

Delta Electricity – CARE Forum Meeting Notes

Date: 26 August 2021

ATTENDEES

Community		Delta Electricity	
██████████	Chain Valley Bay Progress Association	██████████	Managing Director
██████████	Summerland Point Tidy Towns Group	██████████	Executive Manager Production
██████████	Summerland Point Progress Association	██████████	Executive Manager Asset
██████████ ██████████	Manning Park Precinct Committee	██████████	Administration Team Leader
██████████	Manning Park Progress Association	██████████	Company Secretary
██████████	Manning Park Progress Association	██████████	Acting Environment Manager

All community members were welcomed, and the meeting was opened at 2.35pm.

Industry Update – ██████████

An update on the generation industry was provided to the group.

- ESB recommendation to Minister.
- NSW resource adequacy and reliability concerns.
- New peaking capacity announcement and regulatory developments.

Operational Overview – ██████████

Safety & Health

Advised the members of the following safety details;

- Details regarding recent LTI.
- New mandatory alcohol and temperature testing at Vales Point.
- Drop protection – netting and mats.
- Installation of pendant controls for the overhead crane.
- Pandemic Management.

Production

- Unit 5 is in service. YTD availability 92.70%
- Unit 6 is in service. YTD availability 86.56%

Coal Supplies

- Chain Valley mine – mini wall coal and herringbone.

- Mandalong mine deliveries via conveyor.
- Minor volume via trucks.
- Coal Handling Plant pylon repairs completed.

Trucks

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

Asset Management Update – [REDACTED]

Projects

An overview and update on the planned projects for the power station was shared. Including details of the successfully completed Unit 6 Major outage 2021. Further details on the outage work completed were also shared.

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).

Bushfire Risk Management

- Delta are currently in the process of having the Bushfire Risk Management Plan updated.
- Being completed by SLR Consulting and Peterson Bushfire (NSW accredited assessor)
- One of the objectives of the plan is to “Provide adequate measures for the protection of neighbouring properties against bushfires originating on or passing through Delta landholdings.”
- Once completed Delta will apply for a Hazard Reduction Permit and RFS Assistance for completing recommended burns as per the Management Plan.

Nitrogen Dioxide Air Emission Limits

- Application submitted to the EPA to extend classification of Vales Point units as Group 2 for the purpose of NOx emission limits.
- Delta has engaged environmental air quality modelling experts *Katestone Environmental*, to undertake an air emissions modelling study to support the application.
- New burner tips were installed in unit 6 as part of the recent major outage. This has resulted in a significant reduction in NOx emissions on unit 6.

Wyee bay Seagrass Monitoring

- Seagrass monitoring is undertaken every year in Wyee Bay.

- Surveillance includes a combination of aerial images and quantitative & qualitative surveys in which divers (marine ecologists) measure the amount, type and health of seagrass present in Wyee Bay.
- In 2020/21 the total area of seagrass in Wyee Bay increased by 3.9ha, with most of the increase due to significant expansion of Zostera (pictured right).
- Zostera is an important species of seagrass as it provides habitat for many species of juvenile fish and crustaceans.

Community Update – [REDACTED]

Community Sponsorship & Events

The members were given an update on recent sponsorship activities and projects which Delta Electricity support. Including details of the annual Delta Coal Community Fund Grant and Lake Macquarie City Council Landcare sponsorship program.

Feedback from Community Groups

- **[REDACTED] - Summerland Point Progress Association**
 - Local community has ongoing graffiti problem.
 - Lions club art show is planned for early 2021.
 - Update on group projects.
- **[REDACTED] – Mannering Park Precinct Committee/ Tidy Towns**
 - Mowing and garden maintenance around the community is in progress.
 - Sailing club update.
- **[REDACTED] – Chain Valley Bay Progress Association / Macquarie Shores Village**
 - CVB Community Hall update.
 - Update on group community projects.
- **[REDACTED] - Mannering Park Progress Association**
 - Working with Council for a community garden located in Mannering Park.

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

Next Meeting: November 2021

Meeting notes taken by [REDACTED] – Administration Team Leader