

Find out more about... Community Benefits

Did you know?



Over the past 10 years Santos has spent over \$200 million supporting thousands of community initiatives.



Since its inception in 2007, the Santos Indigenous Fund (SIF) has invested \$10 million to support Indigenous employment, training and education initiatives.



Santos is the only Australian partner in Darwin LNG, which has committed \$20 million to the Northern Territory community.



Darwin LNG has provided nearly \$10 million to the West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement project as part of a 20 year agreement started in 2006.



\$210 million was provided by the GLNG project to upgrade rural roads in regions of Queensland.



Santos has supported the Darwin Festival for 21 year.

+ Santos is committed to ensuring the economic benefits of natural gas development flow back to the Northern Territory community.



Santos in the NT

Our commitment to the NT is in our name. Since 1954, South Australia Northern Territory Oil Search (Santos) has developed and delivered energy and jobs to the Northern Territory. This region is central to our past and critical to our future.

Santos has a long history of safe and sustainable oil and gas development in the NT and we have been a strong supporter of the NT community. Santos is the only Australian partner in Darwin LNG, which has contributed \$20 to local community programs. This includes a 20 year commitment to the West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement Project, which helps preserve the cultural practices of indigenous landowners in the NT while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Santos has also supported the Darwin Festival for 21 years, the Somerville Community Services, and Operation Flinders.

As an Australian company we know how important it is to work closely with local communities, traditional owners, landholders and local businesses to safely and responsibly provide the benefits of natural gas that will help the NT prosper.

We are committed to ensuring traditional owners across our NT permits are informed and aware of our activities as our exploration and appraisal activities progress. We will work closely with the Northern Land Council and Central Land Council to ensure this is a collaborative process in which traditional owners are regularly consulted and engaged.

Santos in the community

Embedded in our approach to working with local communities is a commitment to establish and maintain enduring and mutually beneficial relationships. A key part of this is employing locally. Santos employees live and work in many of the communities where we operate and are actively involved in our community programs and activities.

Open and transparent communications are critical to being a responsible and trusted community member. We actively listen to community concerns and expectations and integrate them into our business planning. Project-specific community engagement plans for our major operations open channels of communication.

For all major projects, we undertake assessments to guide our work and our community investment strategy, mitigate our social impacts and identify the social benefits we can deliver. These benefits include local employment and training, use of local suppliers, provision of health and essential services, infrastructure investment and sponsorship of community events and programs.



Our CSR Pillars

In addition to generating jobs and positive economic benefits through our operations, Santos aims to invest in programs that help local communities thrive. Over the past 10 years Santos has spent over \$200 million supporting thousands of community, government and industry initiatives through funding major infrastructure, sponsorships, donations, scholarships and research grants.

Our community investment programs are guided by our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Pillars that reflect our business values and provide sustainable benefits to the communities where our people live and work.



Our approach to Aboriginal Engagement

As an Australian company, Santos is committed to working with Aboriginal communities in a way that respects Aboriginal cultures and supports the development of those communities in which the company operates. Santos works compliantly within the legislative framework of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Land Rights Act and is committed to ensuring Traditional Owners are engaged and informed throughout the lifecycle of our operations.

Our Aboriginal Engagement Policy focuses on native title, cultural heritage, employment and training, enterprise development, community capacity and corporate social responsibility.

We have negotiated and implemented over 50 access agreements relating to native title, cultural heritage and land rights across our onshore activities, and we work collaboratively with Aboriginal communities to identify and protect cultural heritage sites.

And as part of our community investment program, we support programs like Operation Flinders that help to improve the lives and prosperity of Indigenous people and put young Aboriginal people on a positive pathway.



21 years supporting Darwin Festival

Santos has supported the Darwin Festival since the mid-1990s when the event changed its name from the Bougainvillea Festival and shifted focus towards the celebration of multicultural aspects of the region. The first Bougainvillea Festival was held in 1979 on the first anniversary of the granting of self-government and was a floral festival aimed at promoting the beautification of the city.

The Santos Opening Night Concert is a signature event of the Darwin Festival, a free outdoor concert offering an exciting and diverse program of music from emerging acts and established performers, and aimed at attracting a wide cross-section of the community. In its 21st year, the Santos Concert continues to draw crowds in the thousands to the Northern Territory's premier arts and cultural event.

Santos – An Australian Energy Pioneer

We have safely and sustainably discovered, developed and delivered natural gas to the people of Australia and Asia for more than 60 years.

As an Australian owned and operated business, we work in partnership with local communities, governments and our business partners to make natural gas an affordable and reliable energy solution for all Australians.



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