

# STANWELL COMMUNITY NEWS

TARONG POWER STATIONS AND MEANDU MINE



## WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER 2025 EDITION!

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## FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGERS

Over the past few months, our team successfully completed the Tarong North Power Station major overhaul. This significant milestone was a result of months of planning, coordination, and hard work across the site. The dedication to safety, quality, and delivering this complex project is a credit to everyone involved. We also wish to thank the local community, especially the accommodation providers, for your support and patience throughout this busy period.

The next major overhaul on Unit 1 will take place from September to November 2025. These works are essential to maintaining the reliability and performance of our power generation assets, particularly as we head into the peak summer season.

At Meandu Mine, operations within the existing surface rights area have transitioned into a new section. We have taken additional steps to ensure the safety of our neighbouring communities and to keep you informed of any short-term traffic changes along Tarong Power Station Road as a result. If you would like to receive updates on controlled blasting schedules and traffic control arrangements, please contact our Stakeholder Engagement Team at [southernengagements@stanwell.com](mailto:southernengagements@stanwell.com) or call 0456 611 933.

We have progressed regulatory approvals for the proposed King 2 East project. As part of the Federal environmental approvals process, we recently issued a public notification to view the Preliminary Documentation Assessment Report, which has now closed.

For any queries regarding the King 2 East project, please contact the Stakeholder Engagement team on 0456 611 933.

We've also welcomed several new additions to our fleet, including a Hitachi 3600-7 excavator, as well as agricultural

equipment to support the ongoing progressive rehabilitation work at Meandu. These investments highlight our commitment to safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible operations. A big thank you to our local suppliers for supporting many of these recent acquisitions.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to apply for the latest round of our Tarong Community Partnership Fund. We are looking forward to seeing the potential new projects and events in the works, making our communities even better.

Finally, we recently farewelled some long-serving and highly respected team members, Sharron Coughlan, Paul Vandenberg and John Anderson. They have each made significant contributions to our operations, workplace culture, and community over the years. We thank them for their service and wish them all the best in their next chapters.

As always, thank you for your support as we continue to focus on delivering reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy for our customers and for Queensland, while prioritising the safety of the communities in which we operate.

Kind regards

**Mick Joy and Andrew Toms**

General Manager, Southern Generation and General Manager, Mining



Congratulations Paul, Sharron and John.



Thanks to the Meandu team for pulling the new excavator together.

# ENERGY EXPERIENCED: SUPPORTING OUR PEOPLE

## Empowering local First Nations students through scholarship support

Earlier this year, we launched the South Burnett First Nations Scholarship, a new initiative to empower local Indigenous students to excel in their education. We're excited to encourage our local young people to pursue university studies, potentially leading to a career in the energy industry with Stanwell.

Congratulations to our 2025 recipients, Sienna Murray, who will be studying a Bachelor of Visual Arts and Mia Sandow, who will be studying a Bachelor of Business and Entrepreneurship.

This scholarship aims to ease the challenges our regional students face when attending university, by providing the necessary resources and support for academic success, while honoring their cultural identities and community connections. We collaborated closely with the Wakka Wakka Native Title Aboriginal Corporation Board, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group, and the education community to bring this scholarship to life.

Along with financial support, the scholarship offers a mentoring program and vacation work opportunities at Stanwell during their university holidays.



Congratulations, Sienna (L) and Mia (R).

## Brendon sparks gold at WorkSkills Australia National Championship

Congratulations to Brendon Newman, our talented 5th-year Electrical Instrumentation and Control Apprentice, who electrified the competition at the 2025 WorldSkills Australia National Championships!

Brendon went head-to-head with six other top competitors in the Electrical Control category. Over three intense days, he showcased his skills in a series of challenges, including a high-voltage speed test for fault finding.

Brendon was awarded the Gold Medal at the closing ceremony, making him one of only 12 Queenslanders to take top honours among over 600 of Australia's best apprentices, trainees and students across 60 categories.

His dedication, precision, and cool-under-pressure performance truly lit up the leaderboard.

Way to go, Brendon! We're extremely proud to have Brendon on board completing his Apprenticeship at Tarong Power Station.



Brendon with Apprentice and Trainee Officers, Sharron Coughlan (L) and Trudi Reick (R).

## From Workshop to Winner: Brylie Shines at Training Awards

Former apprentice Brylie Jones recently claimed success at the Regional State Training Awards. Congratulations to Brylie for winning the Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year award in the regional division. At the time of printing we are eagerly awaiting Brylie to battle it out against seven finalists for the state title on 13 September.

Brylie was our first female boilermaker apprentice and her training and commitment to the trade has earned her top placements in WorldSkills competitions, and national recognition as Weld Australia's Young Tradesperson of the Year.

Brylie's dad and both grandfathers are boilermakers, and her family sat with Stanwell members on the night, all proud of her achievements.

Congratulations again, Brylie. We can't wait to see what you do next!



Congratulations Brylie.



# TRANSFORMERS ENERGISED: TARONG BATTERY HITS ANOTHER MILESTONE

Recently, two 275kV transformers were successfully energised, further boosting the momentum of the Tarong battery project.

This significant milestone was achieved through proactive and collaborative teamwork by construction partner Yurika, Wilson Transformers, and the Stanwell project team.

The energisation of the transformers marks the end of a long journey that started in late 2022. The project team is now focused on energising the 33kV networks and preparing for the commissioning of the battery, which is expected to be achieved shortly.

A large amount of work is also being undertaken to integrate the battery into Tarong power stations' operational, maintenance and safety systems, which is a complex and multi-faceted process.

General Manager Portfolio Integration, Paul Schultz said he

was pleased with how each function took ownership in the operationalisation of this new asset to ensure integration was consistent with the high standard we expect from Stanwell assets.

Once operational, the battery can be charged when energy generation in the market is high and can discharge energy into the grid when generation is low or demand is high, or to maintain grid stability. This system can charge and discharge electricity several times a day, and can respond within fractions of a second to electricity demand.

Tarong power stations' employees will play a crucial role, taking charge of all preventative and reactive maintenance of the substation plant, and managing regular switching operations of the 33kV battery network to support Tesla battery maintenance. Two skilled Tesla employees, who will be based locally, will carry out all maintenance tasks associated with each battery unit.



Marking the energisation of the Tarong Battery transformers.

## MEANDU MINE: KING 2 EAST PIT PROGRESS

Since our last update, Meandu Mine has commenced mining operations in the northeastern side of the mine, known as the King 2 East pit. This area lies within the existing mine surface rights and marks the first step in the planned restart of mining in the King 2 East pit area. Expansion into the broader project area is subject to future approval.

The current activity area (highlighted in yellow on the map), represents a new phase in mine operations. As work progresses, we will continue to keep nearby communities informed.

To help manage any impacts, additional safety measures will be put in place to control traffic along Tarong Power Station Road when we are blasting in the King 2 East box cut area. Any short-term disruptions will be communicated in advance to minimise inconvenience and ensure public safety.

To receive updates on blasting schedules and traffic control arrangements, please contact our Stakeholder Engagement team.





# SUPPORTING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TOGETHER

Energy generation at Tarong Power Station relies on access to water, which is used for steam production and cooling. The primary source of water for the Tarong power stations is Boondooma Dam, which was built to provide water for this purpose.

The power stations also have access to water from Lake Wivenhoe via the Wivenhoe Tarong Pipeline, which is used when dam levels at Boondooma are low.

Routine inspections along the Wivenhoe–Tarong Pipeline are undertaken by the Tarong Power Stations Maintenance team and are essential to keeping infrastructure safe and reliable.

As much of the pipeline runs through private land, we work closely with landholders to ensure access is respectful and in line with individual property needs. Biosecurity is a shared responsibility. Our teams follow strict hygiene protocols—cleaning vehicles and equipment and adhering to landholder instructions—to help protect farms and the environment.

Clear communication and responsible land management are central to how we operate, helping us maintain strong relationships with the communities we work alongside.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT CAPTURED IN ACTION!



South Burnett grazing network initiative



Kingaroy's first Motherland event



Big day out at Yarraman Festival



Sizzling sup-pork at Baconfest

## STAY INFORMED: JOIN OUR NOTIFICATION LIST

Join our notification list to receive timely updates about our planned activities to manage maintenance, pests, hazard reduction burns and scheduled mine blasts.

Email [southernengagements@stanwell.com](mailto:southernengagements@stanwell.com) to join the list. 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 the Tarong Power Station Security Office at 4160 9260.



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