

## Delta Electricity – CARE Forum Meeting Notes

Date: 15 August 2019

### ATTENDEES

Community		Delta Electricity	
██████████	Chain Valley Bay & Macquarie Shores Village Community	██████████	Company Secretary
██████████	Gwandalan Progress Association	██████████	Executive Manager Production
██████████	Summerland Point Progress Association	██████████	Executive Manager Asset
██████████	Manning Park Progress Association	██████████	Manager Environment Operations
██████████	Manning Park Precinct Committee	██████████	Community Relations Officer
██████████	Lake Munmorah Progress Association	██████████	Managing Director
		██████████	Environment Manager

██████████ welcomed all community members and opened the meeting at 4.15pm.

### Industry Update – ██████████

Discussed the following details with the members;

- Solar impacts and the July average hourly price for SA and NSW;
- Catherine Hill Bay Rehabilitation and the remaining areas to be rehabilitated; and
- Chain Valley Bay Colliery Mod3 and Manning Colliery Mod5 approvals.

### Operational Overview – ██████████

#### Safety & Health

Advised the members of the following safety details;

- Details regarding recent LTI;
- ongoing improvements in Risk Management;
- influenza vaccinations;
- First aid upgrades - introduction of Trauma Kits and sked stretchers; and
- planning for September 2019 outage.

#### Production

- Unit 5 is in service. YTD availability 96.23%
- Unit 6 is in service. YTD availability 73.07%

## **Coal Supplies**

- Chain Valley mine – development coal only.
- Mandalong mine deliveries via conveyor.
- Wyee Rail Unloader deliveries from Mount Owen Mine and Mangoola Mine.
- Minor volume via trucks.

## **Trucks**

- Biomass deliveries are still continuing.
- Vales Point Ash Dam

Pictures of Delta's new dozer was shared with the members.

## **Asset Management Update –** [REDACTED]

### **Projects**

Update on the planned projects for the power station was shared with the members and details of the works scope for the September 2019 outage.

## **Environmental Update –** [REDACTED]

### **Community Enquiries**

Outlined the environmental and land management issues which were raised in the last 3 months and confirmed that all community enquiries are investigated, and appropriate responses and actions are provided. Also confirmed the Delta Community Incident Information number (1800 115 277).

Update was provided on the ash dam capping works and how SLR are preparing a Remedial Action Plan which will be submitted to the EPA. Delta appointed a new Ash Dam Manager last month and a new ash dam site management plan and acceptance protocols are under development.

A seagrass monitoring program is completed by Delta each year of Wyee Bay and the surrounding water bodies within Lake Macquarie. These reports are submitted to the EPA.

## **Project Development –** [REDACTED]

### **Vales Point Solar Project**

Explained the key facts for the project.

- DA received 25.10.2018 (valid for 5 years).
- Detailed design for ash dam entrance roadway upgrade under consideration of Council (s138).
- Discussions with a solar developer are ongoing.

### **Battery Energy Storage System**

Delta is completing a feasibility study for BESS at Vales Point.

Key drivers for BESS:

- To provide spinning reserve capacity to reduce mechanical and electrical stress on plant due to increased unit cycling and higher ramp rates; and
- to supply network frequency support services.

The battery will allow a quick response to network frequency volatility and reduce the ramp rates on the main station to improve efficiency and reduce wear and tear on the units.

The project has completed the concept design and is currently undertaking the integration and grid connection studies. Target completion December 2019

### **Darlington Point Solar Farm**

The solar farm is located in south west New South Wales (south of Griffith). Project developed by [REDACTED] and currently in construction phase. Delta has PPA contract for 150MW solar electricity, the solar farm is planned to be operational in January 2020.

### **Community Update – [REDACTED]**

#### **Community Sponsorship & Events**

The members were given an update on recent sponsorship activities and projects which Delta Electricity support. Details and photos of the annual Business Awards night were also shared. Delta announced recent three sponsorship agreement with the Starlight Foundation, involving \$650,000 contribution over three years to renovate the Starlight Room located at John Hunter Children's Hospital.

#### **Feedback from Community Groups**

- [REDACTED] - **Summerland Point Tidy Towns**
  - Mowing activities are low at this time of year
  - Maintenance of equipment is expensive, and group have contacted the Council for assistance.
  - Ongoing challenges of removing graffiti.
  - Group numbers are low at the moment, looking for a few new members.
- [REDACTED] – **Mannering Park Precinct Committee**
  - Thanked Delta for answering questions which he recently sent in.
- [REDACTED] – **Summerland Point Tidy Town**
  - Challenges with local Developers.
  - Fencing off at local national park has stopped trail bikes gaining access.
  - Mentioned a group who have started a clean-up of local lake foreshores.

- [REDACTED] - **Mannering Park Progress Association**
  - Group have written to council regarding traffic concerns at the Ruttleys Road and Pacific Hwy.
  - Council installed a fence around the new park to protect children.
  
- [REDACTED] – **Chain Valley Bay Progress Association / Macquarie Shores Village**
  - Fire trails now behind the Village and a boundary fence is going up soon.
  - New picnic table and benches at CVC north.
  - CVB north have upgraded the playground.
  - Thanked Delta for contribution to purchase new plaque.
  - Local teenage musician received a scholarship.
  - Opening of new garden to be held in October.
  
- [REDACTED] - **Lake Munmorah Progress Association**
  - Local road works have been completed at Lake Munmorah.
  - Recent footpath and drainage works have been completed by the council.
  - New skateboard park has not progress.
  - Delta have agreed to contribute funding to repair local notice board.

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

**Next Meeting: TBA**

**Meeting notes taken by [REDACTED] – Community Relations Officer**