**Delta Electricity – CARE Forum Meeting Notes**

Date: 12 May 2016

ATTENDEES

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| **Community** | | **Delta Electricity** | | |
| Trevor Wrightson | Mannering Park Precinct Committee | Greg Everett | Chief Executive | |
| Andrew Whitbourne | Mannering Park Precinct Committee | David Morris | Executive Manager Production | |
| Garth Coulter | Lake Munmorah Precinct Committee | Steve Gurney | Company Secretary | |
| Chris Smith | Summerland Point Progress Association | Vince Reedy | Executive Manager Asset | |
| Coral Burnham | Mannering Park Progress Association | Anthony Callen | Manager Environment Operations | |
| Bob Brooks | Chain Valley Bay & Macquarie Shores Village Community | Hayley Berg | Community Relations Officer | |
| Laurie Williams | Summerland Point Progress Association |  | |  |

Greg welcomed all community members and opened the meeting at 5.10pm.

**Industry Update – Greg Everett**

Greg discussed the following details with the members.

* Sunset Power International now trading as Delta Electricity;
* Munmorah is to remain in Government ownership and decommissioning preparation continues;
* recent market price (high days in April);
* Vales Point operating efficiently;
* recent plant closures and expected closures in South Australia; and
* major party greenhouse policies.

**Operational Overview – David Morris**

**Safety & Health**

David advised the members of the following safety details;

* great safety results for apprentices;
* contractors are also performing very well in safety;
* recent blanket alcohol testing (over 500 test conducted), the results were positive;
* apprentices are not allowed to use mobile phones while working; and
* free flu vaccinations available for employees.

**Innovation**

It was expressed to the members that safety is highly valued at the power station. The employees and Managers are continuously considering ways to improve in this area. During the current outage many innovative ideas have come to practice. These ideas have saved time and reduced risk. Photos of several safety improvements were shared with the members.

**Production**

* VP Units 5 is currently in service.
* Unit 5 is scheduled for a small outage in September.
* Units are achieving great availability results.

**Coal Supplies**

* Chain Valley mine is planning a conveyor delivery option that is due to commence by December 2016.

**Trucks**

* Biomass deliveries are still continuing, max. 8 trucks per day.
* Vales Point Ash Dam capping – limited to 30 trucks per day; actual movements are much less.

**ASSET MANAGEMENT- Update – Vince Reedy**

**Projects**

Vince discussed the following major projects with the members;

* Vales Point Ash Dam capping & rehabilitation - ongoing
* Vales Point Biomass Pyrolysis – in progress
* Wyee Rail Loop upgrade - completed

**Vales Point Unit 6 - Major Outage works April 2016**

* + The current major outage is planned for 8 week duration, extra activity including large crane assembly
  + Work includes major capital upgrades particularly in the boiler plant and life assessments on turbine plant. In addition Vince shared several photos from the outage.

**Environmental Update – Anthony Callen**

**Community Enquiries**

Anthony advised there were only a few environmental and land management issues raised in the last 3 months were all investigated.

All community enquiries are investigated and appropriate responses & actions are provided.

**Compliance**

Members were advised by Anthony that the power station is compliant for the second quarter. To date there is nil breaches in the 2015/2016 reporting year. All environmental monitoring data is published on the company website monthly.

Members were briefed on rezoning request sent to Wyong Shire Council regarding the Vales Point ash dam and inlet and outlet canal. Anthony mentioned that a small amount of land has been approved to be rezoned from E2 to SP2. Due to the ash dam being established prior to zoning, existing use rights prevail.

**Ash Dam**

* Finger wall project completed in January 2016.
* Pond 5a/5b (350m) and Pond 6 (700m).
* All soil deliveries underwent testing to ensure quality.
* Approximately 30,000 tonnes of VENMENM received.
* Due to large amounts of recent rainfall there has been a focus on managing storm water.

**Community Update – Steve Gurney**

The members were given an update on recent sponsorship activities and projects which Delta Electricity/ Sunset Power. It was also explained to the group that Delta recently sponsored a school program through the Iris Foundation, which is due to commence at Mannering Park Public School in late May.

**Feedback from Community Groups**

* **Chris Smith - Summerland Point Progress Association**
* The group recently had another break-in and several items of equipment were stolen.
* The group is waiting on a Government grant to purchase new trailer.
* Kanangra Drive road works have been completed.
* The community is concerned with the pending council amalgamation.
* **Trevor Wrightson & Andrew Whitebourne – Mannering Park Precinct Committee** 
  + - Main objective is the pathways (MP and CVB)
    - Eaton’s driveway is near completion.
    - Doyalson RSL has kindly donated their old memorial to the group.
    - The lack of mowing on Vales Road has been noticed by the community.
    - Issue with the maintenance of the Mannering Park swimming pool.
    - The structure of the LakeCoal Community Fund committee is with the Council’s legal department.
* **Garth Coulter - Lake Munmorah Precinct Committee**
  + - Lake Munmorah lake community shared pathway project still processing.
    - Council has completed works on the existing Lake Munmorah pathway.
    - Ongoing issues with traffic on Carters Rd.
    - Selena Ave pathway has been completed.
* **Coral Burnham –** **Mannering Park Progress Association**
* The group is working towards completing several projects.
* Letter sent to Council regarding traffic lights at Ruttleys Road and Pacific Highway.
* Mowing on Vales Road is becoming an issue for the community.
* The group are concerned with the pending council amalgamation.
* **Laurie Williams - Summerland Point Progress Association**
* Group is currently working 46 hours per week.
* Graffiti is still an ongoing issue.
* **Bob Brookes - Chain Valley Bay & Macquarie Shores Village Community**
* Council have completed Tall timbers Rd resurface and pathway.
* Fencing now completed around the playground at Joshua Porter Reserve

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

**Next Meeting: 11 August 2016**

**Meeting notes taken by Hayley Berg – Community Relations Officer**