

**CARE Forum**  
Meeting held at Vales Point Power Station  
18 February 2009

Community members: Ms Coral Burnham, Mr Marvin Campbell, Mr Phil Heaton, Mr Peter Bates, Mr Hans Trumm, Mr Derek Zietsch, Ms Jill Meechan, Mr Bob Brooks, Mr Kevin Spencer

Delta attendees: Glenn Sharrock, Wayne Milner, Margaret Miller, Andrew Davies, Gordon Deans

Apologies: Ms Marlene Norman, Mr Steve Jackson and Mr John McManus

**Actions arising from previous meeting:**

- Update on renewable energy project undertaken in a joint venture between Delta and the NSW Sugar Milling Co-operative – launched in November 2008, and now in operation.
- Delta signs have been cleaned with a view to replacement later this year.
- Ownership of Gwandalan lands was queried. These are not owned by Delta.

**Operational report:**

Munmorah Power Station has achieved the longest continuous operating run exceeding an availability record held from 1982. Vales Point has been in service since the last meeting and carried out a planned outage on one of the units over the Xmas and New Year break. Some visible emissions from the Vales Point stack, which were within licence conditions, were due to operational problems of the Fabric Filters but are now resolved. An outage commenced at Munmorah to ensure reliability during winter months.

It was noted that coal conveyors are running quietly and there have been no complaints.

Wayne Milner, Environmental Manager provided an update on the Colongra Gas Turbine development which is being completed by Alstom. Final deliveries of large components have been received and commissioning of the gas turbines will begin in April. The gas pipeline was constructed by Jemena, and the area where it has been laid is now being revegetated. The pipeline and compressor station will be commissioned throughout March.

Gordon Deans, Sustainability Manager (Acting) made a presentation on the proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction scheme, more commonly described as a carbon emissions trading scheme. (See attached slide presentation.)

It was noted that a Water Reclamation Plant will be launched by the Minister on 30 March, 2009. CARE Forum members will be invited. This plant consists of a microfiltration treatment unit at Mannering Park Sewerage plant connected by a 2 kilometre pipeline to a reverse osmosis treatment unit within Vales Point power station. The project has ensured that up to 230 million litres of drinking quality water can be replaced by recycled water in the industrial processes of the power station.

It was noted that Eraring Power Station is conducting extensive studies to assess what, if any, impact its operations have on Lake Macquarie fish stocks and sea grass.

## **Community members report back:**

Issues raised were as follows:

A New Precinct Committee is seeking members from Halekulani, Buff Point and Budgewoi.

Mannering Park Australia Day event sponsored by Delta - A very large crowd attended, not just Mannering Park residents. So popular, sausage sizzle ran out of supplies by 10am. Unfortunately, vandalism was reported about a newly planted area in Mannering Park. Plants pulled out were restored by community members.

Wyong Council - a new community development initiative has begun to bring different generations together to share skills such as knitting and bike maintenance.

Chain Valley Bay - Delta sponsored the playground soft fall material but there does not appear to be a sign or plaque acknowledging this contribution. It was agreed that John Koller, Commercial Manager will follow up with Wyong Council about recognising Delta's contribution.

Catherine Hill - community members are opposed to development proposals from Coal/Allied and others. It was noted that there is an Environmental Defender's Office challenge to the approvals to be heard in the Land and Environment Court.

Wye Point - Lake Macquarie Council has still not completed a Master Plan for Wye Point. No work has been undertaken to address long standing community concerns about lack of amenities and overgrown public lands. It was suggested that the community apply for a Federal Caring for Country grant.

Budgewoi – the community is very pleased with the beach stabilisation project and successful application for a Sustainability Street initiative. In addition, some local Melaleuca Quinquinervia trees have been listed as of historical significance.

Summerland Point – community very disappointed with the vandalism of welcome signage. This had been built with the assistance of Delta. Wyong Council are to replace.

Next meeting - to be held on Wednesday 13th May 2009.