

Friday 18 September 2015

## Smelter to showcase its operation!

To mark 60 years of aluminium smelting in Tasmania, Bell Bay Aluminium will open to the public on Sunday 20 and 27 September to give Tasmanians a unique look at the first aluminium smelter built in the southern hemisphere.

General manager Ray Mostogl said the open days are a fantastic opportunity to find out about a business with a proud history and committed future in Tasmania.

“If you have ever wondered what the inside of an aluminium smelter looks like this is a rare opportunity to find out. The guided bus tours by our knowledgeable and experienced staff will provide an insight into how our aluminium products are made,” Ray said.

Historical displays and memorabilia will be showcased in the on site visitor’s centre and cafeteria. Displays will include the F1 in Schools™ Technology Challenge demonstrations, TasNetworks' Sparks display and colouring in for kids and the TasWater water trailer program.

Refreshments will be available for purchase from onsite café, The Oven Bakery.

Visitors can register for a guided bus tour once inside the site. Please be advised that for safety reasons tour group sizes will be limited.

**When:** Sunday 20 April and Sunday 27 April

**Time:** 10.30am – 2.30pm

**Where:** Bell Bay Aluminium, Bell Bay Road

**How to get there:** Follow the East Tamar Highway about 40 minutes from Launceston. Turn left at the roundabout toward Bell Bay, and left again at the Bell Bay Aluminium sign to enter the visitor car park.

**Please adhere to the following when at the open day:**

Please stay within the designated areas and follow any instructions from your Bell Bay Aluminium hosts. Do not bring the following items on to site:

- Glass bottles & metal cans
- Aluminium drink bottles
- Aerosol cans
- Cigarette lighters
- Electronic cigarettes
- Alcohol

For more information on Bell Bay Aluminium's 60th anniversary and open days, visit <http://bellbayaluminium.com.au/celebrating-60-years>

**Background information:**

- Bell Bay Aluminium is located on the Tamar River near George Town in Northern Tasmania.
- Annual production in 2014: Approximately 190,000 tonnes.
- Bell Bay Aluminium was the first aluminium smelter built in the Southern Hemisphere, commencing production in 1955 as a joint venture between the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments.
- Bell Bay Aluminium celebrates 60 years of aluminium production in Tasmania on Wednesday 23 September 2015.

**Ends**

For further information, please contact:

Lou Clark

Community Relations Specialist

Bell Bay Aluminium

Mobile: 0419 326 023

[www.bellbayaluminium.com.au](http://www.bellbayaluminium.com.au)