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## TRUenergy Tallawarra Community Update

Welcome to our first Community Update for 2009. The Tallawarra site has met some significant milestones in the past few months and more are to come. The power station is in its final stages of a 'reliability run', the last step before it is officially launched in coming weeks. There's no time to rest however, with the Tallawarra project team now busy working on an application for a second station at Tallawarra to provide clean energy to NSW.

As always, we invite community comment and participation in our projects. Read on for how you can become involved.

*Anthony Savenkov, Project Manager, Tallawarra Lands*

### Draft Wollongong Local Environmental Plan

Wollongong Council's draft Wollongong Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2009 is currently on public exhibition, with all submissions to be lodged by 13 March 2009. This plan is an important document that will guide renewal of Tallawarra to provide additional employment opportunities, housing, recreational facilities and new conservation zones.

There is still time for you to view these plans and provide feedback. To view the LEP and have your say visit [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au)

### Tallawarra Community Liaison Group

For the past six years, Tallawarra has been fortunate enough to have had the help and assistance of a dedicated Community Liaison Group. Participants are community members who represent community organisations that have a direct connection with Tallawarra Lands and Lake Illawarra.

Feedback and ideas from our Community Liaison Group have been invaluable to us as we progress through our planning agenda. Group members also provide us with uniquely local perspectives on issues such as the early stages of planning for the power station as well as management of Tallawarra Lands.

### Opportunity to have your say

Do you belong to a community group that has a connection with Tallawarra Lands and believe you could help TRUenergy best manage Tallawarra?

If so, you may want to think about joining us. Please email us a short description of your organisation's membership and activities and outline how you think your group could add value to our community liaison program. TRUenergy will consider all new applications for membership from all suitable community groups.

### Support for the community

TRUenergy's support for the local community has expanded in recent months with the launch of a new partnership with the Illawarra Yacht Club.

TRUenergy have come onboard as supporters of the Illawarra Yacht Club's 2009 'Junior Yachtie's Program', a new skills course to teach local kids how to sail safely on Lake Illawarra. Led by the Yacht Club's Junior Sail Coach, Kev Middleton, the program will give children aged six to twelve years old the chance to experience the joys of sailing, as well as important lessons in general water safety.

Classes are \$2, to enrol please call 4276 4220.



This year's Clean Up Australia day was also a great success with over fifty people donning gloves to help clean up Lake Illawarra. As always, the sausages were sizzling and disappeared very quickly. While there was certainly a large pile of rubbish collected on the day, the good news is that the area appears to be getting cleaner each year. Special thanks go to the Dapto Scouts and our partners from Conservation Volunteers Australia.

### Need more info?

For more information, or copies of earlier updates, please visit [www.truenergy.com.au/tallawarra](http://www.truenergy.com.au/tallawarra). Alternatively, you can call us on 1800 336 003 or send us an email at [talktous@tallawarra.com.au](mailto:talktous@tallawarra.com.au)