

media release

John Blake is new Kareeya Power Station Site Manager

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John Blake has been chosen as the new Site Manager for Kareeya Power Station.

John, who has been in the Navy, owned his own businesses and has done missionary work in Africa, has accepted the appointment for two years.

“It will be the next phase in my varied career, it will be a new challenge,” he said.

“It will be further experience in management for me as opposed to doing purely technical work.”

John, who currently works at Stanwell’s Swanbank Power Station, at Ipswich, will move to Far North Queensland in the new future with his wife Linda.

He is currently, Engineering Technical Support Supervisor, project managing the cold storage of the Swanbank E combined cycle unit and his precise starting date at Kareeya will depend on the progress of that work.

John began his career in the Royal Australian Navy, working for nine years as operator and maintainer of boiler and steam turbine propulsion equipment, after leaving the navy he moved into air-conditioning and then started his own air-conditioning company.

He completed a mechanical engineering degree at age 40, then worked at Queensland Alumina Limited before doing missionary work in Africa for a short time. After this John worked in the sewerage and water industry before moving onto Swanbank and back into the world of steam. John has worked at Swanbank for six years.

“I am looking forward to the challenge of working in a unique area, the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and gaining experience in hydro generation.

“My top priority will be the safety of Kareeya employees and creating value for Stanwell through the best possible operation of the power station.”

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Background

Stanwell Corporation Limited (Stanwell) is a diverse energy company. We own coal, gas and water assets which we use to generate electricity for the National Electricity Market (the NEM); we sell electricity directly to major customers; and we trade gas and coal.

With a generating capacity of more than 4200 megawatts, Stanwell is also the largest electricity generator in Queensland. The business has the capacity to supply more than 45 per cent of the State's average electricity needs through coal, gas and hydro generation at seven geographically dispersed sites.

Stanwell employs more than 800 people throughout the State.

Stanwell is the owner and operator of:

- 1460 MW Stanwell Power Station (coal) near Rockhampton
- 1400 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
- 302 MW Mica Creek Power Station (gas) near Mount Isa (not connected to the NEM)
- 88 MW Kareeya Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 66 MW Barron Gorge Power Station (hydro) in Far North Queensland
- 34 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 owns Meandu Mine, which has the capacity to supply up to seven million tonnes of coal a year to the adjacent Tarong power stations.