

STANWELL COMMUNITY NEWS

STANWELL POWER STATION



WELCOME TO THE MARCH 2025 EDITION!

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FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER



Angie Zahra
General Manager,
Central Generation

Already, 2025 is shaping up to be another action-packed year for Stanwell Power Station.

We've welcomed six apprentices and one trainee to the team, who have now completed their inductions, heard from our leaders and settled into their respective teams on site.

Welcoming new people to the energy industry, particularly when it's young people, fills the station with an air of excitement as we prepare to share our knowledge and welcome 'fresh eyes' to the floor. I can't say I've done my homework on the newest terms used by young people these days, but I am looking forward to growing my vocabulary.

The buzz of the new year also includes growing our team of production technicians and first responders, both opportunities for existing employees to up-skill and undertake expert training.

On the operational front, this year will see us deliver a number of scheduled maintenance activities, including switchboard maintenance and coal conveyor belt replacement, ensuring our assets are as efficient as possible.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Stanwell Power Station Community Newsletter. If there are any specific updates you would like us to cover in our newsletters, please email them to centralengagements@stanwell.com.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS



Hayden and Ethan from Rockhampton Boxing and Sports Promotions Club

The next round of our Community Partnership Fund will be opening on Tuesday, 1 April 2025!

We're all about supporting events, activities, and programs that truly enhance the quality of life in our local community and we'd love to hear from you.

Visit the Stanwell Community page or scan the QR code, to find out more about the eligibility criteria and how to apply.

Alternatively, chat to our team about how our partnership fund could support your program.

Contact our Central Queensland Stakeholder Engagement team via sponsorship@stanwell.com.



BRIGHT SPARKS WITH BRIGHT FUTURES

This year we have proudly welcomed six new local apprentices and one trainee to Stanwell Power Station!

Our Apprenticeship and Trainee Program plays a vital role in equipping aspiring tradespeople and emerging professionals with the skills and experience needed for a successful career in the energy industry.

Mechanical Fitter and Turner apprentices will rotate each year through six different maintenance teams, and the Electrical Instrumentation apprentices will rotate through the Electrical and Instrumentation teams during their five years.

Production Manager, Aaron Dziewicki, says skilled tradespeople play a crucial role in the successful day-to-day running of our operations.

“Throughout the program, apprentices will be exposed to a wide range of real-world scenarios, developing new skills and being mentored by our valued and experienced team members.”

The Stanwell Apprenticeship Program offers the opportunity to complete their qualifications through TAFE, while acquiring on the job industry experience.

Baylin Janes recently completed his five-year Electrical Instrumentation apprenticeship at Stanwell Power Station and is now continuing his career as a qualified Electrician at Stanwell Power Station.

For Baylin, staying in his hometown and being able to return home each night were important factors in his career decision.

“Over the past five years, I’ve been fortunate to receive invaluable mentoring from tradespeople and technicians across various departments, all eager to share their knowledge. The work itself is always changing, which keeps me challenged and encourages me to think in new ways.”

Looking forward, Baylin says that he’s excited to mentor the new apprentices coming through the program.

“If you’re considering an apprenticeship with Stanwell, I highly recommend it. It’s a great work environment, and the development opportunities are limitless.”



2025 Apprentice and Trainee cohort



Baylin Janes, Electrical Tradesperson



Find out more about careers at Stanwell, scan the QR code.

PCYC AND STANWELL JOIN FORCES

We're taking a keen interest in supporting outdoor activities that can actively engage and entertain our local youth.

From late 2024 to early 2025, we were delighted to support PCYC Rockhampton in hosting a series of drop-in sessions at Cedric Park, Gracemere.

These sessions provided a safe space for young people of all ages in the Gracemere community to make new friends and participate in interactive activities with our staff, including cricket, soccer, touch footy, frisbee, arts and crafts, and movie nights.

The first drop-in was held in October, and they ran monthly through to February this year.

Youth Club Program Manager, Gerry Doyle and Rockhampton Regional Councillor, Edward Oram were integral in organising the drop-in session activities and sausage sizzle.



Sergeant Gerry Doyle, Pou Tane and local volunteer



Sergeant Tristan Baker with local participants

Gerry says Stanwell's support is critical in helping bring these events to life and transform ideas into impactful experiences.

"Their support enables us to offer local kids engaging, interactive activities that spark creativity, build connections, and nurture growth within our community." Gerry says.

Stanwell contributed \$5,000 through our community partnership program to assist the initiative and support local youth in the Gracemere and Rockhampton area.

Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Emily Raguse says PCYC is a community organisation that's delivering real benefits to young people in the community.

"PCYC has done a fantastic job in designing a youth-focused event that creates opportunities for young people to engage, learn, and thrive. A more connected community benefits everyone." Emily says.

Email us at sponsorship@stanwell.com to discuss how we can support your project.

WILDLIFE WATCH: MANAGING WEEDS AND FERAL ANIMALS



Stanwell's Health, Safety and Environment Team is actively collaborating with the community and landowners to manage feral pigs and weeds in our region.

Feral pigs prey on calves and damage waterways and crops, posing ongoing challenges for our power station and neighbours.

We have successfully implemented a trapping program to control the local pig numbers. Additionally, we've installed cameras to monitor animal movements, including in our ash storage area and non-operational land.

Our management activities are informed by the Rockhampton

Regional Council, which uses pest management principles, legal obligations, community expectations, scientific knowledge and animal welfare to inform their framework.

We've also been busy collaborating with Tunuba, to identify and manage pests and weeds at Stanwell. This work includes the treatment of rubbervine and lantana.

Recent weed surveys have identified small populations of Parkinsonia and Athel Pine on site, which are being marked and treated as part of our weed management strategy.

We regularly carry out these processes to deter pests and to play our part in protecting the properties of our neighbours.

For enquiries,
please contact **Greg Heath, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor** on
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Geoff Sinclair, Senior Environmental Advisor

TELSTRA TOWER UPGRADE DELIVERS ESSENTIAL CONNECTIVITY BOOST

Mobile and internet have long been a challenge for those of us living in regional centres. Despite Stanwell's proximity to Rockhampton, there are numerous black spots around the power station and in the communities of Stanwell, Wycarbah and Kalapa.

In the early 2000s, as part of the emerging mobile network, Telstra installed a single tower at Stanwell Power Station to provide mobile service to the station and surrounding Stanwell District. Initially, this tower used the 2G mobile platform, but over the years, it has been upgraded to 3G and 4G platforms.

With the planned discontinuation of 3G and the reliance on the existing older 4G technology, it became imperative to upgrade Telstra's mobile infrastructure.

Project Manager Civil Operations, Dan Rogl said that planning commenced over 2 years ago with Telstra working in collaboration with Stanwell.

Installation works began on site in early November 2024 and the switch to the new mobile platform was completed by the end of the month. As part of the upgrade, the original antennas, hardware and control equipment were removed and new technology and equipment was installed.

The recent upgrade at Stanwell Power Station now includes the latest 4G and 5G mobile platforms, providing significantly improved mobile service to the station and surrounding Stanwell district.



The new mobile infrastructure at Stanwell Power Station

COMMUNITY BBQ

Please join General Manager - Central Generation, Angie Zahra, and representatives from Stanwell Power Station for an update about our operations and free community BBQ.

Date: Saturday, 12 July 2025


Time: 5pm for a 5:30pm start

Location: Stanwell Community Hall

Please RSVP to centralengagements@stanwell.com or 0458 835 706



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