

## Media Release

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### **Flying doctors bowled over by Stanwell**

Representatives from the electricity industry recently swapped their keyboards for bowls to raise \$20,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

The annual *Stanwell Classic* lawn bowls tournament, hosted by Stanwell at Merthyr Bowls Club in Brisbane on Thursday 20 October, raised more than \$40,000 which was divided between the RFDS and Ipswich-based charity, Hannah's House.

RFDS General Manager - Marketing and Fundraising Russell Ousley said the RFDS was extremely appreciative of the support received through the *Stanwell Classic*.

"The RFDS provides vital medical care to people who live, work and travel through remote and rural areas in Queensland," Mr Ousley said.

"In the past year, the RFDS provided more than 6600 patient consultations from our Mount Isa Base and transported 976 patients by air, including 321 primary evacuations.

"As a not-for-profit organisation, the RFDS relies on the generosity of our donors and sponsors to help us to purchase aircraft and lifesaving medical equipment.

"We are therefore tremendously grateful to Stanwell for organising this event and naming the RFDS as a beneficiary."

Brad Perry, Site Manager for Stanwell's Mica Creek Power Station, said he was impressed by the electricity industry's overwhelming support of the RFDS.

"Thirteen organisations from the electricity industry pulled together to show their support for these charities by taking part in the *Stanwell Classic*," Mr Perry said.

"This is a fantastic display of the willingness that exists within the industry to help these charitable organisations.

"Mica Creek employees suggested the RFDS as a beneficiary, so we were particularly proud that the *Stanwell Classic* supported a charity that provides such a vital service to the Mount Isa region.

The RFDS Mount Isa Base has been operating since 1964, following relocation from Cloncurry, where RFDS first commenced operations in 1928.

The RFDS Mount Isa Base provides primary health care for people from the Gulf of Carpentaria in the north, to the Northern Territory border in the west, as far as Hughenden in the east and south to Bedourie.

“It is through our affiliation with not-for-profit organisations like the RFDS that Stanwell is able to positively contribute to the communities in which we operate,” Mr Perry said.

The organisations that took part in this year’s *Stanwell Classic* were: Alinta Energy, ANZ, Arcadia Energy, Arrow Energy, Australian Power & Gas, BGC, Ergon Energy, High Voltage, ICAP, Ignition Energy, MF Global, Nextgen, TFS and Stanwell Corporation Limited.

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### **About the Royal Flying Doctor Service**

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) is dedicated to providing vital health care to anyone travelling, working or living in Australia.

The iconic RFDS’s emergency retrieval service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and has expanded to provide regular transfers of patients to interstate hospitals for life-saving surgery such as organ transplants and heart surgery, delivering critical support to those who live in rural and remote areas, such as Mount Isa and other small communities in the north west.

A broad range of essential health care services to rural and remote communities are also delivered by the RFDS. This comprehensive health care service includes general practice, Indigenous health, child and family health, social and emotional wellbeing, women’s health and health promotion.

Today, the RFDS provides the finest care to more than 270,000 Australians each year – that’s one person every two minutes.

In Queensland, the RFDS operates from eight bases including Brisbane, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns, Mount Isa, Charleville and Longreach. These bases form a strategic network and help deliver the finest health care to all Queenslanders situated in coastal, regional, rural and remote areas.

To make a donation visit [www.flyingdoctor.org.au](http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au) or phone 1300 669 569.

## About Stanwell

Stanwell Corporation is Queensland's largest power generator, with the installed capacity to supply more than 45 per cent of the state's peak power needs.

Established on 1 July 2011 and owned by the Queensland Government, Stanwell is the owner and operator of:

- 1446.9 MW Stanwell Power Station (coal) near Rockhampton
- 1415 MW Tarong Power Station (coal) in the South Burnett
- 443 MW Tarong North Power Station (super-critical coal) in the South Burnett
- 385 MW Swanbank E Power Station (gas) near Ipswich
- 125 MW Swanbank B Power Station (coal) near Ipswich
- 325 MW Mica Creek Power Station (gas) near Mount Isa (not connected to the NEM)
- 86.4 MW Kareeya Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 63 MW Barron Gorge Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 32 MW Mackay Power Station (gas) in Central Queensland
- 7.3 MW Koombooloomba Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 4.7 MW Wivenhoe Small (hydro) located at Wivenhoe Dam

Stanwell sells energy from the 195 MW Collinsville Power Station in north Queensland, through a Power Purchase Agreement with its owners Transfield Services Infrastructure Fund.

Stanwell owns Meandu Mine, which has the capacity to supply up to seven million tonnes of coal a year to the adjacent Tarong power stations. It has a coal supply agreement with Wesfarmers Resources' Curragh Mine that includes the sharing of revenue from coal exports. Stanwell also has gas interests, including an equity stake in Blue Energy Limited.

Stanwell is an active competitor in the National Electricity Market (NEM). The Corporation sells electricity into the NEM spot market pool and provides ancillary services to the Australian Energy Market Operator to ensure the secure and reliable supply of electricity throughout Queensland.

Stanwell employs nearly 1000 people across its various sites.