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Callide expo reinforces overhaul safety message

The front of CS Energy's Callide Power Station resembled an episode of the popular television series 'MythBusters' today as demonstrations were staged to highlight the importance of overhaul health and safety.

The Callide Power Station Overhaul Health and Safety Expo was held to provide a safety refresh for employees and contractors currently working on the \$31 million major overhaul of Unit B1 and the short summer readiness outage of Unit C4.

Safety demonstrations billed as the 'Sausage Smash' and 'Dummy Drop' highlighted the critical role of personal protective equipment such as steel capped boots and safety harnesses for working at heights.

A number of local businesses and organisations exhibited at the expo to showcase safety equipment as well as the importance of mental health and wellbeing.

Callide Power Station General Manager Roy Powell said the high risk nature of overhaul works meant sections of the site are designated as construction zones for the duration of an overhaul.

"This year we have a particularly busy overhaul and maintenance program at Callide, so we thought the expo would be a great way to keep safety front of mind for everyone on site," Mr Powell said.

"Overhauls are a six days a week, 24 hours a day operation that bring hundreds of extra workers to site. Some of the high risk tasks undertaken during overhauls include welding, major equipment lifts and erection and dismantling of scaffolding.

"CS Energy works closely with its contractors to ensure a shared commitment to safety during overhauls."

The nine-day summer readiness outage of Unit C4 runs until 4 September and the 49-day overhaul of Unit B1 wraps-up on 16 September. Following these works, a mini-overhaul of Unit C3 is scheduled from 1 October until 12 November.

The expo included the presentation of the Overhaul Health and Safety Award to Michaela Robertson from MHPS Plant Services who was nominated by workers on site.

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About CS Energy

CS Energy is a Queensland energy company that has more than 400 employees, operates three power stations and has a trading portfolio of 4,035 megawatts.

CS Energy operates the 1,510 megawatt Callide Power Station near Biloela in Central Queensland, the 750 megawatt coal-fired Kogan Creek Power Station, near Chinchilla in South West Queensland and the 500 megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric Wivenhoe Power Station, near Esk in South East Queensland. CS Energy's coal resources include the Kogan Creek Mine.

The company is also party to the Interconnection and Power Pooling Agreement that entitles the company to trade the output of the Gladstone Power Station in excess of the requirements of the Boyne Aluminium Smelter.