

Media Release

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Tarong Power Station helps live-wire trainees take on the world

Ashlee Maudsley, 18, of Blackbutt, is set to electrify the business world after a traineeship at Tarong Power Station led to a permanent job at the Burnett Business Centre in Nanango.

Ashlee was one of three live-wire trainees at Tarong Power Station recognised through the MRAEL Scholarship Program for outstanding commitment and drive.

On Friday 25 November, she completed her Certificate III in Business Administration through MRAEL's Apprentice Employment Program, two months ahead of schedule, after impressing her supervisors during the past 10 months.

Ashlee, Nigel Daisy (Community Services Trainee) and Justine Miller (Business Administration – Health and Safety) were all awarded scholarships in the MRAEL Scholarship Program's Trainee Category, which recognises trainees who display leadership in the workplace and a consistent attitude towards their vocational studies.

Tarong Power Station Human Resource Administrator Sharron Coughlan, who has worked closely with Ashlee, was awarded a scholarship in the Mentor Category, which recognises and rewards the important contribution provided by workplace mentors.

"I've assisted with the development of trainees as they rotate through the Human Resources area and it's a part of my role that I really enjoy," Sharron said.

"It's great to see the trainees develop their skills and to be able to take on more complicated mini projects as the year progresses."

During her traineeship, Ashlee worked in the Human Resources Department at Tarong Power Station and undertook a variety of tasks from general duties to assisting the learning and development team with scheduling training sessions and organising catering.

"I've learnt so many things from general day-to-day office tasks, such as answering the phone properly and using the computer in a quick and organised manner, to dealing with a wide range of employees, supervisors and contractors," Ashlee said.

"I've also had the opportunity to work with other members of the team on bigger projects, which has allowed me to develop my skills further.

"The on-the-job experience at Tarong Power Station has been invaluable. It's not only assisted me in a professional manner but also in a personal manner—I've made friends here and gained confidence working with a wide range of people."

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Ashlee started on Monday 28 November in Administration and Clerical Support at the Burnett Business Centre.

The MRAEL Scholarship program has been designed to reward high-achieving apprentices, trainees and partner organisation workplace mentors.

Individuals who show commitment and dedication, as well as being continual and proven high performers, receive a scholarship that will aid in their ongoing development, both personally and professionally. Recipients of the MRAEL Scholarship may choose to use their scholarship for educational courses, equipment or professional development.

For further information on traineeships at Tarong Power Station visit the Stanwell website www.stanwell.com and the MRAEL website www.mrael.com.au

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Background

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.

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