

## NARRABRI REGION

# Community News

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Santos acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and sea on which we work. We recognise the unique relationships and enduring cultural and spiritual connection that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to land and sea, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.



Abby McClure, Operations Coordinator and Mitch Kelly, Operator Maintainer.

## Thank you, Narrabri community!

### IPC Narrabri Gas Project approval

Thank you to the Narrabri community for its strong support over many years. Santos is excited about the prospect of developing the Narrabri Gas Project, a 100 per cent domestic gas project that can provide the lowest cost source of gas for NSW customers, as well as bringing jobs and business opportunities to the local community.

Santos is committed to our operational employees working and living locally with their families as part of the Narrabri community. As the economy recovers from COVID-19, game-changing projects like the Narrabri Gas Project are critical to creating jobs, driving investment, turbo-charging regional development and delivering more competitive energy prices.

This major step forward is welcome, but we must now gain the approval of the Federal Minister for the Environment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* as well as other subsequent approvals.

While these approval processes are under way, Santos has commenced workover activities on existing wells under its current exploration tenures. Once all approvals are in place, this will be followed by a 12 to 18-month appraisal program, including expansion of our water monitoring network.

### Snapshot

- + Santos thanks the Narrabri Community for its support.
- + Narrabri Gas Project has the potential to supply enough natural gas to meet up to half of NSW's natural gas demand where more than one million family homes, ~33k businesses and ~300k jobs rely on natural gas as a source of energy.
- + Employee spotlight: all-rounder Mark Rogers, Landholder Relations.
- + Q&A with local business Namoi WasteCorp.
- + Narrabri Clay Target Club hold their successful annual King of Kaputar carnival.
- + Narrabri District Cricket season begins.----

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## Santos news

Both the New South Wales Independent Planning Commission (IPC) and Federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley announced their decision to green light the Narrabri Gas Project with conditions, on September 30 and November 24 respectively. Santos accepts the conditions proposed by the IPC and the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment and will now embark on a 12-18-month appraisal program ahead of a Final Investment Decision (FID) for the next phase of project development.

The third quarter saw two significant milestones for our LNG facilities: during September Santos' GLNG project on Curtis Island in Queensland delivered its 400<sup>th</sup> LNG cargo and on October 3, Darwin LNG loaded its 750<sup>th</sup> cargo from the facility since production started in 2006.

While celebrating these export milestones, it is also timely to remember that Santos is Australia's biggest domestic gas supplier, supplying around 20% of Australian domestic demand in 2019. Click [here](#) to learn about Santos' contribution to Australian industry.

Santos also successfully injected approximately 100 tonnes of carbon dioxide deep underground into depleted gas reservoirs as part of the final field trial for the Moomba Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Project. Ultimately, the Moomba CCS Project has the potential to store up to 20 million tonnes of carbon dioxide per annum, with the goal of driving down Australia's carbon emissions and contributing to the world's climate goals.

### Quarterly activity report

Third quarter production of 25.1 mmmboe\* was a record for Santos and 22% higher than the prior quarter. Production was higher in all five core assets, primarily driven by higher domestic gas and LNG volumes.

Santos' disciplined, low-cost operating model combined with our portfolio of fixed-price domestic gas contracts, enabled us to deliver higher quarterly revenues and consistent free cash flow generation despite the impact of significantly lower oil price-linked and contracted LNG prices. View the full [2020 Third Quarter Activities Report](#).

\*mmboe = million barrels of oil equivalent.

## Local operations

Below is a snapshot of some recent activity in the Narrabri Gas Project area:

- + Bibblewindi East, Bibblewindi West and Dewhurst South pilot wells are online and supplying gas to the Wilga Park Power Station.
- + Annual ecological monitoring activities are being undertaken during October.
- + A workover program commenced in October to undertake routine pump maintenance activities on existing wells within the Narrabri Gas Project area.
- + Spring ecological surveys are being undertaken at several locations within Petroleum Exploration Licence 238 to assist with planning for our forward work program.
- + Groundwater monitoring activities for the Environmental Protection Licence compliance are ongoing.
- + Planning has commenced for the expansion of the water monitoring network within Petroleum Exploration Licence 238.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Santos on 02 6792 900.



### Meet Mark Rodgers Principal Adviser, Landholder Relations

I've been working with Santos since 2007. I spend most of my time consulting with landholders, answering questions and describing how the various technical components of exploring for gas work.

I came into this role after I had a call from a neighbour to say Santos had contacted him about putting down a core hole on his property and wanted to know if I knew much about it. The next day, I was out checking cattle and bumped into a couple of Santos fellows from Queensland. I asked them some questions and after a few follow-up conversations, I travelled to Roma to see what drilling a core hole involved and had the chance to speak with Santos land access advisers, engineers, geologists, and hydrogeologists. Months later, Santos asked if I'd do some work with them to help with the Gunnedah Basin exploration project.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two daughters who, with their husbands and the grandchildren, all live in the broader northern NSW area. When I get the time, I work with leather to plait whips and belts, a skill I learned as a young jackaroo in the NT. I also enjoy photography, skateboarding and growing a well-stocked veggie garden.

## 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 Namoi WasteCorp, Narrabri



Jarrett Tough, Operations Manager and Jack Campbell, Manager.

#### Tell us about your business?

Namoi WasteCorp is a family owned and operated waste services provider. We service a large area across the north west region of NSW, with clients in all industries. As Narrabri is surrounded by mining and coal seam gas projects, we have developed capabilities to deal with industrial waste products generated by most industries in the area.

#### How long have you been working with Santos?

We have been working with Santos since their acquisition of Eastern Star Gas back in 2011.

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

Santos' business means a lot to us at Namoi WasteCorp. A really important point is that we have an increased ability to employ and upskill local Narrabri residents, as well as attract people to move to Narrabri for employment opportunities. This, along with purchasing an increased amount of goods and services locally means great things for Narrabri.

#### What are some of the challenges you have faced/had to overcome working with Santos?

Santos has high standards of policy and procedural requirements for their contractors. When we first engaged with Santos, they worked with us to further develop our Environment, Health and Safety documents to reach that standard, as our company is local to the Narrabri Gas Project. It is an ongoing process and we continually work with Santos to maintain a safe work environment for our workforce.

#### What are some of the flow on effects for the community?

There are some great flow on effects from Santos' commitment to assisting local businesses in developing their Environment, Health and Safety documents. Once local service providers are up to par, they can then compete in tenders for work with major clients. This opens limitless opportunities for Narrabri-based businesses both locally and further afield.

#### What is your commitment to local procurement and employment?

We currently have 18 employees; all are local to Narrabri and support the community along with us.

If nobody stocks a product we require locally, we will give local suppliers the opportunity to find a supply chain rather than purchasing it from out of town. Namoi WasteCorp also goes to great lengths to ensure we use local services, and we often recommend local providers to our larger clients when they don't know who to turn to.

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

## Part of the community

### 'King of Kaputar' Carnival



On 22 August, the Narrabri Clay Target Club held their annual "King of Kaputar" carnival. The event was a huge success with 60 shooters attending the COVID-19 modified event. Santos has sponsored this event for the past two years and are pleased to be able to contribute again this year.

### Narrabri District Cricket Association

With the cricket season underway, Santos is very happy to assist in keeping costs down by donating a box of hand sanitiser to the Narrabri District Cricket Association.

With new health and safety restrictions in place the donation is a small part of keeping the players and officials safe for the season ahead while continuing to help keep cricket accessible to everyone across the Shire.



Luke Meppem, Treasurer and Bill Wood, Secretary of the Narrabri District Cricket Association.

### Santos CEO visits Narrabri to personally thank the community for its support

Santos CEO and Managing Director, Kevin Gallagher travelled to Narrabri to thank the many community members who have supported the Narrabri Gas Project. Due to COVID-19 indoor event restrictions, guests were limited to 100. Mr Gallagher also gave thanks to the local Santos Narrabri team who have been working on obtaining project approval for the last nine years.

Santos wants to be part of the social fabric of the Narrabri community – good corporate neighbours and contributors.

Santos is committed to creating a positive legacy in the Narrabri region, specifically through targeted community and social initiatives. Here we highlight some recent initiatives.

Providing local business opportunities and career opportunities for local kids, so they do not need to leave the region in search of skilled, secure, and well-paying jobs is a priority.

"As part of our commitment to the community, I am very pleased that Santos has entered into a \$14.5 million Voluntary Planning Agreement with the Narrabri Shire Council which will deliver:

- + Improved infrastructure at the Narrabri Airport
- + More maintenance for local roads
- + Further development of the Narrabri sports and tourism precinct
- + Library relocation to allow the expansion of the Country University Centre
- + And many other valuable community initiatives."

"We will work with Narrabri Shire Council to encourage new gas using industries to locate in Narrabri, bringing even more jobs and business opportunities." Mr Gallagher said.

"There are a number of activities that we'll start before the end of this year including extending Santos' apprentice and trainee program to include young people from the Narrabri area, a workover drilling program to undertake maintenance of our existing wells and a contractor engagement forum to identify opportunities for local businesses over the new year or so." Mr Gallagher said.



Gail Davis, Louise Stewart, Russell Stewart (Narrabri Chamber of Commerce President), Kevin Gallagher (Santos), Peter Gett, Max Davis and Helen Gett.