

## **First EBAC boiler collapse imminent**

It is expected the first boiler collapse at EBAC will occur at the end of November.

Structural preparations for this collapse are underway and like the chimney fell, will not include explosives. Instead, the boilers will be demolished using a structural pull-over technique. This technique and EBAC's work's schedule has been approved by WorkSafe.

Due to the boilers being within the Boiler House structure, it will not be possible to view this collapse from outside the site. As a result, there will be no visible difference to the site until the Boiler House structure is collapsed. Asbestos removal on all known areas has been completed, but additional precautions will be taken during and after the collapse exercise.

Additional asbestos air monitoring will also be in place during the collapse and supervised by the site's industrial hygienist.

The exact timing of the boiler collapse will not be advertised as there will be little for the public to see. The collapse of the eight boilers and associated Boiler House structure will be progressive over the next three to four months.

The final two chimneys will remain in place until the Boiler House collapse is complete as their direction of fall will be over the removed Boiler House area. It is expected the last two chimneys will be felled in June/July 2020.



*Areas planned for controlled collapse.*



## Asbestos removal progressing well

Asbestos removal is now approximately 80 per cent complete with the majority of Boiler House cladding having also been removed.

To date, there has been no positive asbestos fibre readings detected outside the negative air bubbles used for asbestos removal or following the completion of asbestos removal. This is a reflection on the excellent methods and work practices used by Delta and AWARE - the principle contractors involved.

All asbestos removal and disposal is undertaken in accordance with approvals from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and WorkSafe Victoria.

A comprehensive Asbestos Management Plan is in place to direct the removal of asbestos, with all work being carried out by EPA and WorkSafe licensed contractors in accordance with all regulations.

Site boundary air monitoring results taken and analysed by independent hygienists, Mairin, continue to be published daily on the EBAC Demolition Project website at [www.ebacdemolition.com.au](http://www.ebacdemolition.com.au) when asbestos removal activity is occurring.

*The 'tenting' used during asbestos removal on Boiler 1.*



*The west wall of Boiler 4 after asbestos has been removed.*



## Safety - a priority

Site safety has been a priority with daily and weekly audits demonstrating continuing high levels of focus by everyone involved in the project at keeping the site safe.

A simple but effective technique to minimise injury is the daily stretching routine that onsite employees and contractors take part in at the start of every shift.

To date, the safety results for the site have been very good.



## Turbine Hall update

Internal demolition of the Turbine Hall is progressing well and in line with the work's schedule.

Around 80 per cent of the Turbine Hall equipment has been removed with only Turbine 1 remaining.



*It is important residents and businesses within the Latrobe Valley have a direct line of contact with those managing the demolition and remediation process.*

*All of the partners involved in the EBAC Demolition project appreciate the importance of discussing your concerns in 'real time with a real person' and would like to encourage anyone interested to contact the following people:*

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