



Orbost gas plant project update.

Fast facts

- Over 40 local vendors and suppliers engaged to provide services and goods.
- Over \$25 million worth of contracts with local contractors.
- Peak manning on site of 342 personnel including 20 APA staff, 242 contractor trades, 16 subcontractor trades and 62 contractor staff, with a high percentage of trades resources from Gippsland.
- More than 14,300 metres of new piping.
- Approximately 120 kilometres of cabling for power, instrumentation, controls and communication.
- 310 concrete piles.
- Over \$80 million of procured equipment.



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Commissioning and start up works at the plant

APA Group, Australia's leading gas energy infrastructure business, is pleased to announce that after almost two years of upgrade works at the Orbost Gas Processing Plant (OGP), we are in the final stages of preparing the plant for operations. A commissioning and start up program of works is scheduled to commence in mid-August 2019 and will conclude by October 2019.

Once the plant is fully operational, it will have the capacity to deliver up to 68 terajoules of natural gas per day into East Coast Gas Grid, which is equivalent to approximately 12 per cent of current Victorian demand.

"The commissioning and start up program of works is an exciting stage of the project as it signals that we are approaching construction completion and moving into full operations," said APA Project Director, Alex Kristovskis. "It is the culmination of over four years of project development work including over 2.5 years of

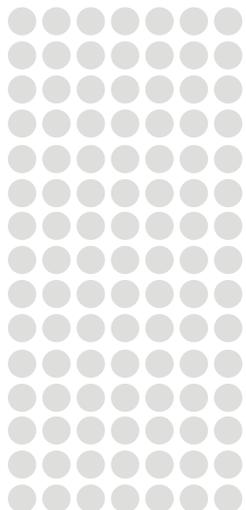
detailed engineering, procurement, fabrication and construction to arrive at this point."

As part of the start-up, activities will include:

- Testing and preparation for start-up of existing and new plant.
- Introduction of gas into the plant.
- Start-up of the plant flare.
- Start-up of plant gas engine electric generators.
- Start-up of gas processing plant;
- Commencement of flow of gas to East Gippsland Pipeline.

We have developed a video series of time-lapse photography that chronicles the construction of the plant over time. Since early 2018, there has been significant change on site.

Visit apa.com.au/ogp-timelapse to check out these great videos.



Community engagement and sponsorships

The OGP team has relished the opportunity to collaborate with and support the local community. A number of briefings have since been held with the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and regular updates provided to the community (during Community Information Sessions), East Gippsland Shire Council and community groups.

APA is proud to support these groups in the local community since 2018 and in to 2019:

- Orbost Agricultural Society.
- Orbost Cricket Club.
- Orbost Snowy Rivers Football and Netball Club.

As a resident in the local community, APA will continue to provide support to organisations in the area in to the future.



Using local suppliers

At the commencement of construction, local suppliers were encouraged to become suppliers to the project. Over 50 submissions were received, and many have continued to provide the wide range of good and services required by the project. Goods and services have included: transport, security, construction, metal fabricating, electricians, plumbers, cleaning, waste removal, food, travel, mechanical engineering, fuel supplies and hardware. While the principal contractor, the Downer Group, has national contracts, local suppliers were sourced as a first preference.

Cooper Energy update

Cooper Energy owns and operates the offshore gas feed pipeline and offshore sea bed well from the Sole Gas Fields in the Gippsland Basin that feed in to the Orbost Gas Plant for processing.

Cooper Energy has recently announced that the offshore activities associated with installation and testing of the Sole subsea pipeline have been completed. APA and Cooper Energy continue to work closely to ensure the safe and reliable completion of the Orbost Gas Plant Project Upgrade, and the preparation for start-up of the offshore facilities and the gas plant.

Community information session

APA is hosting two community information sessions to provide further information on the upcoming program of works and the status of the project. Drop by any time during the listed times:

Newmerella

3pm-7pm Thursday 1 August 2019

Newmerella Primary School Hall
McLaughlins Road, Newmerella

Orbost

9am-12pm Saturday 3 August 2019

Orbost Education Centre
21 Ruskin Street, Orbost

Upcoming activity

- **31 July 2019** – Community Advisory Committee meeting in Orbost
- **1 August 2019** – Information session in Newmerella.
- **3 August 2019** – Information session in Orbost.
- **Mid-August 2019** – Commissioning and start up commences.
- **October 2019** – Gas Plant fully operational

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