

# Flinders Power Community Newsletter June 2017



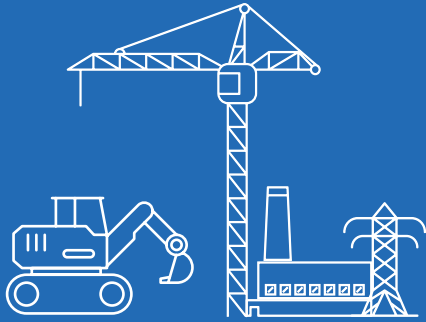
## Background

Since the cessation of power generation in May 2016, Flinders Power has been working on demolition and remediation of the site in-line with government and legislative requirements.

Following community feedback from the Community Open Day held by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 6 February 2017, we have taken on board

recommendations made to improve our communication and engagement program with the broader Port Augusta community.

As part of our commitment to engaging with you, we are offering a variety of communication options for you to choose - see inside for further details and how you can remain informed about our work.



## Project status updates

### Demolition works

A number of significant milestones have been achieved to date including:

The safe charge felling of the western and eastern coal bunkers at the Northern power station

Demolition of the Playford A power station and stack







Removal of the turbine generators from Playford B power station

**The large-scale demolition works at the Augusta Power Stations are anticipated to continue through to the end of June 2018.**







## Milestone map

2017

2018

MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
 West Coal bunkers and Transfer Towers charge felling	 East Coal bunkers and Transfer Towers charge felling		 Tower G and NPS Economisers charge felling		 Turbogenerator ring beams charge felling	 NPS Boiler charge felling	 Completion of Playford asbestos removal					

### PORT AUGUSTA DEMOLITION

MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
 Soil spreading commences Final regulatory approvals obtained			 Commence seeding		 70% project area seeded	 80% project area topsoiled			 Monitor area and maintain dust controls		 Anticipated recommencement of soil spreading (or sooner if possible)	
PHASE 1 COMPLETE												

### PORT AUGUSTA ASH DAM REHABILITATION

While these activities are anticipated at this stage, they may change depending upon a number of factors including regulatory approvals. One of the challenging aspects of major works of this scale is managing project timeframes and project interdependencies. Please note – this is correct at time of printing but this timeframe is subject to change.



## Next major demolition milestones

Our next major demolition milestones include charge felling for:


- June - Tower G and Northern Power Station (NPS) economisers
- August - Turbogenerator ring beams
- September - NPS boiler



We are continuing to work closely with our regulators and stakeholders including:

- The EPA
- SafeWork SA
- Emergency Services
- SAPOL
- The Port Augusta City Council

to ensure our demolition works are undertaken safely and in-line with all legislative and regulatory requirements.

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APR	MAY	JUN
 <p>Northern and Playford stacks charge felling</p>		 <p>Practical completion</p>

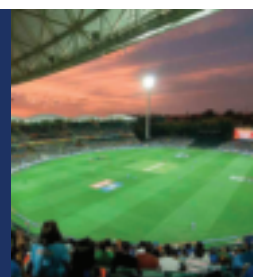
APR	MAY	JUN
 <p>Seeding recommences</p>		 <p>Practical completion</p>

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### Did you know?

The size of the ash storage area is 273 hectares. That's approximately the size of 118 Adelaide Ovals!



## Ash storage area

We're also working to rehabilitate the 273 hectare ash storage area. The area is closely monitored on a daily basis and we apply dust suppressant when and where it's needed.

We've completed the 'fingers' – wide connector paths that are used as a solid base to spread the topsoil over the vast ash storage area. On average 2.5 hectares of topsoil is being spread across the site per working day.

Based on current projections, we anticipate 80% of the ash storage area will be spread with soil by the end of September 2017 – this is almost 350,000 m<sup>3</sup>. In June 2017 we will commence spreading 6 tonnes of native seed ready to germinate naturally over the winter months.

When the site becomes waterlogged after heavy rain events, we have difficulty using our heavy machinery on site and this causes delays. The remaining 43 hectares will require further time to dry and is likely to need the summer months to achieve this. The remaining area will be progressively covered as soon as it is safe and accessible to do so. We will continue to monitor the area and maintain dust control over this period and the remaining area will be covered with seed in April and May 2018.



# Community reference group establishment

One of the recommendations from the Community Open Day included the establishment of a community reference group to ensure a conduit between community leaders and Flinders Power.

We have contracted a South Australian, independent facilitator to form, chair, manage and support our community reference group.

The group will help to guide and shape our community engagement and communications activities.

Representing the issues, concerns and values of the broader Port Augusta community, the group will act as a conduit to facilitate open, accurate and reciprocal communication between the community and Flinders Power.

We have representation from a broad range of organisations and individuals including:

Housing SA, Port Augusta Regional Health, State Member for Stuart, Port Augusta City Council, Department of

Education and Child Development, Port Augusta Coastal Homes Association, Centacare and community representatives.

The first meeting was held in April 2017 and the minutes and Terms of Reference are available on our website. ([flinderspower.com.au](http://flinderspower.com.au)).

We will continue to work with the Group to help guide our future communications.

## Community Open Day

We're having an open day in late July and you're invited! Drop in and listen to presentations, ask questions, have a look at our displays and grab a sausage from

our free BBQ. We'll also be running regular bus tours to the Augusta Power Station sites so you can see the work happening there first hand.

Please call us on 0419 252 760 to reserve your place on the bus. We'll be advertising full details of the open day closer to the event.

Look forward to seeing you there!

## Stay up to date

We welcome your feedback and suggestions at any time.

We'd like to better understand how you wish to receive information. Please let us know your preference for receiving communications from us:

- Email updates
- Facebook – a dedicated Flinders Power facebook site
- SMS information direct to your mobile phone
- Community newsletter
- Website updates
- Community information sessions

**It's easy - visit our website at [flinderspower.com.au](http://flinderspower.com.au), and use the Communications Register link on the top right of the home page to select your preferred way of receiving communications. Alternatively you can send us an email or give us a call.**

Email: [enquiries@flinderspower.com.au](mailto:enquiries@flinderspower.com.au)  
or Phone: 0419 252 760

## Daily monitoring

Dust can come from many sources including naturally occurring dust from the environment, earthworks and activities at our site. We are doing everything we can to minimise dust arising from our operations.

Every day we carefully monitor current and predicted weather conditions including wind speed and direction, then make an assessment whether there is any risk of

dust occurring as a result of our activities. This is especially important when we are charge felling - using explosives to bring down parts of the station that are too high, difficult and unsafe to access with demolition machinery.

If we consider the wind speed or direction or other weather conditions to be unsuitable for the day's activities, we will modify or suspend these activities in response.