



MT STIRLING STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SCC) MEETING #5 – 20 August 2025

The following topics were discussed at the August meeting of the Mt Stirling Stakeholder Consultative Committee.

Mt Stirling discussion points

Operations Update

The inaugural Stirlstice event, led by Ski Patrol and Stirling Experience, attracted up to 200 attendees with night tobogganing, a ceremonial fire, and a movie screening. This season has seen strong visitation driven by consistent natural snowfall, with numbers reaching 10,294 by early August—122% above the 10-year average. A tobogganing product has been consistently available, only missing two days so far this season. Two particularly busy Saturdays saw 200-250 cars including overflow visitors from Mt Buller and guests wanting a quieter snowplay experience. The micro hydro power mostly sustained operations with some diesel backup. Social media engagement has improved, though there's room to grow reach and consistency. A survey of 300–400 visitors revealed nearly half were school groups, with cross-country skiing and snowplay the most popular activities.

Energy Performance & Feasibility Study

The study explored strategies to reduce energy costs and emissions at ARV's off-grid resorts, aligning with the Victorian Government's 2045 net zero target. Key recommendations included upgrading Mt Stirling's micro-hydro and battery systems, introducing electric vehicles, and improving infrastructure at Telephone Box Junction Stirling already operates with low emissions due to its reliance on micro-hydro power, with most emissions stemming from vehicle use.

Integrated Water Management Plan

The plan outlines key priorities for Mt Stirling, including engagement with Traditional Owners, maintenance water infrastructure to reduce leaks, annual water reporting and exploring a shift from potable to regulated water systems.

Future of Mt Stirling

A background and options analysis paper was presented to address Mount Stirling's ongoing operational challenges. The paper outlines several potential models. Stakeholders discussed maintaining access for visitors and school groups, and safety services. Infrastructure valuation and maintenance were also discussed.

The next meeting of the Mt Stirling Stakeholder Consultative Committee will be 15 October 2025