

STANWELL COMMUNITY NEWS

TARONG POWER STATIONS AND MEANDU MINE



WELCOME TO THE JUNE 2025 EDITION!

Read about:

- Cultural heritage surveys at Meandu Mine
- Powering local projects through partnership support
- Apprentices and Trainees searching for our newest recruits

FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGERS

Mick Joy and Andrew Toms

General Manager, Southern Generation and General Manager, Mining

Here's an update guiding our site operations at the moment. Our focus remains on ensuring reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy for our customers and Queensland, and the safety of the communities in which we operate.

Recent achievements and upcoming plans

Major Overhaul Investment: From April to June, we have been carrying out a major overhaul at Tarong North and are now gearing up for a significant overhaul on Unit 1, scheduled from September to November 2025. This is part of our ongoing maintenance program and we'll be sure to keep you posted about our activities.

Apprentice and Trainee Program: We are committed to building a strong, skilled workforce for the future and hiring locally whenever possible. Applications for the 2026 Tarong Power Stations Apprentice and Trainee Program open on 23 June 2025. Check out our Careers page on our website for more details.



Community engagement and environmental management

Caring for our neighbours: We recently hosted the Meandu Barkers Creek Water Advisory Committee at Tarong Power Station. It was a fantastic opportunity to discuss priorities and share ideas about how our water discharges into Meandu Creek can meet the needs of downstream water users over the next 12 months. We're dedicated to meeting environmental requirements and continuous monitoring to proactively identify and address concerns directly with our neighbours.

Collaborating with our traditional owners: We've been working closely with Wakka Wakka Cultural Heritage Officers, to conduct Cultural Heritage surveys, which identify and manage cultural material in the K2E box cut area. The surveys ensure we can continue to access coal reserves while protecting the Traditional Owners' connection to country.

Shaping our communities: Through the Tarong Community Partnership and Community Sponsorship Programs, we've again supported several local projects that help shape the community's future. Highlights include installing a non-invasive ventilator at Kingaroy Hospital and solar energy projects at the Yarraman Heritage Centre and Kingaroy QCWA. These initiatives showcase our commitment to partnering with our regions to shape vibrant, livable and resilient communities.

Exciting developments

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS): The Tarong BESS is nearing completion, with Stage 1 commissioning currently underway. Stay tuned for updates in our next edition.

We're proud of our team's dedication and expertise and look forward to continuing our work together to ensure our communities remain great places to live, work and enjoy.

Best wishes

This year, we've also bid a fond farewell to some of our very valued people, as they embark on their well-earned retirements.

Mick Canniford, Instrument and Control Technician after 35 years, Scott Mathews, Senior Technician after 33 years, and Russell Vorpapel, Mechanical Engineering Superintendent, after 46 years.

We thank each of them for their marvellous contributions and dedication to Tarong Power Station. We wish them nothing but the best in their retirements!

Kind regards

Mick Joy and Andrew Toms



ENERGY GENERATED: MAINTAINING CULTURAL HERITAGE WHILE SECURING FUTURE FUEL SUPPLY

The restart of the King 2 East pit—beginning with the development of a new box cut in the northern section (within the existing surface rights area) and later expanding into the King 2 East (K2E) Project area at Meandu Mine, pending approval—is essential to maintaining a continuous fuel supply for the Tarong power stations.

Since January 2025, Meandu has been clearing regrowth vegetation and conducting ongoing Cultural Heritage surveys in collaboration with Wakka Wakka Cultural Heritage Officers. These surveys aim to identify and protect culturally significant items before the start of initial mining activities in the box cut area.

It has been a real team effort with our Mining and Stakeholder Engagement teams working closely with the Wakka Wakka Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (WWNTAC) to successfully complete the surveys.

At Stanwell, we are committed to working proactively and respectfully with our Traditional Owners, the Wakka Wakka people to protect their cultural heritage. This relationship helps us form a shared understanding of cultural heritage, ensuring we can continue to access coal reserves while minimising impacts on items of cultural significance.

Once approvals have been obtained, mining will commence in the K2E box cut area.

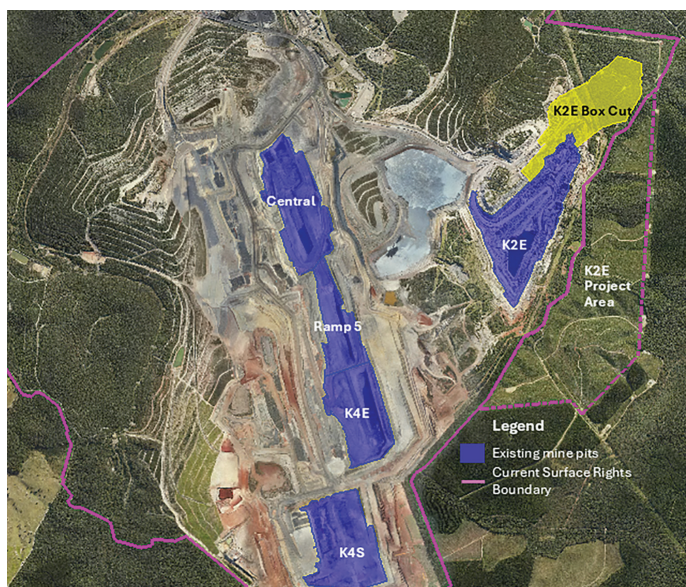
Initial mining activities include burning off cleared vegetation, topsoil stripping and stockpiling, and installation of erosion and sediment control measures. Bulk excavation of the rock above the coal seams using drill and blast methods will commence, followed by truck and shovel excavation, hauling



Wakka Wakka Native Title Aboriginal Corporation representatives visited Meandu Mine on 22 April to inspect the progress of the King 2 East box cut cultural heritage survey work.

and dumping into the approved rehabilitation landform profile. It will take some 14 to 18 months to remove the initial rock from the box cut area before being able to mine the first coal.

Initial blasting in the area is expected to commence in July 2025. Near neighbours will be advised through our usual blast notification process. Detailed planning of the K2E box cut area has been focused on ensuring that mining is undertaken in a way that minimises potential impacts on our neighbours. Additional blast vibration monitors will be installed between the K2E box cut area and the recently constructed high voltage transmission powerline easement to ensure vibration limits are being met.



K2E box cut Cultural Assessment team members undertaking survey work in the box cut area.

ENERGY SHARED: POWERING LOCAL PROJECTS THROUGH OUR PARTNERSHIP FUND

We truly value the hard work of our incredible community groups and volunteers across the South Burnett, Cherbourg, Toowoomba, and surrounding regions. Take a look at some of the recent projects and events supported by Stanwell's Community Sponsorship Program and Tarong Community Partnership Fund.

Yarraman Heritage Centre

The Yarraman Heritage Centre is a cherished part of our local community.

The volunteer-run, not-for-profit group plays a crucial role in preserving our local history, but it's also an important space for many older residents, offering the opportunity for social connectedness through shared passions, interests and regular catchups.

We helped them to purchase and install a new solar and battery energy storage system. This upgrade will help to reduce their energy costs, allowing the museum to reinvest that money back into its exhibits, and continue serving as an important hub for education and cultural preservation.



Queensland Country Women's Association - Kingaroy Branch

The much-respected Queensland Country Women's Association - Kingaroy branch advocated for a new solar system to power their adjoining rooms, where many an important regional event is held. Making the most of the Queensland sun makes perfect sense and enables the rooms to be used without worrying about the energy bill.

Our Stakeholder Engagement team along with General Manager Southern Generation, Mick Joy, were lucky enough to share a morning tea at the Kingaroy Branch in these rooms. We were delighted to see (and feel) the new solar energy system in action.

The money saved with the new solar energy system can be put towards community programs and the rebuilding of the QCWA community hostel.

They'll also be able to host more events, workshops and opportunities, bringing our local community together in a cooler and more comfortable environment.



Kingaroy Hospital

We partnered with the Kingaroy Hospital Auxiliary to help fund the purchase of a non-invasive ventilator, which is the first of its kind for our region.

This will assist hospital staff to treat patients with respiratory conditions, as it allows them to breathe more efficiently without the need for invasive tubes or surgery.

The Kingaroy Hospital is the major medical hub for the South Burnett and surrounding regions, including towns from Cherbourg to Moore and everywhere in between.

Having this ventilator means more effective and localised treatment within our community and ensures that high quality respiratory support is available close to home.

We love that our support is helping our local hospital to become well-resourced and innovative, ensuring they can provide the best possible care for our community.



Frank Fisher Cup

We recently sponsored the Cherbourg Aboriginal Council's Frank Fisher Cup, a significant event in the rugby league calendar and for the Cherbourg community.

The event featured cultural performances by local Wakka Wakka Dancers. It also hosted Open Men's and Women's rugby league competitions, which scouts, and development officers use to identify future talent.

The cup plays an important role in maintaining the well-being of First Nations people in our region by fostering opportunities for social connection and leadership development, as well as providing potential sporting career pathways.

The event provides regular opportunities for our site leaders to catch up with community representatives whose support and insights Stanwell values, including Wakka Wakka Traditional Owners, the Cherbourg Elders Advisory Group, and the Cherbourg Shire Council Mayor, councillors and executive members.



LAUNCH YOUR CAREER IN ENERGY: SEARCHING FOR OUR NEWEST APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

We've been visiting our local schools to discuss all things about our Apprenticeship and Trainee program!

Over the past few weeks, our Apprentice and Trainee support team, People and Culture and Stakeholder Engagement teams spoke to students at Kingaroy State High School, St John's Lutheran School, Murgon State High School, Nanango State High School and Saint Mary's Catholic College.

The drop-in sessions were designed to equip students with essential workforce readiness skills. They covered tips on what employers look for in a resume, writing a standout cover letter, how to create a good impression at an interview and the types of interview questions to expect.

Some of our current Apprentices and Trainees also spoke about their experiences with the program so far, and the many different types of roles available to those looking to commence a trade.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Apprentice and Trainee Community Information Night. If you would like more information about the program, please scan the QR code below.

Scan the QR code to visit
the Careers page.



Sharron Coughlan, Violet Black, Kirsten O'Connor,
Jasmine Whye, Matt Weier and Trudi Reick.



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our Apprenticeship and Trainee program.

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

Email 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.



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

