

NARRABRI REGION

Community News

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Throughout the year, community members and businesses have rallied to stay safe and look out for one another as we navigate COVID-19. Santos has been proud to play a role in this and assist community groups by providing essential items such as hand sanitiser, toilet paper and protective equipment. We also worked to support schools with the online learning transition and back local businesses by sourcing goods locally. This newsletter includes some great examples of how our community partners have adapted to meet the challenge.

Since 2013, Santos has been working towards government approval to develop natural gas reserves in the Narrabri area in northwest New South Wales. In June we reached a very significant milestone as the NSW Department of Planning [referred](#) its Assessment Report on our project application to the NSW Independent Planning Commission for determination with a recommendation the project is capable of approval with conditions. Santos is actively participating in the public hearing process, after which a final determination is expected. Narrabri gas would be used to supply domestic homes, small businesses, and major industries.

Santos completed the [acquisition](#) of ConocoPhillips' northern Australia and Timor-Leste assets on 28 May 2020. This aligns with our strategy to build on existing infrastructure positions

around our core assets and gives Santos operatorship of key infrastructure in the region.

On 23 July 2020, Santos released its [Second Quarter Activities Report](#). The report demonstrates how resilient we are as a business through these extremely challenging market conditions. The first half of 2020 has delivered record production volumes and strong free cash flow of US\$431 million, despite significantly lower oil prices and the impacts of COVID-19.

Local Update

Local operations

As part of the 12 June referral, DPIE provided the IPC with its Final Assessment Report, which was informed by extensive community consultation and advice from the Narrabri Shire Council, government agencies and independent experts.

The report concluded that the Narrabri Gas Project:

- + is critical for energy security and reliability in NSW;
- + delivers significant economic benefits to NSW and the Narrabri region and would stimulate economic recovery from the effects of COVID-19;
- + has been designed to minimise any impacts on the region's significant water resources, including the Great

Artesian Basin, the biodiversity and heritage values of the Pilliga State Forest, and the health and safety of the local community; and

- + would not result in any significant impacts on people or the environment.

The final assessment report and the Narrabri Gas Project Recommended Conditions are available from the IPC [website](#).

The IPC conducted an Electronic Public Hearing over seven days in July 2020 on the Narrabri Gas Project. Santos openly and transparently took part in those hearings as did much of the Narrabri community.

The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has requested the IPC to make a final determination by September 30.

Leewood

Water produced from the operation of pilot wells is stored in the holding ponds at Leewood. Santos has reverse osmosis water treatment facilities installed at Leewood to desalinate the water and beneficially re-use it through a 50-hectare centre-pivot irrigation system on the property.

Santos does not need to irrigate at this time and the water is stored in the holding ponds at Leewood that remain well below capacity.

Wilga Park Power Station

The Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South pilot wells are online. These appraisal wells already supply the Wilga Park power station, generating enough electricity to power around 23,000 households – and this will soon increase to 32,000 households.

Electricity produced from the power station goes into the main electrical transmission network that powers northwest NSW.



David McFarland, Power Station Operator.

Supporting Local Business

Local businesses and suppliers are essential to the safe and successful operations of Santos activities. Here we profile a key business or supplier from the Narrabri region.

Q&A with Specialised Civil Services, Narrabri



Nick McClure (SCS) and Mark Rodgers (Santos).

Tell us about your business?

Specialised Civil Services (SCS) are located at 40 Wee Waa Road, Narrabri NSW. We are a local, family owned and operated civil construction company. We perform civil construction for farming enterprises, Local Government and mining companies from the Narrabri region to Broken Hill. Works that we complete include, but are not limited to, general earthmoving, road construction, subdivision projects, agricultural works and a broad range of works for the mining industry.

What does Santos' business mean to you and your company?

SCS started working with Santos in 2012, when it acquired Eastern Star Gas. We have been involved in numerous tendered projects as well as general day-to-day works.

Santos has allowed our business to grow and develop into a local company who employs local people. We currently employ 30 full time staff who all reside in the Narrabri Shire. Doing business with Santos, has meant that we have a stable business, which in turn means that my brother and I can stay in Narrabri, and hopefully one day raise our kids here like we were. We have seen many young people leave our town to further their careers and business opportunities, but having a reputable company like Santos means we can stay in our hometown.

What is your commitment sourcing local goods?

SCS are committed to sourcing everything locally where we possibly can. It is important for us to support other local businesses like our own, as it will help strengthen our shire's economy.

For more information on Santos procurement and for local suppliers who wish to work with Santos, please click [here](#).

Part of the Community

Santos is committed to creating a positive legacy in the Narrabri community through targeted engagement and support of social initiatives. Here we highlight some recent activity.

Supporting our community during COVID-19

Santos has played its part in providing additional assistance wherever possible to communities needing support, and importantly we have continued our strong support of existing partners during this difficult time, including Meals on Wheels.

While we have been very fortunate in the Narrabri area that we have not had any reported cases of the virus in our local community, COVID-19 has placed extra demands on our health and welfare services, schools and community groups to provide additional services to the more vulnerable members of our community.



Karren Manalo (Jessie Hunt Aged Care), Mark Rodgers (Santos) and Bhanu Saru (Jessie Hunt Aged Care).

Santos values the communities we are a part of, and we are proud to play our part in contributing positively to them, including lending a hand in times of need.

Santos has provided the following COVID-19 support to date in the Narrabri region:

- + The delivery of over 200 litres of hand sanitiser and 2,800 rolls of toilet paper to community groups, aged care homes, childcare centres and welfare organisations, which was gratefully received for use in their facilities, and for distribution to their clients and community members.
- + Donations to more than 25 local schools and community groups to assist with their response to COVID-19 and the additional demands involved with students learning remotely.
- + Donation of Why Leave Town gift cards for purchasing goods from local businesses.



Mark Rodgers (Santos) with team members from Narrabri Community Kids.



Donna MacMillan (Narrabri Meals on Wheels) and Mark Rodgers (Santos).



Mark Rodgers (Santos) and Prue Jamieson (Nurruby Narrabri).

Support for our schools

Santos has contributed \$30,000 to schools in the Narrabri Shire to assist with costs associated with students moving to remote learning during the COVID-19 social gathering restrictions. Schools have purchased stationery and equipment, data packages and printer supplies amongst other items to help alleviate the costs to students and their families of moving to a home-based learning environment.

Several schools have opted to receive Why Leave Town gift cards. This is a great way for the funds to benefit local businesses, through parents purchasing goods from the many participating businesses in the Narrabri and Wee Waa program.

'No to Violence' awareness campaign

The Santos Narrabri team were proud to support the Narrabri & District Community Aid Services (NDCAS) 'No to Violence' awareness campaign which was run throughout June via their [facebook](#) page. Family and relationship violence is never acceptable and raising awareness of the issue is vital to ending the violence.

Men listen to their mates, especially when their mate is there to help them, and knowing that there are local services available is the first step to creating a safer community for women and children. Thanks to the Narrabri team for standing up to raise awareness of this very important issue.



Terry Coker and Michael Hewett (both Santos).

Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee

The Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee (CCC) brings together community, industry, Local and State Governments to explore and discuss issues relating to the exploration and extraction of natural gas in the Narrabri Gas Project area.

The committee meets around six times each year and members of the committee include: Narrabri Shire Councilors, independent community members, Santos representatives and officers from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Environment Protection Authority.

Communiques and presentations from previous CCC meetings are available from the Narrabri Gas Project [website](#).

Working with our communities

Over the past five years, Santos has been committed to providing information on the Narrabri Gas Project to the public and be available to answer questions that the community may have on the project.

This has included:

- + 15,700 Monthly Activity Update reports and 15,000 Fact Sheets distributed to individuals.
- + 43 Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee meetings.
- + Over 310 site tours with more than 2,600 participants.
- + More than 6000 visitors to our Shopfronts.
- + 136 Contractor and supplier forums and information sessions.
- + More than 350 sponsorships to local community, totaling over \$1 million.

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