

# DPI Farm Energy Forum 2019

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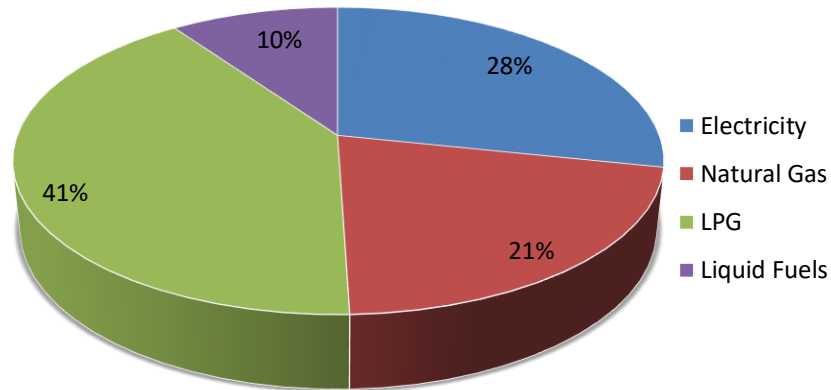
# About Rivalea

- Rivalea is one of Australia's leading integrated agri-food companies.
- The company operates across a number of sites that include farming, processing and distribution.

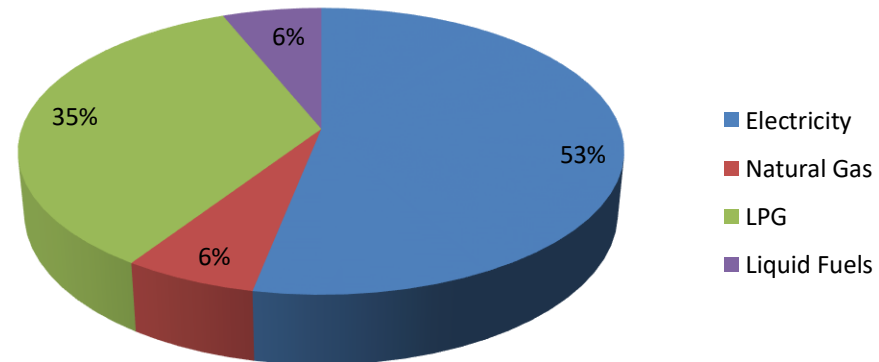


# Rivalea Energy mix

## Energy use by fuel type

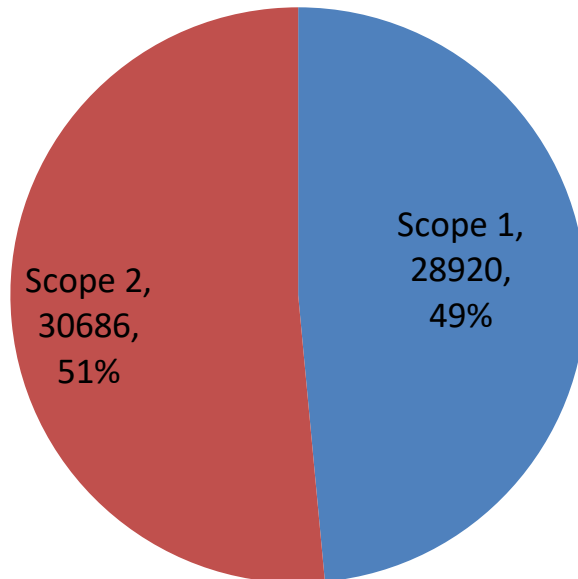


## Energy use by cost

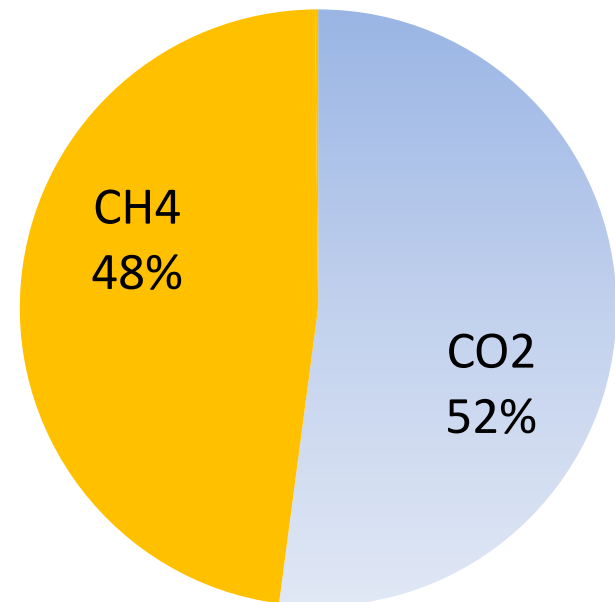


# National Greenhouse Energy Report

**Rivalea group of companies  
Greenhouse emissions**



**Emissions by Source**



# Managing our carbon footprint

Rivalea is committed to sustainable farming practices including reducing our carbon footprint.

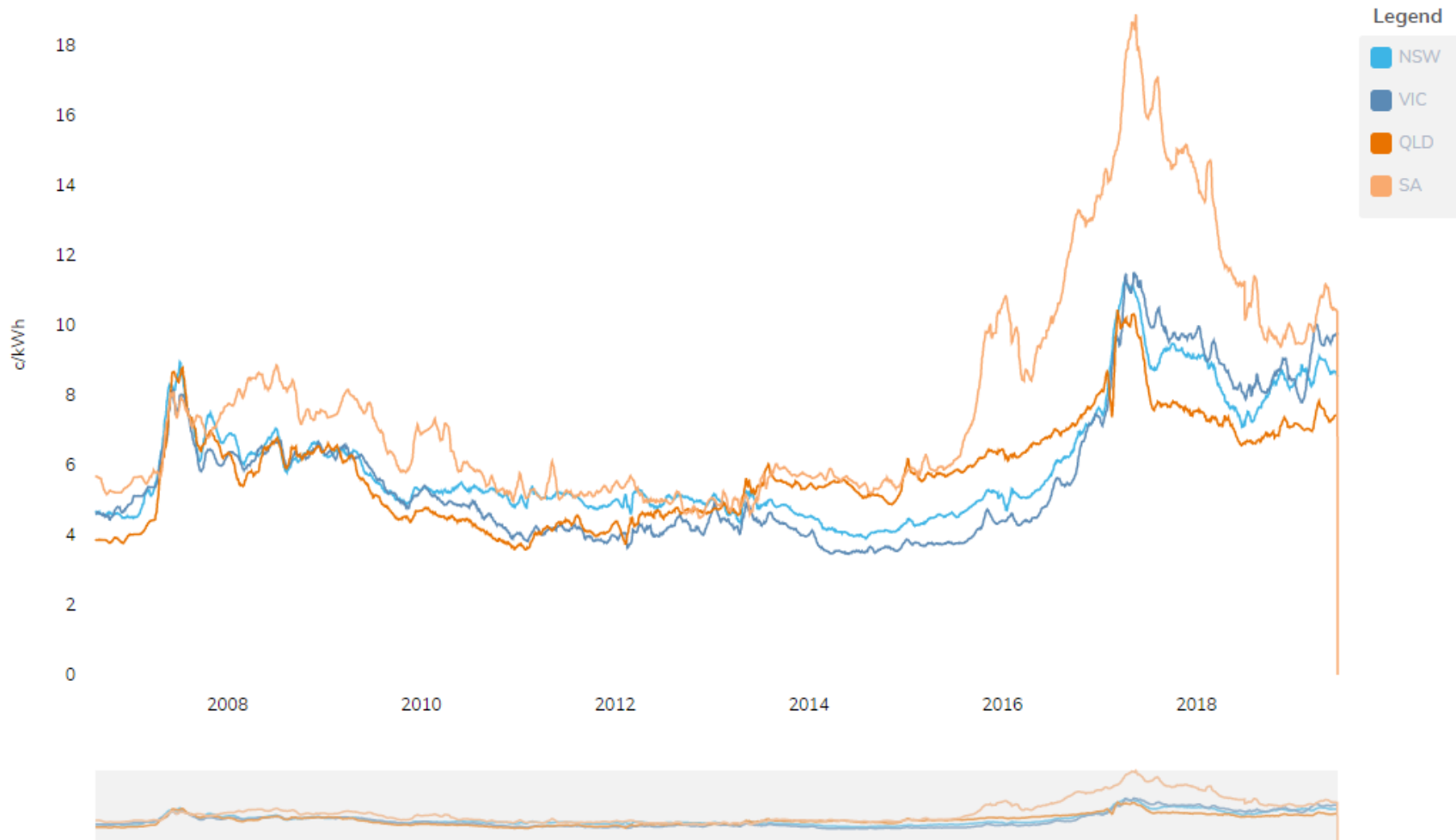
Methane is a potent greenhouse gas (25 times that of CO<sub>2</sub>) and makes up the vast majority of carbon emissions from on farm piggery waste water treatment ponds.

Rivalea has three covered anaerobic ponds that capture the methane and recover valuable energy while vastly reducing the global warming impact.

The Rivalea projects have avoided 120,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-<sub>eq</sub> emissions up to 2019.



# Energy Market



<http://www.energyaction.com.au/energy-procurement/energy-action-price-index>

# Rivalea Biogas journey

- 1995-2009 – 4 attempts at PPA
- 2011 – Small covered pond with APL grant 15,000 pig site covered pond (CFI Project)
- 2012 Module 5 Covered pond 45,000 pig site (CFI/ERF Project)
- 2019 Module 3&4 – 75,000 pigs
- 3 x 500 kVA generators
- 125,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-eq avoided since 2012
- Emissions Reduction Fund Projects



# Module 5 Biogas Plant

- 50ML capacity
- 7000m<sup>2</sup> surface area
- 2ML of effluent per day
- 1.8 million m<sup>3</sup> biogas p.a.
- 18,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>  
equivalent avoided  
emissions per annum
- 2 x Flares 400m<sup>3</sup>/hour
- Emissions Reduction Fund
- Commissioned November 2012



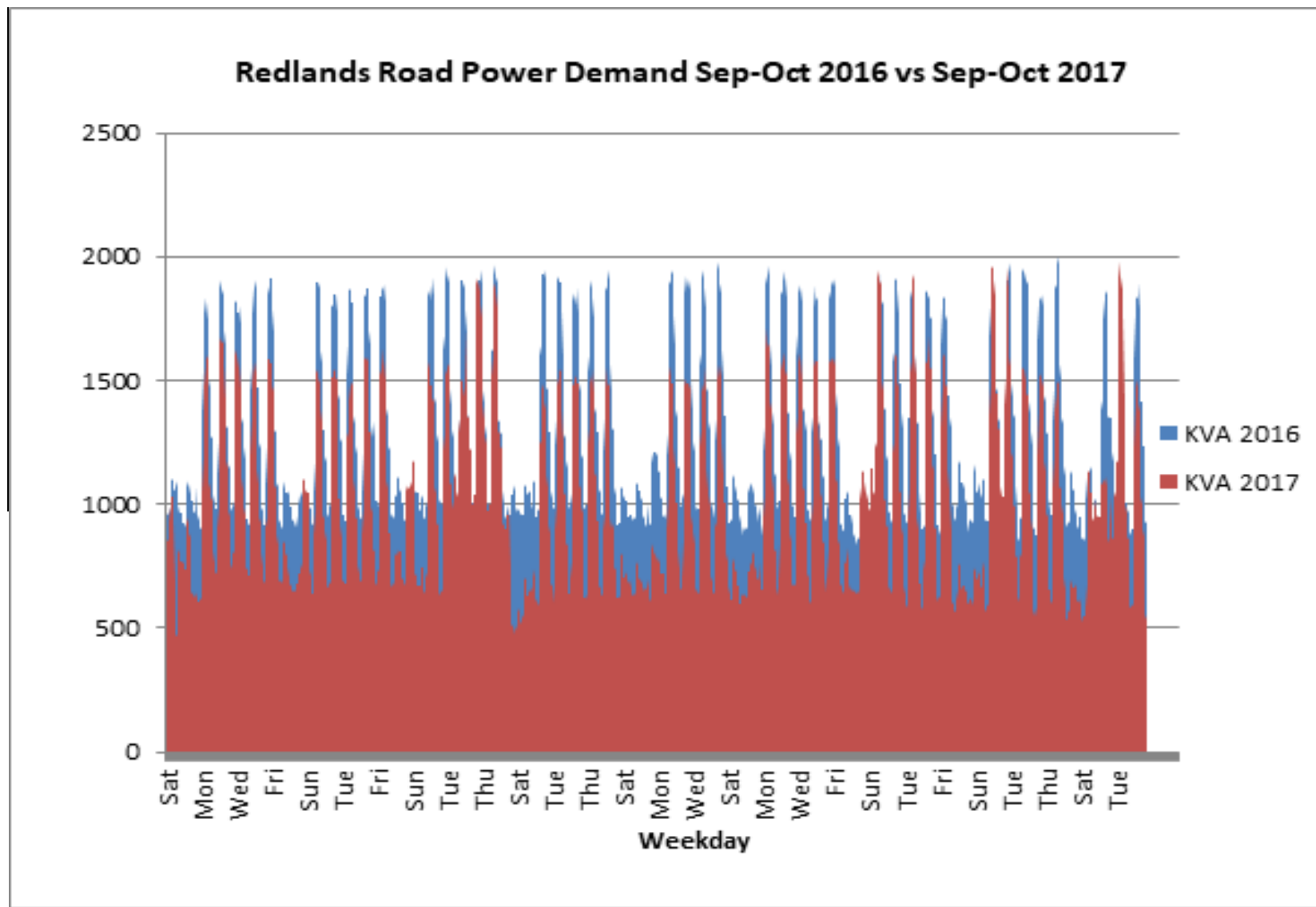


# First Combined Heat and Power Unit – Commissioned April 2017

- **COMBINED HEAT AND POWER UNIT**
- • 500 kW electrical output
- • 500 kW thermal output (hot water)
- • 4000 MWh annual output
- • Covers approximately 25% of site energy
- • Manufactured by 2G Energietechnik AG
- • Heek, Germany
- • Eligible for Renewable Energy Credits
- • Commissioned April 2017



# CHP Performance

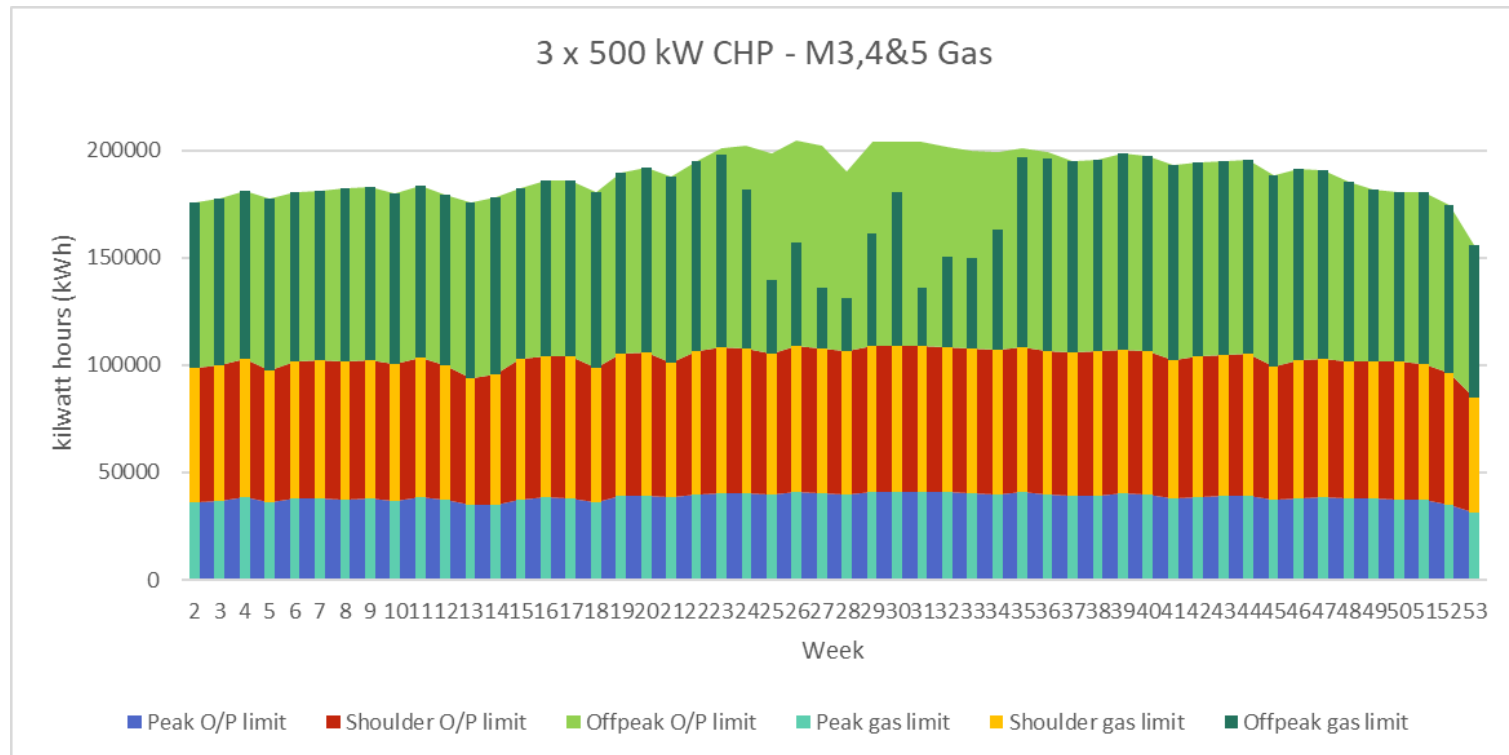


# Stage 3 – New pond and more generators

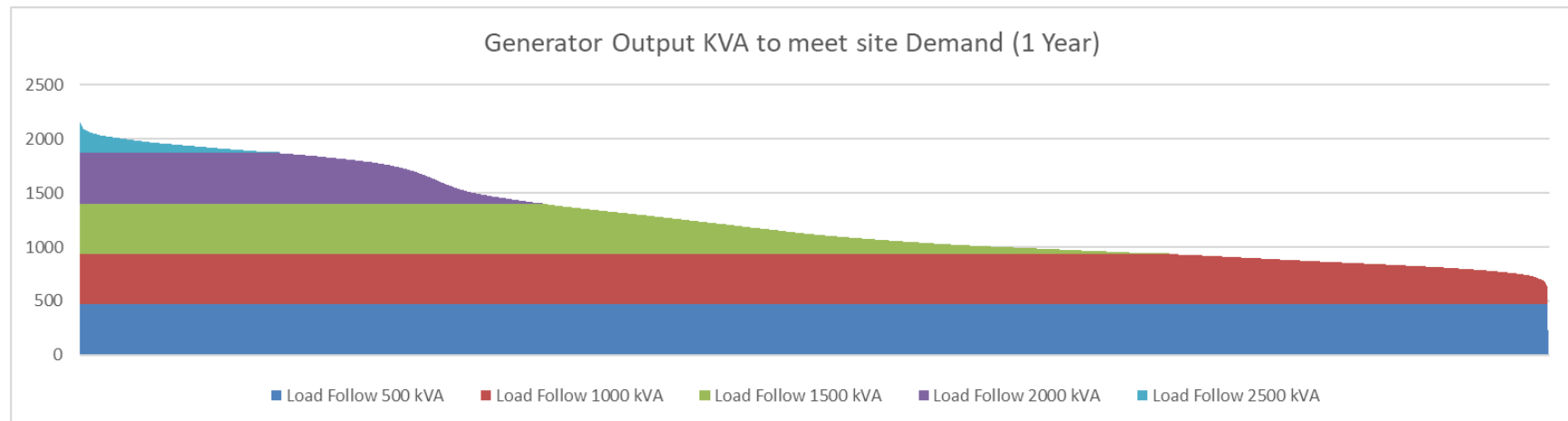
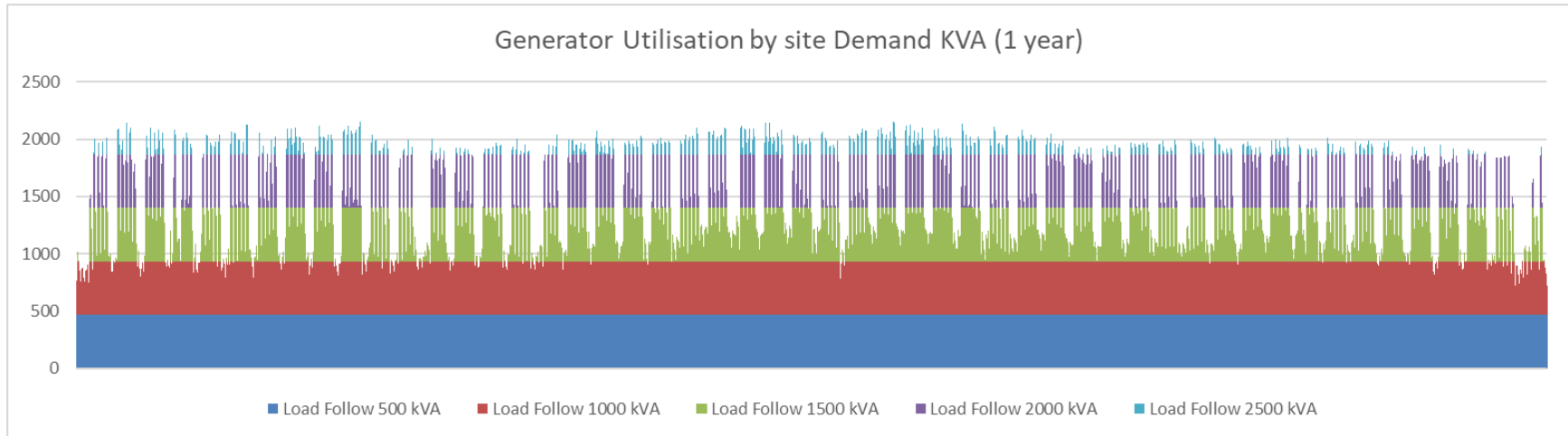
- A new 75 ML covered anaerobic lagoon with effluent sourced from Modules 3&4 (piggeries)
- 2 new 500 kW CHPs (in addition to the existing generator)
- A biogas scrubbing treatment plant
- Gas interconnection between the two lagoons
- Upgraded electrical distribution infrastructure

# Sizing Generators– kWh

- Generators needed to fit both onsite demand and biogas production profile
- Both profiles are seasonal – out of sync
- Both demand and consumption to consider



# Demand Profile



# Economics

| Capital               |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Module 5 covered pond | \$700 K         |
| 3 x CHP Units         | \$2950 K        |
| Module 4 Covered pond | \$2200 K        |
| Total                 | \$ 5.85 million |
| Income p.a            |                 |
| Energy Saving         | \$1500 K        |
| Demand Charges        | \$220 K         |
| RECS                  | \$200K          |
| ACCUS                 | \$340K          |
|                       | \$ 2.26 million |
| Simple Payback        | <2 years        |
| IRR                   | 21.3%           |

# Module 4 & 5

Mod 5  
Pond and  
Generators

Biogas  
Pipeline

Module 4  
Pond

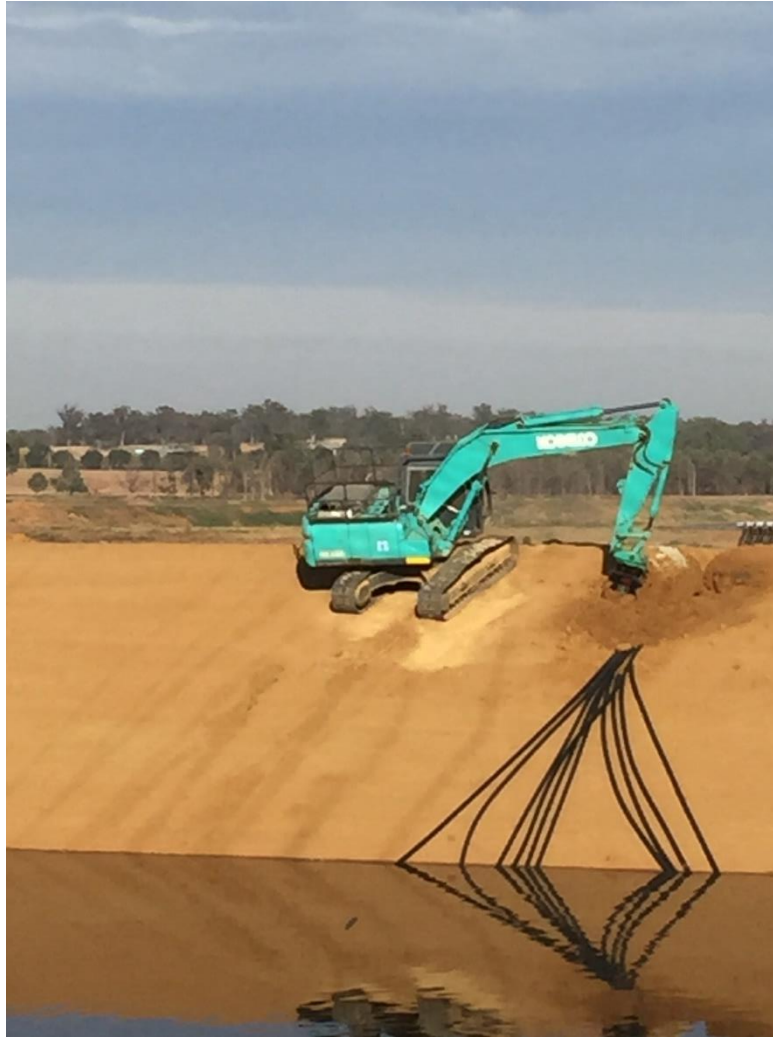


# Pond Construction





# Sludge Circulation Pipes



**Almost full after 4 weeks**



# Cover Construction



# Module 4 – Covered Pond



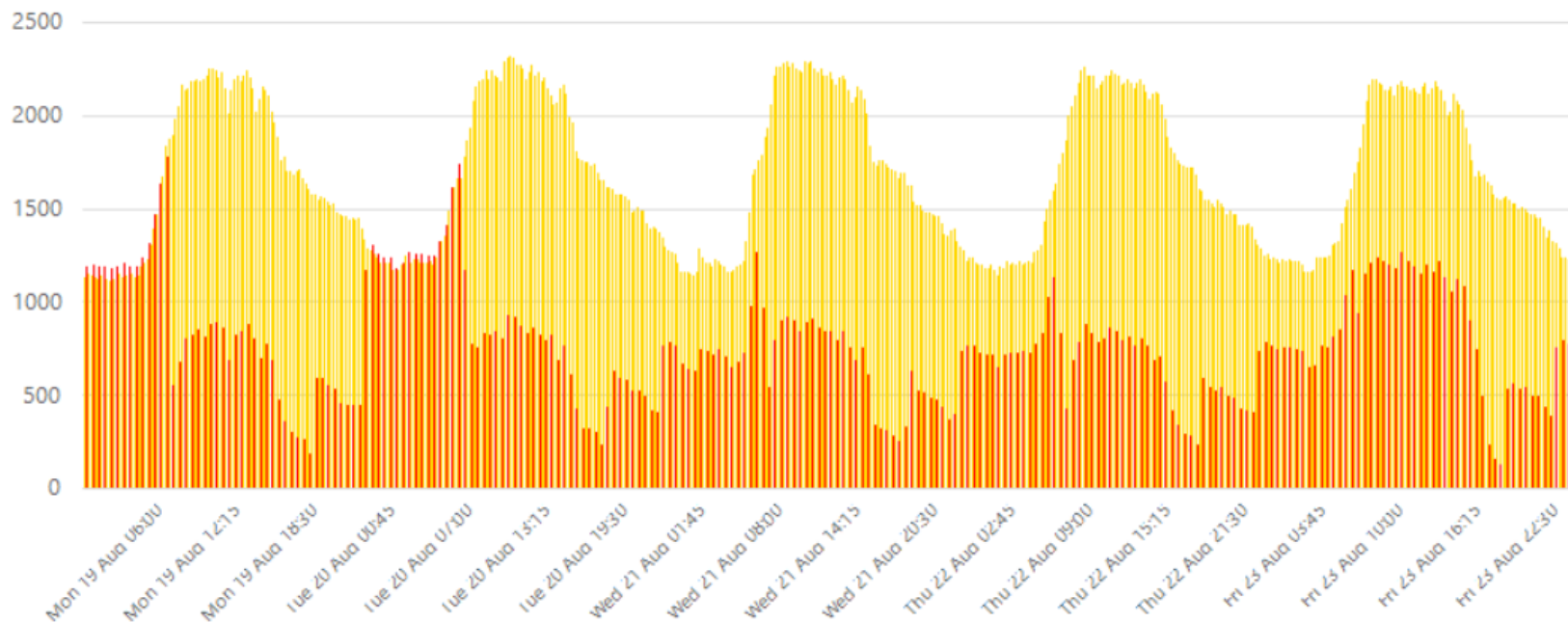
# CHP



# Generator Performance

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# Future

- **Lagoon Heating – increase biogas production in winter**
- **Additional ponds**
- **Gas upgrading to biomethane (pipeline quality natural gas)**
- **Gas compression**
- **Co digestion of imported materials**

**THANK YOU**