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Shane Webcke shares safety message with Kogan Creek Power Station employees

Queensland football legend and 2016 Safe Work Ambassador Shane Webcke visited CS Energy's Kogan Creek Power Station near Chinchilla today to reinforce the safe work message ahead of the overhaul there in April.

Shane grew up on the Darling Downs and has a strong connection to work safety as his father was killed in a workplace incident.

Shane met with Kogan Creek 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. "I hope sharing my story will prevent other families going through what mine did."

Kogan Creek Power Station General Manager Phil Matha said Shane's visit to Kogan Creek followed a recent visit to the company's Callide Power Station in Central Queensland.

"Shane's presentation has really hit home with our workers at CS Energy," Phil said. "His moving story is a reminder of how quickly and easily workplace accidents can happen.

"At CS Energy, safety is our number one priority and we empower employees and contractors to put safety above everything else.

"Shane's visit is a powerful reminder for us to always stay switched on to safety, particularly during the upcoming overhaul.

"There is nothing more important than getting everyone home safely to their family and friends at the end of each shift."

According to Safe Work Australia, there were 192 workers nationally who lost their lives at work in 2015.

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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. 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.