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Endeavour Foundation fills the gaps in Callide overhaul

Endeavour Foundation staff in central Queensland have turned 61 kilometres of wire and 11 tonnes of plastic into new parts for Callide Power Station's iconic cooling tower.

For two months, the workers meticulously assembled thousands of 'grid support assemblies', turning a maze of plastic and wire into vital elements in the electricity generation process.

The grid support assemblies hold the splash grids that disperse water inside the 'Callide B' cooling tower and are being installed during the current overhaul to replace original parts from when the station was constructed in 1987.

By coincidence, some of the current Endeavour staff also helped assemble the original parts at Callide B more than 20 years ago.

Endeavour Foundation provides employment for people with a disability throughout Queensland through their Business Services division, which manufactures and supplies a range of products and services. Its Gladstone and Rockhampton branches assembled the Callide parts on behalf of Hamon, a contractor for the Callide Power Station overhaul.

Endeavour's Business Service Manager Shane Croucher said a team of 33 employees from Gladstone and Rockhampton and aged between 18 and 65 worked on the Callide project.

"These sorts of projects give them a sense of purpose," he said. "Endeavour Business Services provides real employment for people with a disability and for some it can be a stepping stone to other employment in the community."

CS Energy and Hamon plan to arrange for the Endeavour employees to visit Callide B in the coming months to see the results of their hard work.

Callide Power Station Site Manager Kevin Harney thanked Endeavour Foundation for their contribution to the Callide B overhaul.

"The work of the Endeavour Foundation has been essential to the overhaul progressing on schedule and will enable us to return unit B1 to service in mid-May," Mr Harney said.

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