



July Newsletter

CEO UPDATE



As we step into a new month, I am thrilled to reconnect with each one of you through our monthly newsletter.

These communications give us the opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments, share updates, and align our visions for the days to come.

In this month's newsletter, you can expect insights into some exciting projects on the horizon, and stories that exemplify our teams' exceptional efforts.

In this newsletter we spotlight Abel Energy's green methanol project.

ABEL Energy Green Methanol Project

The development of a new hydrogen industry at Bell Bay continues through the ABEL Energy green methanol project.

ABEL's Bell Bay Powerfuels will bring together Tasmania's natural advantages of renewable energy, available water resources and plantation forest industry residues to make green methanol which will play a huge part in reducing global dependence on fossil fuels.

At the most recent members meeting, ABEL delivered a detailed outline of their new site at the current location of the decommissioned oil-fired power station.

This presents an excellent opportunity for all businesses in Bell Bay and in the wider Tasmanian economy to participate in the construction and operation of this significant development.

Click on the link below to hear from Simon Talbot, Director of Commercial, ABEL Energy, about this exciting project.



Youth Voice - expressions of interest

Youth voice and participation is at the very centre of our approach to developing Tasmania's Youth Jobs Strategy, and Jobs Tasmania is working closely with the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) to ensure that all young Tasmanians have the opportunity to engage and provide input into its development and ongoing implementation.

Over the coming months YNOT will be undertaking a range of engagement and participation activities, informed and supported by a dedicated Youth Panel to help

share information about the Strategy in a youth-friendly way and to encourage other young people to get involved and have a say.

YNOT are currently seeking applications from young Tasmanians aged 15-25 years to join the Youth Jobs Strategy Youth Panel and participate in meetings and activities between August and November. If you know of young people in your community or organisation who might be interested, please encourage them to visit YNOT's Facebook or Instagram pages to find out more and apply – applications from a diverse range of young people are welcome.

Calling on young Tasmanians aged 15-25 years!

Are you passionate about being heard by decision-makers?

Do you want a say in improving education, training and employment outcomes for young people?



Applications now open!

Youth Jobs Strategy Youth Panel

www.ynot.org.au

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Partnerships

The NEBHub team and BBAMZ are working with several students at Port Dalrymple High School to produce a video aimed at further developing student confidence in the positive future of the Bell Bay and George Town region.

Using the skills the NEBHub team have recently acquired during videography training, students will interview fellow students and produce a positive story about this excellent school. It is planned to have this completed during third term.



Northern Employment & Business Hub

Since its inception, NEBHub have supported 393 people in to employment.

This month our feature story is Ruth from the Meander Valley region.

Ruth attended the NEBHub outreach service for support with entering into the workforce as she thought her age would be a barrier to employment. Ruth completed a Barista course with VXT and successfully gained employment.



Hydrogen Hub Update

The Bell Bay Green Hydrogen Hub continues to progress through the necessary discussions between the Commonwealth Government and the Tasmanian Government through RECFIT. BBAMZ is a key consortium partner in the hydrogen hub and our role maximises the local business and community outcomes from this critical initiative.

RECFIT has been excellent in keeping the team at BBAMZ up to date with progress.

TASRAIL

TasRail was delighted to present to the BBAMZ committee and share its powerful message around rail safety.

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in reports relating to road users failing to stop and give way at the Old Bell Bay Road level crossing.

This crossing is a passive crossing, meaning that it is protected by road markings and signage that warn traffic to STOP, look and give way to rail traffic.

The requirement for this signage is determined by a process called ALCAM (Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model). ALCAM considers factors such as road speed and line of sight.

While this crossing is on the list for a potential upgrade to active protection (flashing lights and bells), the best and most effective method of being safe around level crossings is awareness.

The TasRail team encourages all road users to be safe around level crossings, and always obey the signs and/or signals that are in place. It is important to note that the requirement to stop and give way to trains is a Road Rule, not a rail rule. Rail traffic has right of way at level crossings.

Every life lost and injury on the rail network is a tragedy and the impacts on family, friends, communities, rail and recovery staff and witnesses can be profound.

These incidents together with thousands of near hits each year can cause trauma and work-related stress and illness to rail and recovery staff.

TasRail is a proud partner of the [TrackSAFE Foundation](#) and participant in Rail Safety Week, which is an annual community awareness week held in Australia and New Zealand, designed to engage the community in safe rail practices.

While we practise rail safety every day, during Rail Safety Week rail operators, police, government and community organisations unite to spread the share the safety

message with the broader community by organising activities such as media events, safety demonstrations, webinars and virtual events, and engagement activities with school and community groups.

**We welcome you to join in Rail Safety Week!
7-13 August 2023**

TasRail has posters and social tiles available where you can show your support and remind your team members of the importance of rail safety.

We would welcome the opportunity to come to your workplace during Rail Safety Week to highlight this important community safety message.

If you and your business or organisation would like to get on board with us at any stage, please reach out to:

onlineenquiries@tasrail.com.au



BBAMZ July General Members Meeting

Great to see over 40 members attended our General Members meeting.

We heard from Richard Hazell and Scott Callow from Hazell Bros and Crossroads about their plan for expansions in to Bell Bay.

We also heard from Kasper Hebblewhite who provided an update on Abel Energys Green Methanol plant, and Dan Halperin from Ig Vogt about a potential solar farm.

We rounded out the afternoon with a reminder on Rail Safety from Corrie Summers from Tas Rail, as we all want to make sure we get home safely.

Thanks to all who attended and keep an eye out for our next round of speakers in September.



Business profiles

Would you like the wider BBAMZ audience to know more about your business and what you do?

If you think this is a good idea and one that would suit you, like Abel Energy has in this newsletter, let Susie know and we will make it happen.

[Email Susie](#)

Spread the news

At the most recent BBAMZ board meeting, the board decided to spread the great work of BBAMZ to a wider audience. There are a lot of great things happening in the Bell Bay area which the wider region would benefit from knowing about. The best way to get this message out is to share our newsletter with anyone who is interested.

It would be great if you could share this newsletter with your contacts and business associates who might not be in the Bell Bay area.

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Key information on current grants/funding opportunities

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