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New beginnings at Tarong Energy

Nine new trainees and apprentices started their careers at Tarong Power Station this month as part of the Corporation's annual intake of trainees and apprentices.

Tarong Energy CEO Helen Gluer was on site to welcome them to the Corporation and share career advice on their first day.

Ms Gluer encouraged the new starters to learn as much as they could during their time at Tarong Energy and to contribute to the Corporation's strong safety culture.

"This is an opportunity for our new trainees and apprentices to build a successful career in an ever-changing industry," Ms Gluer said.

"By working at Tarong Power Station they have the opportunity to learn new skills and take advantage of the knowledge that existing employees can provide.

"Like all Tarong Energy employees the new trainees and apprentices need to be aware of their safety and that of their colleagues in everything they do.

"We encourage all employees to protect themselves, others and the environment in every task, everyday."

New electrical apprentice Bradley Werner said he liked the prospect of working on a heavy industrial site.

"I'm excited about starting at Tarong Energy because I'll get experience during my apprenticeship that I wouldn't get in a domestic situation," Mr Werner said.

Fellow electrical apprentice Laura Fisher said she was more than happy to change from a Bachelor of Nursing degree at QUT to an electrical apprenticeship.

"The Bachelor of Nursing degree wasn't what I expected and it didn't interest me like I thought it would," Ms Fisher said.

"My Dad's an electrician and I had been playing with the idea of being an electrician since I was in year 10, so when the applications opened I knew I just had to apply."

Tarong Energy will continue to host all trainees and apprentices through Wide Bay Group Training, which became an MRAEL-owned and operated company last year.

MRAEL is a group training organisation that provides employment to apprentices and trainees and support to businesses that host them during their employment.

MRAEL Manager – Apprentice Services, Wide Bay, Erin Stacey said the partnership between Tarong Energy and MRAEL ensures that local people are provided with quality training and unique skills.

“MRAEL is very proud of the nine apprentices and trainees who have commenced their career with Tarong Energy this month. We wish the new starters all the very best with their career and will work with each of them to achieve their full potential,” Ms Stacey said.

Tarong Energy is currently hosting a total of 32 MRAEL trainees and apprentices at various stages in their careers at Tarong Power Station.

For more information about current job vacancies at Tarong Energy visit www.tarongenergy.com.au/careers

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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), Tarong North Power Station (coal-fired) and Wivenhoe Power Station. 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 Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) 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.