



Community Newsletter

AUGUST 2018

*Generating electricity safely, reliably
and competitively.*

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Greg Everett
Managing Director

*Welcome to Delta's
Community Newsletter.*

2018 is proving to be another busy year for Delta, and I want to acknowledge our dedicated employees in maintaining the reliability of our Vales Point plant. Delta's Outage Project Team has completed a planned four week outage on Unit 6 last April. The team is currently performing a six week major outage on Unit 5, which commenced at the beginning of August. These outages maintain the ongoing reliability of the plant. The major outage also includes significant capital works which will see the technical plant life confirmed for 2029 and beyond.

Delta has also been investigating acquisitions and development opportunities which supports the reliability of electricity supply and sustains high quality jobs in Australia. This includes opportunities for both conventional plant and renewable energy. Delta supports an orderly transition to a low carbon future which also ensures a reliable supply of base load power.

Delta is awaiting development consent for a solar facility of up to 55MW on a rehabilitated parcel of land at the Vales Point power station. We are also pleased the South Australian Government has recently granted development approval for the Goat Hill pumped hydro project, located near Port Augusta.

Delta is very excited about these projects and will keep the community updated as they progress.

OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Effective land management is a priority for Delta with bushfire management and weed control being the key focus areas at this time of year.

Delta, in conjunction with the NSW Rural Fire Service, continues to be proactive with bushfire management on our property. During the cool, dry months, hazard reduction burns were completed west of Tall Timbers Road, Kingfisher Shores and west of Simmons Close, Wyee Point.

Delta has undertaken a targeted weed control program within the Vales Point buffer lands, with particular focus on the containment and eradication of Pine Trees and Pampas Grass growing within native bushland. The removal of these weeds allows the native bushland to regenerate and thrive. Weed control works totalling approximately 300 hectares have been completed since July 2016 and will continue throughout the remainder of this year and into 2019.



COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

Delta continues its commitment to the community by providing opportunities for local employment and for young people to start careers. Apprentices at Delta are provided with professional industry based training and mentoring program and also receive additional certifications.

We will again shortly advertise for Apprenticeships, please visit our website for information on how to apply.

ENGAGING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

In March, Delta welcomed the Mannering Park Country Women's Association to Vales Point power station. Members of the organisation toured the site, stopping by the inlet canal, plant control room, turbine hall and the top of the boiler house, taking in the views over Lake Macquarie. Our guests were also able to visit the development site of the proposed Vales Point Solar Project.

Delta has been a supporter of the CWA for over 15 years and looks forward to continuing this support in the years ahead.



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Delta has been a sponsor of Mannering Park Tidy Towns for many years. Over this time, we have seen the group complete many impressive projects while maintaining a picturesque community. To celebrate the completion of the group's most recent project, three sandstone gardens located on Vales Road, Delta and Mannering Park Tidy Towns held a morning tea at the garden site in early May.

Delta is committed to ongoing support for local community groups and is excited to see what Tidy Towns will bring to Mannering Park in the future.

Through sponsorship and donations we invest in many community activities, programs, facilities and services that will enhance the quality of life of those who live in the area. Delta prides itself on being a socially responsible organisation that gives back to local communities. For further information on how to apply for sponsorship, please visit our website www.de.com.au.



VALES POINT SOLAR PROJECT

In early 2018, Delta submitted the Development Application (DA) and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Vales Point Solar Project. The proposed solar facility has an expected investment value of \$75-115 million. The project will generate 100 jobs over the expected 18 month construction period as well as 5 ongoing positions. The expected annual output of the solar facility would generate enough renewable energy to power 15,000 homes. Once environmental and development approvals are obtained, a final investment decision will be made with construction commencing as early as 2019.

Project timeline:

- Delta lodges DA and EIS (February 2018)
 - Public Consultation (March 2018)
 - Dept of Planning and Environment consider the DA, EIS and comments (July 2018)
- Final determination on the development (July 2018 onward)

For further information please visit www.de.com.au or contact the Vales Point power station on (02) 4352 6111.



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