

Shane Webcke shares the safety message with Callide Power Station employees

Queensland football legend and Safe Work Ambassador Shane Webcke visited CS Energy's Callide Power Station near Biloela today to reinforce the safe work message.

Shane has a strong connection and commitment to work safety as his father was killed in a workplace incident.

Shane met with Callide Power Station employees and contractors to share the story of how his father's death impacted his family. He offered advice to workers on the importance of staying safe, and creating a strong safety culture.

"I lost my dad in a workplace accident, so I know first-hand that family and loved ones are the most important reason for working safely," Shane said.

"My motivation for accepting the role as Queensland Safety Ambassador is linked to the fact that I lost my father and all that went with that. If I could change the attitude of one person and prevent this happening to another family – well, then it would all be worthwhile," he said.

Callide Power Station General Manager Roy Powell said Shane's visit hit home with CS Energy employees.

"Safety is our number one priority at CS Energy, and we empower all our employees and contractors to put safety above everything else," Roy said.

"Hearing Shane's moving story today has reminded us all how quickly and easily workplace accidents can happen. There is nothing more important than getting everyone home safely to their family and friends at the end of each shift.

"Shane's visit to site today serves as a timely reminder to always stay switched on to safety, particularly throughout the busy summer season."

According to Safe Work Australia, there were 188 workers nationally who lost their lives at work in 2014.

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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 and Kogan Creek Mine, near Chinchilla in South West Queensland, as well as the 500 megawatt pumped storage hydroelectric Wivenhoe Power Station, near Esk in South East Queensland. CS Energy 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.