

Delta CARE Forum Meeting Notes

Thursday 8 May 2025

Attendees

Community	
██████████	Chain Valley Bay Progress Association
██████████	Gwandalan and Summerland Point Peninsula Improvement Group
██████████	Summerland Point Tidy Towns Group
██████████	Mannering Park Progress Association
██████████	Mannering Park Tidy Towns
External Guest	
██████████	Social Consultant – Umwelt Environmental and Social Consultants
Delta	
██████████	Chief Operating Officer
██████████	Company Secretary
██████████	Executive Manager Energy Markets
██████████	Business Development Manager
██████████	Power Station Manager
██████████	Manager Health, Safety and Environment
██████████	Head of Communications and Engagement
██████████	Administration Team Leader

Welcome

All community members were welcomed, and the meeting was opened at 2.08pm.

Industry and market update – ██████████

- Update on the generation industry, market trends and energy transition.
- Highlighted the ongoing need for network stability and reliability.
- Noted market uncertainty and Federal election in May, with potential for policy change.
- Shared insight into Delta's plans and role in supporting the transition.

Vales Point Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) update – [REDACTED]

- Project in feasibility and scoping phase. Various preliminary technical, social, and environmental assessments underway.
- Scoping Report and Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) being prepared for Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI) – first step in State Significant Development Application (SSDA) process.
- Umwelt Environmental and Social Consultations engaged to prepare the Scoping Report and SEARS. Umwelt will present update to group on the social impact scoping assessment.
- Early community consultation conducted in April to understand early views on project, how best to engage with community and potential project impacts for investigation in the next phase of project. Included letterbox drop to closest neighbours, project webpage with online survey link and discussions with key stakeholders and community representatives.
- Feedback received is shaping the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy for the next phase, which will include consultation with wider community later this year.
- Key program activities to end 2025 include conducting technical and environmental investigations, consulting and seeking feedback from wider community and stakeholders, and preparing the SSDA which is expected to be lodged by end of 2025.

Vales Point BESS Social Impact Assessment Scoping – [REDACTED], Umwelt

- Presentation of preliminary findings and associated community engagement.

Operations and assets update – [REDACTED]

Generation:

- Unit 5 is in service. YTD availability 79.29%
- Unit 6 is in service. YTD availability 84.23%
- VP5 minor outage planned for October – work scope and preparations shared.

Coal supplies and truck movements:

- Chain Valley mine deliveries via conveyor.
- Train supplies from Centennial Airly and Glencore Mt Owen.
- Minor volume from Port of Newcastle via trucks.
- Biomass deliveries via truck are continuing.
- Vales Point Ash Dam deliveries vary due to the weather.

Health, safety and environment update – [REDACTED]

Safety and health:

- 83 days since last LTI (Delta) and 189 days since last LTI (Contractors)
- Routine respiratory health care screening for Vales Point employees in April 2025 via iCare Dust Disease Care (DDC) Mobile Health Screening Clinic.

Environment:

- Overview of community enquiries received and investigated in last 3 months.
- Update on Vales Point Power Station Management Weed Management Plan – works being completed in accordance with plan and identified priority areas.
- Update on emissions and air quality reporting. Data available on Delta's website.

Community update – [REDACTED]

- New Delta website go-live on Tuesday 7 May 2025. Combines generation and mining operations into a single site with enhanced navigation and functionality.
- Update on latest community support initiatives – Mannering Park Community Garden will be officially opened at a community event on Friday 8 May 2025.

Feedback from Community Members

[REDACTED] – Gwandalan and Summerland Point Peninsula Improvement Group, and Summerland Point Tidy Towns Group

- Update on group community projects.
- ANZAC Day event well attended, biggest so far.
- Discussion with council regarding ongoing projects.
- Increase of graffiti in the local area.

[REDACTED] – Chain Valley Bay Progress Association

- ANZAC Day event well attended.
- CVB Community Hall renovations update.
- Update on group's projects – working with Council on signage for walkway between CVB North and South which has fallen into disrepair.
- Jazz in the park event is coming soon.

[REDACTED] – Mannering Park Progress Association

- Update on group's projects – Mannering Park Community Garden opening.
- Community shared pathway update.
- Noted Future Sooner roadshow presentation on 12 May in Mannering Park.

[REDACTED] – Mannering Park Tidy Towns

- Update on local community projects– Mannering Park and CVB North walkway.
- Sailing club has finished racing for the season. AGM held last week.
- New IGA has opened in Mannering Park. Has seen an increase in local shoppers and business for other shops/businesses, who are also investing in shopfront updates.
- Maintenance of local gardens and community areas.

Community members were thanked for their input and participation.

Next Meeting

Thursday 14 August 2025

Meeting notes taken by [REDACTED], Administration Team Leader