

**Delta Electricity CARE Forum
Meeting Notes**

Date: Thursday 13 February 2014

Community		Delta Electricity	
John Challinor	Lake Munmorah Precinct Committee	Glenn Sharrock	General Manager Central Coast
Bob Brooks	Chain Valley Bay & Macquarie Shores Village Community	Anthony Callen	Sustainability Technologist
Stuart Durie	Lake Munmorah Precinct Committee	Julia Harvey	Corporate Relations Manager
Garth Coulter	Lake Munmorah Precinct Committee	Shirley Gray	Commercial Manager
Steve Jackson	Gwandalan and Summerland Point Precinct Committee	Bryan Beudeker	Acting Environment Manager
Kevin Spencer	Gwandalan Progress Association		
Chris Smith	Summerland Point Progress Association		
Trevor Wrightson	Mannering Park Precinct Committee		

Glenn Sharrock opened the meeting and welcomed all community members.

Operational Update – Glenn Sharrock

Safety

- Discussed LTIs in September and November at Vales Point- twisted ankles. Both reviewed by Chief Executive and General Manager.
- A range of corrective actions to address the risks including trialling a mini front end loader (TORO), to move coal to prevent injuries, slips and trips. Results to date are very good.
- NSCA index = 10 (aim is to be less than <50 to be in 5 star category).
- **Vales Point Emergency Exercise in February:**
 - Site evacuation exercise will be conducted
 - Darzin Community Database will be tested
 - CARE Forum members agreed to participate in the exercise and receive a notification email
 - Bob Brooks is to advise his community group that alarms are for the exercise
 - The Munmorah/Colongra sites tested emergency systems in November 2013.

Production

Vales point is currently above generation targets for 2013/14 and Colongra is below due to the low demand in the market as previously discussed. Overall demand is still decreasing in NSW. Performance targets are being achieved across all areas.

Projects

- The Vales Point Ash dam capping and rehabilitation is ongoing.
- Vales Point ash dam storm water drainage project. The planning stage has been completed and approved. The work is underway.
- Munmorah Decommissioning Project is still ongoing.
- 'A' Station demolition is continuing and is very close to completion.

Truck Supplies

- The current range of various truck movements was discussed noting limited truck movements on Rutleys Road compared to historical levels.
- Vales Point has adequate coal supplies with no more rail deliveries planned for the mid- term with supplies primarily from local sources. Vales Point is also using approved biomass to reduce Carbon emissions.

Stuart Durie from the Lake Munmorah Precinct raised a question in regards to what the Government is planning on doing with the Munmorah Power Station. The meeting was advised that the Government had determined that the station was not part of the generator sales package and was reviewing a number of options. Further information will be provided at future CARE Forum meetings.

Environment Update – Bryan Beudeker

- There have been 7 community enquiries (vegetation management questions related to bushfires). The meeting discussed how air quality is affected by many issues including bushfires, winds and other dust sources.
- Delta Electricity is compliant with its regulatory requirements at all 3 sites.
- During the 2nd quarter in 2013/2014 Delta Electricity met with the EPA to discuss the Munmorah Decommissioning project. The new draft Munmorah licence condition requires a closure plan which is being worked on.
- A 5 year review of the Ash Dam Management Plan is underway. Ash and cenospheres sales continue to increase.
- Review of Environmental Factors assessment for ash cenospheres processing has been prepared and approved.
- When conditions permit, Hazard Reduction Burns will be scheduled. Environmental Assessments for 2014 burns are complete and will be forwarded to the RFS. Hazard Reduction plans include behind Wyee and inside Wyee Rail unloader. All neighbours will be notified by the RFS.

Industry Update – Glenn Sharrock

Glenn outlined the status of the sale of NSW Generators and the upcoming sale of the Central Coast assets which is scheduled for mid-2014. The NSW Government has announced the buyer for Macquarie Generation is AGL, subject to ACCC approval.

Delta Electricity is unaware of interested bidders for the Central Coast. We will have more information by the May meeting.

Vales Point Research Update – Anthony Callan

Anthony updated the community on the Biomass co-firing initiative at Vales Point and advised that the project is currently co-firing 140 tonnes of approved woodchips per day. Further research involving a pyrolysis technology to co-fire 1%-3% char has been successfully completed. Anthony also mentioned that the woodchips have half the energy value of coal and also how co-firing has value for Delta Electricity by reducing emissions and carbon costs as well as generating income through renewable energy certificates.

Community Update – Shirley Gray

- The NSW Government is committed to community access post sale of Delta Electricity i.e. Koala Park, Camp Breakaway, Extreme Park and Tom Barney Oval. The Mannering Park Scout Hall will be transferred to the Scouts.
- Glenn Sharrock has been in recent discussions with key stakeholders and showed forum members aerial photos with locations identified for community access.
- Annual Australia Day BBQ at Mannering Park was a great success with almost 1500 sausage sandwiches handed out. Thank you to Gwandalan Lions Club who coordinated food for the day.
- Crown Land is likely to be retained along the foreshore and does not preclude future uses for community access.

Community Issues and Updates

a) Chris Smith - Summerland Point Progress Association

Association is quiet at present, but will depend on outcome of Council's decision on Precinct. Will look at whether a combined group is necessary.

b) Stuart Durie – Lake Munmorah Precinct Committee

- Concerned on Council plans for Precinct Committees to be abolished with a quarterly meeting with Council.
- Lake Munmorah Netball Association presented with \$60,000.00 by Gabrielle Upton (Sport and Recreation Minister).
- Lake Munmorah foreshore has excess rotting sea grass (called wrack) which is causing strong odour in the community. Council is removing the wrack, but problem is ongoing – costing around \$180.00 per tonne for tipping.

c) Garth Coulter - Lake Munmorah Precinct Committee

Agreed the rotting wrack issue is getting worse.

d) Bob Brooks – Chain Valley Bay and Macquarie Shores Village Community

Chain Valley Bay and Macquarie Shores Village 2014 plan for pontoon at boat ramp. Manning and Chain Valley Colliery pay a fee per tonne to Wyong Shire Council to enhance quality of water in Lake Macquarie. Bob also mentioned that Gorokan High School is looking for mentors to assist in mentoring teenage students.

e) Kevin Spencer – Gwandalan Progress Association

Local groups have put in submissions to Coal and Allied DA for the residential development between Gwandalan and Summerland Point. They are concerned road widths are too small. Also concerned about Kanangra Drive's ability to cope with additional traffic. Would like to see the unofficial park and ride areas be made official.

f) Trevor Wrightson – Mannering Park Precinct Committee

- Advised that the Rutley's Road upgrade is occurring over 2 years.
- Are pleased to hear news about Crown Land consideration near foreshore.
- The Mannering Park Men's Shed has been given \$50,000 by Wyong Shire Council plus a further \$16,000 only to discover Council is not in a position to cover the \$16,000.
- Trevor was recently given an award for 40 years of voluntary work by Wyong Shire Council. Congratulations from the CARE Forum to Trevor.
- The Delta Electricity Australia Day Free Breakfast at Mannering Park was well attended and appreciated by the community.

g) Steve Jackson Gwandalan and Summerland Point Precinct Committee

Thank you for Delta's ongoing assistance to Summerland Point/Gwandalan.

Operations update

Glenn Sharrock mentioned a dispute with operating staff that was recently in arbitration. It was decided to leave it to an independent umpire within Fair Work Australia.

Community members were all thanked for their input and time, the meeting was then closed.

Next Meeting: 8 May 2014