



DELTA ELECTRICITY COMMUNITY NEWS



Central Coast and Lake Macquarie – January 2012

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Message from the General Manager

Welcome to the first issue of *Delta Electricity Community News* – a regular newsletter that will keep you informed about our activities in the Central Coast and Lake Macquarie regions.

In this issue, we report on the importance of safety at Delta, as well as the role we play in creating jobs for local young people. We also highlight our latest sponsorship initiatives and provide an update on the A-Station demolition at Vales Point.

The Clean Energy legislation – which includes the Carbon Tax from July 2012 – was passed last year. While Delta opposed the package due to its inequitable compensation arrangements, we have begun adjusting to this new environment. Already, we have developed systems to account for our carbon emissions and started work on carbon footprint reduction projects.

At Delta, we are continuing our commitment to engaging with the Central Coast and Lake Macquarie communities. Since 1997, we have hosted the CARE Forum, a quarterly meeting between Delta and representatives from local precinct and community committees. The forum helps us understand and respond to community interests and concerns. For more information visit www.de.com.au

You are warmly invited to Delta's annual Australia Day Big Breakfast at Mannering Park. It's sure to be a great day and we hope to see you there.

Best wishes for Australia Day!

Glenn Sharrock
General Manager, Central Coast

Safety First

SAFETY

At Delta Electricity, the safety and security of our workers, visitors, environment and local community is paramount.

We employ world's best practice to prevent and manage emergencies and incidents and regularly implement new technologies to safeguard our operations. These technologies include the installation of SERGI Transformer fire protection systems. Within milliseconds of an incident, SERGI devices are activated, rapidly depressurising the transformer, eliminating explosive gases and preventing the outbreak of fire.

We regularly put our emergency systems and staff to the test, working closely with local fire, police and emergency services on training exercises that address potential emergency scenarios. We also participate in the annual industry Fire and Safety Games, which provide hands-on experience in responding quickly and effectively to a range of emergency situations.

Should an incident occur, Delta has established a Community Incident Information Line – 1800 115 277. This recorded message service provides the local community with up-to-date information during an incident.



A-Station Update

ENVIRONMENT

Work to demolish the original Vales Point Power Station units, known as A-Station, is well underway.

The old boiler tubes on the decommissioned units have been removed and the concrete plinth that supported the original turbine is being progressively demolished.

In addition, a 50-metre high, 400 tonne crane is being constructed on site to help remove the A-Station's internal steel structures and cladding. For more information visit www.de.com.au



Boost for Rural Fire Service

COMMUNITY

Delta Electricity is an ongoing sponsor of the Wyong Shire Rural Fire Service.

Delta General Manager Central Coast, Glenn Sharrock, recently presented an annual sponsorship cheque for \$7,000 to Wyong Fire Control Centre Inspector and Community Safety Officer, Shane Geerin.



Glenn Sharrock and Shane Geerin

In appreciation, Inspector Geerin presented Delta Electricity with a plaque and thanked Mr Sharrock for the generosity Delta has shown to the service over a number of years.

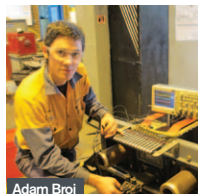
Delta's support has enabled the Wyong Fire Control Centre to purchase a Hyundai iLoad. The vehicle is used for rapid response and also enables the service to tow a purpose-built trailer to community events to deliver public education on bushfire management and response.

Delta Creates Jobs

LOCAL ECONOMY

Delta Electricity is proud to kick off the New Year with the creation of new jobs for the region.

During January, seven 1st year trade-based apprentices and two administrative trainees will join Delta.



Adam Broi

Under our Central Coast Apprentice Program, the 1st year apprentices attend Wyong Skills Centre for six months, before placement mid-year among Delta's maintenance teams.

Over the years our program has attracted high quality candidates with many receiving regional and state recognition.

Recently, Delta's 4th year apprentice Adam Broi won the 2011 Regional Novaskill Apprentice of the Year award. Adam has now joined us as an electrical tradesperson.

Support for Landcare

ENVIRONMENT

Delta Electricity is continuing our sponsorship of Wyong and Lake Macquarie Landcare initiatives in 2012. The funding enables dune reconstruction, weed removal, native plant propagation and bush regeneration.



Wyong Shire Council Landcare Coordinator, Nikki Bennetts, extended her thanks to Delta on behalf of the volunteer groups.

"During 2010-2011, Delta provided \$10,000 to eight Wyong Landcare groups, enabling them to secure much needed materials and resources," said Nikki. "We are delighted this figure has been matched again for 2011-12."

Lake Macquarie Landcare projects sponsored by Delta will be featured in our next edition.

What's On? Australia Day FREE Big Breakfast

Come along and join in the fun at Delta's 12th Australia Day Big Breakfast on Thursday 26 January.

Held between 7.30am and 10am at Peveril Street, Mannering Park on Lake Macquarie, Delta puts on a fantastic FREE breakfast, cooked by the Gwandalan Lions Club.

It's a great day out for the whole family, with plenty of food, children's face painting by the San Remo Neighbourhood Centre and bush ballads played throughout the morning.

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