

# STANWELL COMMUNITY NEWS

STANWELL POWER STATION



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## UPDATE FROM ANGIE



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As 2025 comes to a close, it's a good time to pause and reflect on another significant year for our team here at Stanwell Power Station.

This year, we have had the opportunity to connect with many of you through local events and our sponsorship program. Some of our event highlights include Book Week at Stanwell State School, the 2025 Kalapa Horse Sports, our annual community barbecue, and trivia at Kalapa Hall (surely a win is getting close for our Stanwell team).

Through our Community Partnership Fund and Community Sponsorship Program, we provided support across Stanwell, Kalapa, Wycarbah, and Westwood to enhance school facilities, improve security at local halls, send our future leaders on school camp, and connect the community through well-loved annual events.

This year has brought continued change across the energy industry, including the release of the Queensland Government's Energy Roadmap. As Queensland moves toward a lower-emissions future, we will adapt and evolve in a considered and measured way.

A key milestone in our energy journey has been the progress of our battery storage project. Once complete, it will support a stable and responsive energy network for Queensland into the future.

As we head into summer, we are well-prepared for whatever weather it may bring. We have strong fuel stocks on site and are in a good position to continue generating the electricity our state relies on, especially during high-demand periods when air conditioners run around the clock! Our teams have been working diligently to ensure our units are maintained, tested, and ready to perform when Queensland needs us most.

Our focus has never wavered we are here to provide power to Queensland homes and businesses while continuing to be an active and positive part of this community. Stanwell's assets remain among the most reliable power stations in Australia, achieving a reliability rate of 98.3% in 2024/2025.

We know we don't achieve those results alone. The partnerships we build, the collaboration across our region, and the support from you and our community make it possible. Thank you for your continued support, feedback, and involvement with us.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday period.



# VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO BRING JOY

It's that time of year when the tree goes up, the lights come out, and communities come together - and Stanwell is once again proud to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal!

For over two decades, our team has held an annual collection of non-perishable food items, gifts and vouchers to help bring a little extra joy to local families doing it tough during the festive season. It's a tradition we love, and one that truly reflects the generosity and community spirit of the people who work here.

Our first goods drive across site was in November (pictured right), and we're incredibly grateful to everyone who's already contributed.

Together, we can help make Christmas a little more magical for those who need it most.



Stanwell Power Station Water Superintendent Trevor Carige and Business Trainee Riley Richardson with some of the items already collected for the hamper drive.

# COMMUNITY SAFETY KEY IN MOCK EXERCISE

Stanwell Power Station recently conducted its annual Water Supply Dam (WSD) Emergency Action Plan Desktop Simulation, a critical exercise designed to ensure the site is prepared to respond effectively in the event of a dam-related emergency.

The simulation, facilitated by Stanwell's Risk, Compliance and Resilience team, tested the station's ability to manage a complex scenario involving multiple hazards. The mock event began with reports of an explosion and smoke near the water supply dam, followed

by escalating challenges such as rising water levels, an agitated individual on site, and a vehicle explosion.

These evolving conditions required participants to make rapid, informed decisions to protect Stanwell employees, downstream communities in Stanwell and Gracemere, and the power station.

The exercise highlighted the importance of collaboration and clear communication during emergency situations. The team demonstrated

exceptional knowledge and responsiveness, with all involved using their expertise in plant operations, site safety, and community protection to successfully manage the simulated scenarios.

This annual exercise reinforces Stanwell's commitment to safety, compliance, and resilience.

By proactively preparing for potential hazards, Stanwell ensures the ongoing protection of its workforce, local communities, and critical infrastructure.





# PLUGGED INTO THE FUTURE: EARLY CAREERS PROGRAM LIGHTS THE WAY

At Stanwell Power Station, the future of energy isn't just powered by technology - it's powered by people. One of the key ways we invest in that future is through our Early Careers Program, which helps shape the next generation of skilled workers through apprenticeships and traineeships.

Each year, Stanwell welcomes six new apprentices and trainees across a range of roles, including Electrical Instrumentation, Mechanical Fitter and Turner Apprenticeships, and Warehouse and Business Traineeships. Currently, 23 apprentices and trainees are part of the Stanwell team, with another six set to join in February 2026.

Participants gain hands-on experience working alongside seasoned industry professionals, while completing nationally recognised training through CQUniversity.

## Why it matters

With the energy industry evolving rapidly, Stanwell is committed to developing a future-ready workforce that supports both the sector and the local community. The Early Careers Program provides structured pathways that blend technical training, mentorship, and professional development, ensuring participants are equipped to succeed long-term.

That commitment pays off. Over the past two years 90% of Stanwell



Specialising in Electrical Instrumentation, second-year apprentice, Jessica Olsson (above)

apprentices and trainees have secured ongoing roles with the company after completing their training.

And for those in the Electrical and Mechanical trades, the support doesn't stop after they complete their certification. Many stay on for an additional year as fully qualified tradespeople, gaining valuable on-the-job experience to help bridge the gap between training and professional practice.

## The program in action - meet Fynn and Jessica

Specialising in Electrical Instrumentation, second-year apprentice, Jessica Olsson, and fourth-year apprentice, Fynn Robinson, are developing their skills at Stanwell Power Station.

Jessica, now in her second year, didn't initially plan on an apprenticeship while at school. But after applying for a role at Stanwell, she found herself on a rewarding new path.

"At school, I took subjects like Chemistry, Engineering and Maths Methods," Jessica shared.

"It's been surprising how often that knowledge comes in handy during my apprenticeship - almost every day."

And it's not just at work where her skills shine.

"The things I've learned have been a huge help on my family farm," she said.

"I've also gained confidence in speaking up for myself, tackling challenges head-on, and building strong networks - all of which have been incredibly valuable."

For Fynn, the program has been more than just a career step - it's been a journey of growth inspired by a high school field trip to Stanwell Power Station. Also, Fynn's last name may sound familiar, his mother is Toni Robinson, Principal of Stanwell State School.

"That visit really stuck with me," Fynn said.



Fourth-year apprentice, Fynn Robinson (above)

"It opened my eyes to how much there is to learn in this field."

Building on his school-based Cert II in Electrotechnology, Fynn combined technical knowledge with hands-on learning - a mix that's helped him thrive in both work and life.

"The skills I've picked up here have even helped me at home - I've been able to do some of my own renovations."

Their advice for future applicants?

Get involved early. Take up a Cert II or other technical opportunities, and don't be afraid to put yourself out there. The more you engage, the more you'll get out of it.

Fynn and Jess's stories reflect what the Early Careers Program is all about - building confidence, skills, and a strong foundation for a successful future in the energy industry.

**If you'd like to learn more about Stanwell's Early Careers Program or upcoming apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities, contact Stanwell's Apprentice and Trainee Officer, Ashlea Reeve, for more information - [EarlyCareerPrograms@stanwell.com](mailto:EarlyCareerPrograms@stanwell.com)**

# TREASURER ANNOUNCES BATTERY PILOT PROJECT DURING SPS VISIT

On 4 November, Queensland Treasurer and Minister for Energy David Janetzki made his first official visit to Stanwell Power Station.

During his visit, the Treasurer formally announced that Stanwell Corporation and Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on developing an eight-hour Battery Energy Storage System pilot project.

Under the MOU, Stanwell will host one of the world's first, eight-hour duration battery trial on operational land adjacent to the power station.

Known as EnerQB, this cutting-edge technology has been developed by global battery leader CATL and is designed specifically for long-duration energy storage.

Unlike conventional batteries, the EnerQB BESS can deliver eight hours of continuous energy, providing a transformative solution for firming renewable generation and supporting industrial growth.

The trial will run for 12 months, testing the battery's performance, scalability, and commercial potential under Queensland conditions. This initiative is expected to play a critical role in enabling reliable, cost-effective energy for both industry and communities. While on site, Treasurer Janetzki

inspected the 1200 MWh Stanwell Battery, which is currently at the midway point of its construction. He also undertook a brief tour of Stanwell Power Station, widely recognised as one of Australia's most reliable and efficient coal-fired facilities.



Member for Keppel Nigel Hutton, Stanwell GM Central Generation Angie Zahra, Member for Mirani Glen Kelly, Treasurer David Janetzki and Stanwell CEO Michael O'Rourke inspecting the battery.

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES START HERE

Stanwell is committed to ensuring that our nearest communities benefit from our presence as neighbours and community members, and that this presence delivers meaningful and lasting benefits to the communities we are part of.

One of the primary ways we put this commitment into action is through

our Social Investment Program, which empowers local not-for-profit groups to make a positive difference in the community.

Our Social Investment Program offers a range of ways for local organisations to partner with us to support the outcomes they are working to achieve for their communities.

To find out more about our Social Investment Program, scan the QR Code.



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