

# STANWELL COMMUNITY NEWS

TARONG POWER STATIONS AND MEANDU MINE



## WELCOME TO THE AUGUST 2026 EDITION!

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## FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGERS

Hi everyone,

The past few months have highlighted the scale, complexity and importance of the work undertaken across Tarong power stations and Meandu Mine. From major outages and maintenance programs to critical mining operations and community initiatives, our teams and contracting partners have demonstrated professionalism, resilience and a strong commitment to our continued delivery of safe and reliable energy for Queensland.

Across the sites, significant work continued. The Tarong North maintenance outage was completed, alongside major cooling tower activities. Planning has also progressed for the Unit 3 statutory overhaul later in the month.

At Meandu Mine, the planned dragline shutdown was completed, representing one of the site's most significant maintenance programs.

The Queensland Government announced a 21-year renewal of Meandu's mining lease and following a six-month transition, Golding commenced as the new mine operator on 1 July. The smooth transition has ensured continuity for the Meandu workforce, with all BUMA employees covered under the Meandu Mine Enterprise Agreement and the majority

of BUMA staff transferred to Golding under the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth).

All of these works and milestones ensures the continued reliability of coal supply to Tarong power stations and that our generating assets can continue operating safely and reliably for years to come.

Our future workforce also remained a key focus. We congratulated Jennakye Simpson, who was awarded the South Burnett 2026 Australian First Nations Scholarship. Jennakye's achievement reflected not only her talent and dedication, but also the strength of her community and the opportunities created when industry, education and community work together.

Supporting the communities in which we live and work remain an important part of what we do at Stanwell. Since our last newsletter, nearly \$115,000 has been awarded to four local organisations delivering projects that will make a practical difference in communities across the South Burnett.

From helping local hospitals access new equipment to improving sporting facilities, strengthening emergency preparedness and supporting sustainable water use, these projects reflect what local communities told us matters most. We encourage you to view the successful recipients and the positive

impact their projects will have on our local communities on page 2.

If you're involved in a local not-for-profit group with an idea that could create lasting benefits for the community, we'd love to hear from you and discuss future funding opportunities. The team can be contacted at [sponsorship@stanwell.com](mailto:sponsorship@stanwell.com) or on 0456 611 933.

By maintaining our focus on safety, operational excellence and supporting our local region, we continue to achieve strong outcomes for our business, our communities and Queensland.

Until next time,

**Mick Joy and Andrew Toms**

General Manager, Southern Generation  
and General Manager, Mining



# PROUDLY SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES: TARONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Four South Burnett organisations are set to bring important community projects to life thanks to support from the latest round of the Tarong Community Partnership Fund.

From improved healthcare and emergency preparedness to upgraded sporting facilities and smarter water management, these locally-led projects will help strengthen the places where people gather, play, volunteer, receive care and support one another.

Congratulations to:

- Kingaroy Hospital Auxiliary, which will purchase ultrasound equipment for guided intravenous cannulation at Kingaroy Hospital, helping clinicians provide faster and more effective care for patients, particularly in emergency situations.
- Kingaroy Combined Sporting Clubs Irrigation Association Inc., which will undertake critical upgrades to the treated wastewater irrigation system serving the Kingaroy sporting precinct, helping maintain safe, high-quality sporting fields that are used by hundreds of local players, families and community groups each year.
- Wooroolin Community Committee Inc., which will resurface a key tennis court and upgrade surrounding infrastructure helping ensure the facility remains a welcoming place for people of all ages to stay active, social and connected.
- Blackbutt RSL Sub-Branch, which will purchase a generator to ensure continuity of essential services and helping the community stay connected and supported during power outages, severe weather events and other emergencies.

The Tarong Community Partnership Fund is an important part of our ongoing commitment to supporting our host communities, and we're honoured to play a small part in helping bring these important projects to life.

We congratulate all successful applicants and look forward to seeing the positive impact these projects will have across our region.

The next round of the Tarong Community Partnership Fund will open later this year.

For more details contact the Stakeholder Engagement Team on 0456 611 933 or at [sponsorship@stanwell.com](mailto:sponsorship@stanwell.com)



## ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Looking after the environment is an important part of how we operate. That's why we continue to invest in monitoring programs that help us understand our impacts, meet our obligations and respond to community concerns.

As part of this ongoing program, independent specialists undertake environmental noise monitoring at locations surrounding our operations.

The monitoring provides valuable information about how sound travels under different operating and weather conditions and helps us identify ways to minimise impacts where possible.

We know that noise from our operations is important to our neighbours, and we are committed to listening and responding to these concerns. We remain committed to operating responsibly, protecting the environment and maintaining open, two-way communication with our local communities as we continue to provide reliable energy for Queensland.

If you have questions about our operations, we encourage you to contact our Stakeholder Engagement Team at [sponsorship@stanwell.com](mailto:sponsorship@stanwell.com) or on 0456 611 933.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MEANDU MINE

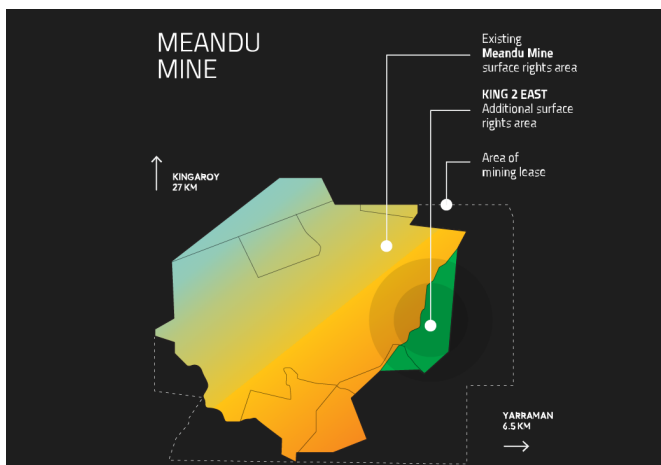
It has been a busy few months at Meandu Mine, with several key milestones supporting the long-term future operations and energy generation in Queensland.

Following a six-week shutdown, the mine's dragline, the site's largest machine, is back in operation after significant electrical, mechanical and structural upgrades, including improvements to the propel system, drive packages and drums. The project was delivered through strong collaboration between Stanwell's maintenance team, local contractors and major contractor Sync Lift Engineering, supporting local jobs and businesses while helping ensure the mine can continue operating safely and efficiently into the future.



Stanwell also welcomed the Queensland Government's approval to renew Meandu Mine's mining lease for a further 21 years. Combined with the Federal Government's approval of the King 2 East (K2E) surface rights extension project earlier this year, the decision helps secure the ongoing supply of coal to the Tarong power stations, supporting local jobs, businesses and Queensland's energy reliability.

With environmental approvals now in place and Ridge Road closed, early works on the K2E project have commenced. Activities include cultural heritage surveys led by the Wakka Wakka Native Title Aboriginal Corporation representatives, and vegetation clearing, fencing and drilling for further characterisation of the coal in the project area. Stanwell has also established a 104-hectare environmental offset near Kingaroy to support biodiversity outcomes. Mining in the K2E project area is expected to begin in October 2026.



On 1 July, Golding Contractors commenced operations as Meandu Mine's new Mining Services Agreement operator following a competitive tender process announced earlier this year. The transition has been carefully managed over the past six months to ensure continuity of operations, with BUMA employees covered by the Meandu Mine Enterprise Agreement and most staff transferring to Golding under the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth).

Stanwell thanks BUMA Australia for its contribution to Meandu Mine and the South Burnett community throughout the contract term. We now look forward to working alongside Golding to deliver the best long-term outcomes for the mine, Tarong power stations and the South Burnett community.



Meandu Mine remains a critical part of Stanwell's generation portfolio, supplying coal exclusively to the Tarong power stations and helping ensure Stanwell continues to deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queensland, our customers and the National Electricity Market.



# CELEBRATING CULTURE, CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY

Recently, the South Burnett community came together to celebrate culture, connection and community through National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week events. Tarong Stakeholder Engagement team members joined Traditional Owners, community leaders, students and local families at a range of celebrations recognising the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

During National Reconciliation Week, Tarong power stations and Meandu Mine hosted Wakka Wakka Traditional Owners, representatives from Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and community members to reflect on shared experiences and ongoing partnerships. A highlight of the event was the presentation of the 2026 South Burnett Australian First Nations Scholarship to Jennakye Simpson, a proud Wakka Wakka woman, emerging community leader and Queensland University of Technology student. The South Burnett Australian First Nations Scholarship provides financial assistance to Australian First Nations students pursuing education and training pathways that lead to careers in the energy industry, while supporting leadership development and contributing to strong, sustainable communities across the region. The next round of scholarship applications will open in November 2026.

As part of NAIDOC Week 2026, which marked 50 Years of Deadly, the team joined local celebrations including the Cherbourg Community NAIDOC Celebration, South Burnett NAIDOC Family Fun Day, Cherbourg State School NAIDOC Celebration, Kingaroy State High School NAIDOC Celebration and Wondai Golf Club's inaugural NAIDOC Golf Day. The events brought people together to celebrate culture, share experiences and strengthen community connections across the region.

Together, these events reflected reconciliation in action by creating opportunities to connect, learn from one another and strengthen relationships between Stanwell and the South Burnett community.



## STAY INFORMED AND SIGN UP

Join our notification list to receive timely updates about our planned activities to manage pests, hazard reduction burns and scheduled mine blasts. Your awareness and feedback help us ensure that we continue to operate responsibly and with respect for the people and environment around us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Stanwell Stakeholder Engagement Team.



Call us on 0456 611 933, Monday to Friday. For urgent matters outside of business hours, please contact Tarong Power Station Security on 4160 9260 or Meandu Mine Security on 4160 7211.



Email us at [southernengagements@stanwell.com](mailto:southernengagements@stanwell.com). Whether it's a quick enquiry or something more detailed, we'll respond as quickly as possible.

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### About Stanwell

Stanwell is Queensland's leading provider of electricity and energy solutions to the National Electricity Market and large energy users along the eastern seaboard of Australia.

With over 40 years of continuous operations, Stanwell maintains a reliable supply of power from two of the most efficient coal-fired power stations in Australia – the Tarong power stations near Kingaroy and Stanwell Power Station near Rockhampton.

Stanwell's experience working with communities to build, operate and maintain reliable coal-fired power stations is also being applied through partnerships with the private sector to build the new energy, storage and firming solutions Queensland needs for the future.

Stanwell acknowledges the traditions and cultures of First Nations people, and recognises their continuing connection to land, water and community where we live and work. We respect and honour their Elders, past, present and emerging, and we commit to providing the spark for a bright future together.