

Media Release

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Tarong Energy supports South Burnett jobseekers

Around 50 high school students and teachers from around the South Burnett discovered that Aboriginal jobseekers are in demand after attending the Indigenous Employment Expo held at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane this week.

Tarong Energy sponsored the trip, which involved a very long day for students from Cherbourg and Murgon who had the furthest to travel.

General Manager Mining, Mark Turner, said the aim was to expose students to the diversity of job opportunities on offer to Aboriginal school leavers.

"Tarong Energy is serious about promoting Aboriginal employment, and this expo perfectly showcased the range of jobs available in the labour market," he said.

"Not every Aboriginal job seeker is going to be chasing jobs in the mining and energy sector, but Tarong Energy is happy to support anyone local who is genuine about working."

Mark said many large organisations now have specialist Indigenous recruiters, which makes it easier for jobseekers to overcome cultural barriers that may prevent them from asking direct questions about prospective work.

The expo was organised by the Former Origin Greats (FOGs) organisation, and students were delighted to have their photos taken with rugby league luminaries Gene Miles and current Queensland Origin coach and former captain Mal Meninga.

One of the supervisors reminded Mal that he used to live in Wondai, a point he recalled with clarity.

Background

Tarong Energy is one of Queensland's most significant power generators, with the capacity to deliver up to 25 per cent of the State's power needs.

Established in July 1997 and owned by the Queensland Government, Tarong Energy is the owner and operator of Tarong Power Station (coal fired) and Wivenhoe Power Station (pumped storage hydro), and is part owner of the Tarong North Power Station (coal fired). The Corporation also owns Meandu Mine which supplies up to seven million tonnes of coal a year to the adjacent Tarong power stations.

The Corporation 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 National Electricity Market Management Company (NEMMCO) through Tarong and Wivenhoe Power Stations to ensure the secure and reliable supply of electricity throughout Queensland.

Tarong Energy employs more than 400 people at its generating sites at Nanango and Wivenhoe Dam and in its Brisbane office.

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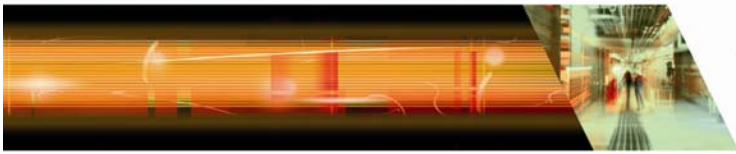
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