

The Snowy Search is on!

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Over 30 people who worked on the Snowy Mountains Scheme joined a bus trip to Sydney last week to be part of the launch of a search for the people who built the Snowy.

“The idea behind the trip was to give former employees who live locally the opportunity to participate in the function,” Yvonne MacLeod, Manager Public Affairs with the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority, said.

“It was a great success, with people coming from as far away as Tumut to join the fun. Loads of Sydney locals turned up at the event in Woolloomooloo on Thursday, and people even ran into friends that they had lost touch with years before.”

The purpose of the event was to launch a search for the 100,000 workers who built the Scheme between 1949 and 1974 in preparation for celebration of the Scheme’s 50th year in 1999.

Ms MacLeod said that there will be a wide range of events throughout 1999 in all of the communities where the Snowy operates.

“The 50th Anniversary and the celebration of the people who built the Scheme is an event, not just for the Authority, but for all of our local communities and across the nation.

“We have already had some discussions with the Cooma-Monaro, Snowy River and Tumut Shire Councils, and we will be coming back to

consult with these and other relevant shire councils regarding the program of events for the year.”

In the meantime, the mammoth task of finding the Scheme’s pioneers is now in full swing.

“The search is national and worldwide,” Ms MacLeod said, “and the response has been terrific. The phones at the Snowy Information Centre have been running hot with people eager to register on our database, plus we have spoken with radio stations right around the country and even the BBC in London!”

Anybody wishing to ensure that their name (or a friend’s) is included on the Snowy’s register should call the Snowy Information Centre on 53 2002 or 1800 623 776 or drop in to pick up a registration form/forms to fill in or send to friends.

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