Garden following significant Council upgrades.

The Talbingo 70th anniversary event provided another great opportunity for Snowy employees and the local community to come together. The day was informal, with more than 250 people gathering at Tumut 3 Power Station, enjoying a catch-up and a barbecue lunch cooked by current Snowy Hydro workers. Proceeds were donated to the Tumut branch of Can Assist, a charity which provides financial assistance and support to people with cancer living in regional NSW.

The Snowy Hydro team from the Lower Tumut region also provided guests with a rare opportunity to visit the T3 viewing gallery. Many of those who attended the reunion worked on the construction of the station and appreciated the chance to have another look at the results of their hard work.



Former Snowy Scheme worker Tommy Tomasi is 93-years-old - he still skis three times a week, he survived the concentration camps of WWII, and came to Australia to help build the Scheme.

## Immerse yourself in the Snowy Scheme



Visitors to the Snowy Mountains and local community members can now experience the mighty Snowy Scheme as never before. Our brand-new immersive theatre experience is now open to visitors at the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre in Cooma. The interactive, state-of-the-art theatre is a new attraction for tourists to the region - it's a world-class experience here in the Snowy Mountains!

Snowy Hydro has been working with the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) to incorporate the latest technology into the theatre. A massive 14m-wide projection screen standing 4m tall is complemented with floor projection to welcome visitors into the interactive space. Motion sensors integrated into the theatre allow visitors to interact with content on both the wall and floor projections. Guided across the magnificent mountain



ranges by one of the Discovery Centre staff, visitors take a virtual flyover of the Snowy Scheme and delve into the Snowy story, which highlights our past, present and future.

The experience takes visitors behind the scenes to view our tunnels, dams and hydro-power stations, and to look back at where the Snowy story began. The current feature experience reflects on our proud history and shows Snowy Hydro's bright future. Visitors are treated to amazing vistas and never seen before archival imagery and film, thanks to our partnership with the National Archives of Australia.

According to the QUT technical experts, there is nothing like this anywhere else in Australia.

The combination of projection with full 3D people-tracking technology means the options for visitor experiences are endless. Our immersive theatre will continue to evolve, providing the community and visitors with new experiences, showcasing different assets across the Scheme and the many sides of our business. We encourage locals to visit often and check out our website to see what's happening at the centre.

This a great attraction for the whole Snowy Mountains region and just another reason to drop in to the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre in Cooma.

The centre's cafe area has been extended so more people can enjoy the delicious coffee, and light refreshments are available. Visitors can also join a guided and interactive tour through the Discovery Centre by joining a Discovery Session with one of our experienced staff members. Discover more about the Scheme's past, present and future and hear some of the stories behind the engineering and our people.

Our 20-minute Discovery Session will ignite your imagination and expand your knowledge of the mighty Snowy Scheme. To book, or for more information, please call our Discovery Centre on 1800 623 776 or visit [snowyhydro.com.au](http://snowyhydro.com.au)

## Seeing Red at Taronga Zoo



Not sure what to do these school holidays? Taronga Zoo in Sydney is the perfect destination for the whole family, especially the iconic Seal Show and Great Southern Oceans exclusively sponsored by Red Energy! Through this exciting new partnership, Red Energy and Taronga will highlight that by making a few small lifestyle changes, individuals can have a significant, positive impact on oceans and help to protect marine wildlife. Whether it's reducing your plastic footprint, choosing sustainable seafood, or supporting renewable energy, your choice matters.

Red Energy has also launched a new product called Red Taronga Saver. Residential customers in NSW who choose Red Energy electricity will receive an annual Zoo Friends membership for one adult and two children (4 to 15 years), providing year-round entry to Taronga Zoo, Sydney and Western Plains Zoo Dubbo\*.

\*Your annual Zoo Friends membership will commence when your electricity is transferred to Red and you will receive a second annual Zoo Friends membership on the 12-month anniversary of the transfer of your electricity. Full terms and conditions available at <https://www.redenergy.com.au/docs/Red-Energy-Red-Taronga-Saver-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf>



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