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Maryvale Planned Annual Shut a Boost to the Latrobe Region

Australian Paper's Maryvale Mill successfully started up again last week following its planned annual shut. The site closed down for four weeks in July and August to enable the completion of important maintenance and capital works. Maryvale began making paper in 1938 and key equipment at the site includes 3 pulp mills, 2 wastepaper recycling plants and 5 paper machines. Continued capital reinvestment has seen the mill grow to a point where the total asset replacement value is over \$3 Billion.

"The planned annual shut saw the mill closed for up to 28 days which is the longest period in the site's history. This allowed us to execute \$40 million of maintenance and capital reinvestment works to address the longevity of key infrastructure underpinning our Maryvale operations", said Adrian Berton, General Manager Manufacturing at Australian Paper.

At peak periods in the shut, the number of employees and contractors exceeded 1,250 people on site, which is up to 3 times normal staffing levels. Approximately 4,100 individual maintenance jobs and 31 capital projects were completed during the closure including major works on Recovery Boiler 6 and the M3, M4 and M5 paper machines to improve operational reliability. The MG cylinder on M2 weighing 95 tonnes and spanning 5 meters in diameter was also fully reground over a 5 day process. The cylinder will now impart a higher level of gloss to Australia's bag papers, improving product quality for both the domestic and export markets.

"More than 50 local businesses were involved in this planned major outage, providing a boost to the region's economy, and generating significant employment opportunities for the Latrobe Valley," said Mr Berton.

The shut was delivered within budget and safety remained a key focus with no lost time injuries.

Australian Paper contributes more than \$900 million to Australia's GDP annually and its Maryvale Mill is also one of the largest employers in Victoria's Latrobe Valley. It is estimated that Australian Paper supports 2,387 direct and flow-on jobs in the region.

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