

## VALES POINT SOLAR PROJECT

Delta is pleased to announce that it has commenced the planning process for a solar power station at Vales Point. The project plans to use the rehabilitated areas of the existing ash dam to produce up to 45 MW of solar power, which is enough to provide electricity for 15,000 homes.

Delta is currently preparing the environmental assessment which will include studies of heritage, land and water, visual impacts and traffic management. These assessments are expected to be submitted to NSW Planning before the end of the year. The project construction and operation is expected to have minimal impact on the community and local environment, and has the potential for supporting 100 construction job and 5 full time jobs over the 25 year project life.

The project is classified as a State Significant Development and will require development approval from the NSW Minister for Planning. Delta is interested in community input to the approvals process and will look to provide further information and opportunity for comment in the coming months. For further information on project development please check the NSW Planning Major Projects website at: [http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=8533](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=8533)

Or on Delta's website [www.de.com.au](http://www.de.com.au).



DELTA PLANS TO USE SIMILAR SOLAR PANELS

## DELTA CARE FORUM MEETINGS

The Community and Regional Environment (CARE) Forum is made up of representatives of local community groups.

Executives hold a meeting with the CARE Forum each quarter to discuss current projects and operations. If you are a community leader and or interested in becoming a member of the Delta CARE Forum, please send your expression of interest to [info@de.com.au](mailto:info@de.com.au).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 17th December**  
Carols by the Lake (Gwandalan)

**Friday 26th January 2018**  
Delta Australia Day Breakfast BBQ (Manning Park)



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION LINE

It is important for us to keep the community updated. Delta has a community information line which is updated regularly with a recorded message. If information is required the community can call **4352 6111**.

**DELTA COMMUNITY INFORMATION LINE**  
**1800 115 277**



[www.de.com.au](http://www.de.com.au)



## MESSAGE FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR



### Welcome to the Delta's Community Newsletter.

It has been another successful year for Delta and I want to acknowledge our dedicated employees in maintaining the reliability of our Vales Point plant.

During this year our Outage Project Team has carried out two outages. In April, a three-week maintenance outage was completed on Unit 6 and in August a similar minor outage was completed on Unit 5. Both these projects improve the reliability of the plant and ensure ongoing high availability for the power station.



**GREG EVERETT,**  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Delta is also investing heavily in the future of Vales Point with over \$20 million committed to a number of projects that will see the power station operating through to at least 2029.

In the past year Delta has also been investigating acquisitions or development opportunities which support the reliability of electricity supply and sustains high quality jobs in Australia. This includes opportunities for conventional plant and in the renewable energy sector.



**VALES POINT POWER STATION**

Delta supports an orderly transition to a low carbon future which also ensures a reliable supply of base load power.

Delta has development plans for a 45MW solar facility on a rehabilitated parcel of land at the Vales Point power station and is also exploring options for pumped hydro electricity in South Australia. This is not about picking one technology over another, but ensuring that business and household consumers can have certainty of supply.

## BUSHFIRE REGENERATION PROJECT

Delta has commenced works to remediate the area adjacent to the Pacific Highway damaged by a severe bushfire in 2013, followed by stormwater ponding soon after.

Delta has prioritised rehabilitation of this area to improve the visual amenity of the site.

Works completed to date include:

- i. Stage 1 – Drainage improvement works and construction of berm wall. This work included the planting of 170 native vegetation tube stock along the top of the wall.
- ii. Stage 2 - Planting of 35 mature native trees sourced from a local nursery in Munmorah.
- iii. Stage 3 – Planting of a mixed native grass and shrub understorey with 1200 tube stock and 100 larger tree plants.

Delta has utilised in-house resources as well as our civil contractor, Toveety, and engaged a rehabilitation specialist group, Total Earthcare, to complete the work.

Delta has committed approximately \$50,000 for the civil works and plantings and ongoing work will include care and maintenance activities such as watering, mulching and weed control.

Delta will continue to monitor the area for revegetation success over time. For more information on Delta projects please visit [www.de.com.au](http://www.de.com.au)



**PROJECT SITE - PLANTING OF MATURE TREES AND SHRUBS**

## BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT

As summer approaches, Delta continues to be proactive with bushfire management.

With the assistance of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), Delta has completed two hazard reduction burns this season at Wyee Road, Wyee, and Griffiths Road, Mannering Park. Delta will remain vigilant to ensure we are prepared for the upcoming bushfire season. For more information, please see the RFS website at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**

## DELTA UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Education continues to be a key focus of Delta's Sponsorship Plan.

For many years' now Delta has been sponsoring scholarships through Hunter TAFE and the University of Newcastle.

In August Delta attended the scholarship presentation ceremony at the University of Newcastle/ Hunter TAFE, Ourimbah campus to award the Delta Electricity Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship to Daniel Pilipczyk.

Scholarship applications are now open with the University of Newcastle. To apply for the 2018 Delta Excellence Scholarship please visit [www.newcastle.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/scholarships)



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Delta was pleased to partner with LakeCoal to fund a safety fence for the lake side community playground in Chain Valley Bay.

With the lake so close to the playground the Chain Valley Bay Progress Association saw a need for a safety fence and took the lead on the project.

Chain Valley Bay Progress Association Bob Brooks said "thank you to Delta and LakeCoal for their support. The local play group can now visit the playground frequently, allowing the children to play and enjoy outdoor activities securely away from the lake."



**BOB BROOKS (CVBA), ANTHONY CALLEN (DELTA), WADE COVEY (LAKECOAL) & STEVE GURNEY (DELTA)**

## SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Delta recently attended the presentation ceremony for the Lake Macquarie City Council School Environment Awards.

Anthony Callen, Delta's Environment Manager, presented the Innovation award. This award was presented to Rathmines Public School for taking on a new innovative program to increase environmental sustainability.



Delta has been a proud sponsor of the School Environment Awards for over 15 Years.