




# TALK THE TOLL DOWN

A regional partnership with the TAC and the Victorian Government. **TAC** 

## Understanding bioenergy and its benefits

**More than 50 people attended a forum in Beaufort last week which explored the use of bioenergy in the region.**

Forum attendees also examined Beaufort Hospital's new bioenergy boiler, a demonstration project of the technology.

The Beaufort Hospital's Wood Chip Boiler was a project funded through the State Government's Victorian Adaptation and Sustainability Partnership.

The Pyrenees Shire Council was the lead council for the project.

The hospital boiler replaces an LPG boiler to provide heating for the hospital.

Project Manager Daryl Scherger led the project and the forum, and spoke about the specifics of the Beaufort Hospital boiler.

"The boiler burns high-quality wood chips produced at the local sawmill Pyrenees Timber from sawmill waste, to provide heat for the hospital," Mr Scherger said.

"It's a working example of bioenergy on a practical scale that people can come and have a look at and see it working for themselves," he said.

Mr Scherger said the Beaufort Hospital boiler would also provide "real-world" data on the efficiency of bioenergy.

The Beaufort Hospital project is the first of its kind in a regional Victorian public institution which has public access.

Living Energy supplied and installed the boiler house and Managing Director Rob Mallinson spoke at the forum, focussing on the

benefits of wood energy and other projects in which the company has been involved.

Andrew Lang, a farm forester with an interest in bioenergy told the forum about the use of bioenergy overseas, particularly in Europe.

Forum members also viewed the wood chip processing facility at nearby Chute.



◆ Some of the participants at last week's forum inspect the wood chip facility at Pyrenees Timber.

## An afternoon of song in Beaufort

Around 60 local residents were treated to an afternoon of brilliant music last Sunday in Beaufort.

The local Pyrenees Chorale was joined by singers from

the Melbourne based Choir of the Way for an afternoon of great entertainment titled 'Fields of Gold' – favourite songs from two choirs.

St John's Anglican Church

was filled with beautiful harmonies, with the two groups combining their talents to entertain those at the free concert.

One resident who

attended, Pam Dyer, said it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

"I haven't heard such beautiful music in years. I'm so glad I went," she said.

