

# 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



*We are proud of the work we have achieved in 2025 and the strong relationships built with Declared Mine Licensees, Public Sector Bodies, Traditional Owners and community. 2025 strengthened our foundations and expanded our reach - driving progress toward a resilient mine rehabilitation future.*

Dr Jen Brereton - CEO  
Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority



On 4 December, the Victorian Government released the Independent Review into the Victorian Public Sector (Silver Review). As a result, the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority's remit will transition to Resources Victoria.

## Building Knowledge, Strengthening Partnerships

### Social Media and Website

Our social media presence has grown significantly, strengthening our ability to connect with audiences worldwide. Over the past two years, our LinkedIn following has increased organically from 1,062 to 1,673 – an impressive 57% growth achieved with minimal paid promotion (just one advertisement). This growth reflects the value and relevance of our content, which continues to attract a large global audience through both our website and LinkedIn. By consistently sharing engaging, informative updates, we've built a strong community that amplifies our organisation's impact and reach.

We continued regular posts on Facebook and Instagram, including links to MLRA's video series on YouTube.

Education content was progressively added to the website starting January and became a rolling program by March.

### Community Outreach

Our Open House at Nicholson Street in March speaking with DEECA staff about our role and function.

Bunnings events, which included our sprout program, were popular.

Our Open House at Latrobe Valley GovHub in June focussed on Mine Rehabilitation: The Future Together. At this event, community members got to connect with the MLRA, government, licensees and researchers.

## Stakeholder Engagement

We continue to work collaboratively with key stakeholders across community, government and industry.

We host regular meetings with all our stakeholders and Traditional Owners to make sure that we are not only learning from their experience but addressing questions, concerns and understanding what information is required to grow the knowledge base.

A series of short-form interviews with key stakeholders about their perceptions on rehabilitation is in production.

### New Initiatives

Podcast program explored from May onward; partnership with Deakin University for social media campaign began in July.

### Schools Program

We provided access to the Yallourn North Extension, a former partially rehabilitated Coal Mine, for school science projects. Trafalgar High were the first school to participate in such a project, and the students presented their findings to MLRA in June. We look forward to building this program of works.

## Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) Development

We are actively involved with Declared Mine Licensees, Resource Victoria Regulatory Operations (RVRO) and Resources Victoria Assessment Coordination (RVAC) assisting licensees draft their individual DMRPs.

Public consultation for Yallourn and ENGIE DMRPs began in July; MLRA provided feedback via RVAC rather than public submissions.

## Declared Mine Rehabilitation Plan (DMRP) Guidelines

MLRA provided significant commentary on the draft DMRP Guidelines at the request of RV Regulatory Operations (RVRO) early in the year; the final guidelines were released by the Minister in October.

## Voices of Rehabilitation

Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority's upcoming short-form video series, Voices of Rehabilitation. This series will showcase diverse perspectives on mine rehabilitation in the Latrobe Valley and beyond, highlighting the people, ideas and partnerships shaping the future of post-mining landscapes.

## Fact Sheets

- Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy (LVRRS) – September 2025
- [How to have your say in Declared Mine Rehabilitation](#)
- [Key Hazard Series - Climate Change](#)
- [Rehabilitation Concept Series - Full Pit Lake](#) – March 2025
- [Rehabilitation Concepts Series - Interconnected Full Pit Lake](#) – March 2025
- [Rehabilitation Concepts Series - Partial Pit Lake](#)
- [Rehabilitation Concepts Series - Dry Void](#)
- Key Hazards Series - Floor Heave
- Key Hazards Series - Block Slide
- Key Hazards Series - Fire

## Meetings

MLRA maintained strong engagement throughout the year, hosting regular meetings with stakeholders and Traditional Owners to share knowledge and address concerns. Five joint sessions with Declared Mine Licensees, Water Authorities, and Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) focused on regional water solutions and DMRP messaging, complemented by monthly or bimonthly meetings with individual licensees on rehabilitation progress. Additional meetings were held with RDV, GLaWAC, and community groups, and in January, the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Unconventional Gas Development and Large Coal Mining Development conducted a site tour with Jen Brereton and Antonia Scrase.

## Discussion Papers and Reports

The MLRA has a forward work program of discussion papers: aimed at providing guidance on knowledge gaps identified during the review of Draft DMRPs. The first two papers, post closure risk assessment and readability, have been drafted. These discussion papers are supported by RVAC and RVRO and tabled during DM Licensee Working Group meetings.

Consultation Report – Mine Rehabilitation: The Future Together  
Consultation Report – MLRA Engagement Roadshow 2024

These reports document community and stakeholder feedback gathered during MLRA-led engagement activities.

[View Consultation Reports](#)  
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## Research Projects

We worked with CRC TiME on four projects.

- Post Mine Land Use (PMLU) Project: Which involved Traditional Owners and community in discussing their aspirations for the use of land.
- A systematic approach to Regional Cumulative Effects Assessment and Management to support transitions in mining economies.
- Mine Pit Lake Assessment and Management: A national initiative to support mine closure and regional opportunities.
- Risk: Identifying, quantifying and managing acceptable levels of transferable residual risk: A desktop study of global best practice.

## Data Project

To meet MLRAs legislated requirement of registering declared mine land and holding the data post closure commenced defining data and data platform requirements. This work is required to inform future budget bids.

## Events and Conferences

Throughout the year, we actively participated in a wide range of events and conferences, ensuring we stayed at the forefront of industry developments. These opportunities allowed us not only to expand our own knowledge base but also to share our expertise on critical issues impacting the mine rehabilitation sector. By presenting our insights and engaging with stakeholders, we reinforced our role as a trusted voice in shaping best practices and advancing conversations that matter to the future of mine rehabilitation.

- CRC TiME Global Coal Transitions Network Workshop - May 2025
- Trade & Tech Fair - June 2025 attracted 5,000 students; MLRA booth featured sprout project and 3D Mine Rehab App
- Life of Mine & Mine Waste Tailings Conference - presented on risk management and legislative pathways, and the MLRA Vocabulary - July 2025
- CRC TiME Annual Forum - August 2025
- CRC TiME Annual Retreat - August 2025
- Geography Teachers Association Victoria (GTAV) Conference - August 2025 opened new school engagement opportunities
- Gippsland New Energy Conference 2025 (GNEC) presented on 'Demystifying Mine Rehabilitation' - Oct 2025

## Even though we might look a bit different... we are still planning activities for 2026

- Rolling engagement themes set for 2025-26, including closure criteria workshops and open days.
- New fact sheets
- Continued collaboration with Traditional Owners and stakeholders
- A series of short interviews with key stakeholders about their perceptions on rehabilitation.
- Helping to frame what could be the opportunities for these mine sites and ensuring that community, Traditional Owners, government and industry are all included in the decision-making process
- And much more. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like more information about these critical rehabilitation projects.