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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Alliance helps out at working bee



Alliance staff and their families helping out at the working bee at Kinglake West Mechanics Institute Hall

A working bee of volunteers from the Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance has helped renovate the Kinglake West Mechanics Institute Hall.

More than 25 Alliance staff joined volunteers from the local community to help refurbish the hall by painting, installing light poles, making cupboards, cleaning gutters, gardening and concreting works.

Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance Community Relations Coordinator, Claire Garth, said the working bee is part of the Alliance's commitment to assist communities in need around the Sugarloaf Pipeline route.

"Throughout the project, the Alliance has been proud to help sponsor various local communities and help them take a step closer to reaching some of their long-term goals," said Ms Garth.

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Since the commencement of the project, the Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance has donated more than \$30,000 to local community groups along the length of the pipeline.

Community groups that have received sponsorship include: Yarra Glen Community Festival, Steels Creek Community Centre, Dixons Creek Primary School, Yarra Glen & District Pony Club, Yarra Glen Toy Library, Kinglake Ranges Performing Arts Alliance, Yea Pre-School, Yarra Glen Primary School, Marmalades Café in Yea and Yea Football Netball Club.

Work on the Sugarloaf Pipeline project is progressing well, with pipelaying activities now complete. Current work is focused on the major structures and continuing progress with reinstatement.

The Sugarloaf Pipeline project remains within budget and ahead of schedule.

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**About the Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance**

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