

# STANWELL COMMUNITY NEWS

TARONG POWER STATIONS AND MEANDU MINE



## WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER 2025 EDITION!

Read about:

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## FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGERS

As we approach the end of 2025, we would like to take a moment to update you on what's been happening at Tarong power stations and Meandu Mine, to ensure that Stanwell continues to deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity to Queenslanders.

### Unit 1 Overhaul

After completing the overhaul of Tarong North in July, our teams quickly shifted focus to the major overhaul of Tarong Power Stations Unit 1. This work is vital for maintaining the plant's performance and efficiency, helping ensure that we can continue to meet the energy needs of our community.

We would like to extend our thanks to the community for your ongoing understanding and support, which has made it possible for us to bring approximately 700 power station outage personnel to the site. We expect high standards of our contractors in the way they interact with community, especially on the roads during shift changeovers.

### Queensland's Energy Roadmap

In October, the Queensland Government released its five-year Queensland Energy Roadmap, a

significant milestone for the state's energy sector. Stanwell welcomes the release of the Energy Roadmap and looks forward to working alongside government and industry partners to deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queensland, our customers, and the National Electricity Market (NEM).

### Summer Readiness

With various forecasts predicting a hotter and wetter than usual summer, ensuring our fuel stocks and plant conditions are ready remains a top priority. Our teams are working hard to prepare for any increased demand and to respond quickly to any challenges that may arise.

### People Update

In November, Meandu Mine proudly welcomed five First Nations trainees. This marks an important step in supporting skills development and creating pathways for future leaders in the energy industry. Looking ahead to 2026, Tarong power stations are excited to welcome a new cohort of apprentices and trainees, further strengthening our workforce and investing in the next generation of power station workers.

On behalf of everyone at Tarong Power Stations and Meandu Mine, thank you for your continued support.

### Tarong Community Partnership Fund

Applications for the next round will be open from 5 January to 2 March 2026. We're interested in supporting community projects that boost economic capacity, strengthen preparedness and resilience, and genuinely improve the quality of life in our communities. Contact our Stakeholder Engagement Team for more details.

We wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable holiday season and summer!

Kind regards

### Mick Joy and Andrew Toms

General Manager, Southern Generation and General Manager, Mining





# SONYA'S LEGACY: TARONG FLOATING WETLANDS INITIATIVE

At the Tarong power stations, the cooling water dam is used to store essential water for the operation of our steam turbines. But its function has gone beyond engineering. The dam has also become a haven for aquatic birds, with species such as pelicans and cormorants nesting on the aerator – an essential structure that oxygenates the water, prevents stratification of the columns and reduces algal growth.

While we welcome these feathered residents, their presence prevents us from carrying out essential maintenance on the aerator, due to the cormorant species and their breeding locations being protected under Stanwell's High Risk Species Management Program.

A few years ago, Tarong Power Station Environmental Advisor, Sonya Pearson, initiated a project to identify an alternate nesting habitat. Tragically, Sonya passed in 2024, and the project was picked up by Josh Freney, Environmental Advisor, who continued Sonya's legacy and saw the project through to completion.

Floating wetlands, which are planted with grasses and other aquatic plants, were identified as a solution, as they deliver enhanced water quality and habitat above and below the water. The extensive wetland root system provides water filtration through biofilms which capture nutrients and pollutants, as well as habitat for fish and macroinvertebrates. The wetland vegetation attracts birds and nesting, as it is isolated and safe from predators that roam the land.

Installed in July 2025, the floating wetlands are expected to flourish as a long-term habitat for aquatic birds, fulfilling Sonya's vision. A commemorative plaque has also been installed at the Cooling Water Dam dedicating the project to Sonya.



Josh Freney, Environmental Advisor saw the project through to completion.



The commemorative plaque installed at the Cooling Water Dam dedicating the project to Sonya.



Floating wetlands in action.



# BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER IN 2025

2025 has been a big year for many of our community groups across the South Burnett, Cherbourg, Toowoomba and surrounding regions. Take a look at some of the projects and events we've helped turn from a dream into reality this year, through our Tarong Partnership Fund and Community Sponsorship Program.

## Yarraman Heritage Centre

The Yarraman Heritage Centre, a volunteer-run group preserving local history and fostering social connection, has installed a new solar and battery system with our support. This upgrade cuts energy costs, enabling the museum to reinvest in exhibits and continue serving as a vital space for education and culture.

## Kingaroy Hospital

We partnered with Kingaroy Hospital Auxiliary to fund the region's first

non-invasive ventilator. This innovative equipment helps treat respiratory conditions without invasive tubes or surgery, enabling patients to breathe more easily.

Kingaroy Hospital is the main medical hub for South Burnett and surrounding areas, so having this ventilator means faster, localised care and high-quality respiratory support close to home.

## Motherland

We were proud to support Motherland Australia, Australia's first national charity dedicated to support rural mothers, when they hosted their inaugural Kingaroy event earlier this year. Motherland helps alleviate isolation by offering an online community and virtual services accessible anywhere. The inaugural Kingaroy event brought local mums together for connection, conversation, and fundraising.

## Baconfest

We loved getting some pork on our fork at one of the South Burnett's favourite food festivals - Baconfest! This sizzling South Burnett festival celebrates bacon and Aussie pork with chef demos, eating competitions, live music, markets, and a smoke-off. We were proud to back a local event that boosts regional tourism and local business.

## Tansey Bowls Club

After flooding from Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth in 2022, Tansey Bowls Club has officially reopened its clubhouse and green. With support from the Tarong Community Partnership Fund, facilities were restored and new kitchen equipment was installed, bringing back social events and fundraisers, helping Tansey remain a vibrant, connected place for all.



# PROGRESSIVE REHABILITATION AT MEANDU

Meandu Mine has been busy over the past 12 months meeting its progressive rehabilitation commitments and providing for safe and sustainable post-mining land uses in the future. Some of the highlights include:

- An additional 39 hectares of rehabilitation will be completed by December 2025, including:
  - 19 hectares of Native Ecosystem (Eucalypt-Acacia woodland) rehabilitation; and
  - 20 hectares of beef cattle grazing rehabilitation
- A 10 hectare beef cattle grazing soil monitoring trial is now underway
- Approximately 10 hectares of the decommissioned North-West B tailings void has been capped.

Since mining began in 1983, 734 hectares of land has been rehabilitated with an additional 39 hectares due for completion by December 2025, totalling 773 hectares of

rehabilitated land. At 34% of the total area disturbed by mining, this rate of rehabilitation is high for the Queensland coal mining industry, something we are proud of! This includes 153 hectares of Queensland Government certified native ecosystem rehabilitation.

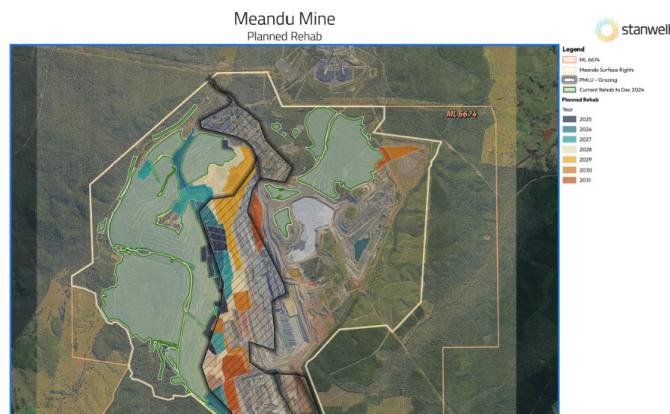


Lime application on grazing rehabilitation area.

The objective of the cattle grazing trial is to determine the best soil types and land management practices to optimise the grazing capacity of the post-mining landform.

The schedule for rehabilitation for the next 5 years is shown on the map to the right. The areas shown are indicative only.

Approved post-mining land uses include: native ecosystem, creek diversion, beef cattle grazing, plantation forestry, water storage, landholder retained infrastructure and steep rocky ecosystem.



## WELCOMING NEW FACES ACROSS SITE

### South Burnett First Nations Scholarship

Last month, we were honoured to welcome the South Burnett First Nations scholarship candidates Mia, Sienna, Jennakye and Katie to our Brisbane office for a two week internship program. They gained hands on experience across the Brand and Marketing, Communications, Retail and Technology, Business Partnerships, and Equity and Diversity teams.

Their enthusiasm, adaptability, and commitment to learning made a meaningful impact on every team they joined.

We're grateful to support the next generation of First Nations leaders and remain committed to empowering youth in the South Burnett region. We value our long-standing positive relationships with Wakka Wakka Elders, the Wakka Wakka Native Title Aboriginal Corporation, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and the broader community, all of whom have supported the candidates. We sincerely thank them for their ongoing commitment and support.

Thank you to everyone who applied for the second round of the scholarship, it's inspiring to see so many talented students eager to pursue their educational goals.



Sienna, Jennakye, Mia and Katie.

### Russell Vorpapel Engineering Scholarship

We've excited to have welcomed our 2025 Russell Vorpapel Engineering Scholarship recipients back to Tarong power stations for their summer work experience.

Leonard, who has joined the Electrical Engineering Team and Oliver, who has joined the Mechanical Engineering team, are both studying at the University of Queensland.

The Russell Vorpapel Scholarship is just one of the many ways that we are investing in our local talent and supporting them to launch successful careers in the energy industry. Of course, it's also a fitting way to honour Russell Vorpapel's decades-long contribution during his time at TPS.

### Cid Burke Scholarship – Applications Now Open

The Cid Burke Scholarship is open to students studying Health, Safety and Environment. Applications will close 11 January 2025.



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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 the Tarong Power Station Security Office at 4160 9260.



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