

# Community News

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Across Australia, Santos acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we operate. We recognise and respect their cultural and spiritual beliefs and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



Victorious NSW Waratahs captain Jake Gordon receiving the Santos Cup and \$25,000 prize money

## Snapshot

- + Santos Festival of Rugby held in Narrabri Shire
- + Santos supports Country Universities Centre Narrabri campus
- + Central North Zone Cricket has strong season despite pandemic
- + Inaugural CREATE festival launched in Narrabri
- + Santos workover campaign injects \$1.2 million into regional economy

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## Santos Festival of Rugby - roaring success

The Santos Festival of Rugby was a momentous success for Narrabri Shire and Santos, bringing the community together after prolonged drought and the COVID-19 pandemic for three days of rugby action in February. In partnership with the Queensland Rugby Union and New South Wales Rugby Union, fans were treated to games from grassroots community teams, Olympic 7's qualifiers, junior coaching clinics and the elite curtain raiser between the QLD Reds and NSW Waratahs. The exciting pre-season game saw the Waratahs claim victory over the Reds, taking home a \$25,000 reward and the prestigious Santos Cup.

Live music featuring Thirsty Merc, local musician Elsie Ford, Furnace and the Fundamentals and Georgia June kept spectators entertained while local food vendors served-up delicious crowd favourites. The inaugural three-day festival was a resounding success and thoroughly enjoyed by the community.

In preparation for the festival, Santos upgraded Dangar Park with broadcast quality stadium lighting and installed wi-fi connectivity into the clubrooms, which will potentially attract more large-scale events in the future. The economic benefits to the community have been warmly welcomed. The event injected approximately \$700,000 into the community through Santos' direct spend with local suppliers, as well as indirect spend on hospitality and accommodation from visitors.

## Santos news

Santos released its 2020 full-year results on 18 February 2021 reporting record annual production and sales volumes, and strong free cash flow and underlying earnings despite the impact of COVID-19 and lower commodity prices. Click [here](#) to access the full release and to watch the video presentation.

Santos also released its 2021 Climate Change Report in February outlining Santos' plan to be a world-leading clean fuels company, achieving industry-leading targets to be net-zero emissions by 2040. Click [here](#) to read more about Santos' plan to grow its clean fuels capability as customer demand evolves for zero-emissions LNG, hydrogen and other products.

A busy start to 2021 included sanctioning of a US\$235 million infill drilling program at the Bayu-Undan field in the Timor Sea, offshore Timor-Leste.

On 30 March 2021, Santos also announced a final investment decision on the Barossa gas project located offshore Northern Territory.

The \$4.8 billion project represents the biggest investment in Australia's oil and gas sector since 2012 and paves the way for the \$800 million investment decision on the Darwin LNG life extension and pipeline tie-in projects. This will extend the facility life at Darwin LNG, and the hundreds of jobs that rely on its operation, for around 20 years.

## Local operations

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

- + On 24 November 2020, the Federal Minister for the Environment approved the Narrabri Gas Project under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* following review of the New South Wales assessment.
- + Santos will undertake a 12–18-month appraisal program ahead of a Final Investment Decision for the next phase of project development.
- + As a condition of consent for the Narrabri Gas Project, a Community Consultative Committee has been established in accordance with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines: State Significant Projects.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Santos on 02 6792 9035.



### Meet Penny Magann-Jones

#### Community Engagement Support Officer

My role is to provide support to the Land Access and Community team located in Narrabri. I assist with implementation of our community investment programs and engagement with landholders and local stakeholders. I really enjoy being part of the team. Being on the organising committee for the Santos Festival of Rugby was an exciting and rewarding experience, it was the highlight of my role to date.

In my previous role, I managed a not-for-profit Aboriginal community-controlled Family Violence Service in Walgett. After eight years, I returned home to Narrabri and started my role with Santos. It's an exciting time to be back in Narrabri with all the projects currently in the pipeline. The future is bright and the town is buzzing with renewed enthusiasm and opportunity.

Outside of work I am a netball fanatic: I eat, sleep, and breathe it. My love for the game started at age seven and I played for 30 years. These days I keep my hand in the game by umpiring and coaching, and occasionally providing advice to my daughters who are also keen players. When I am not at work or running around after my children, you will find me with my nose in a book or researching a new random area of interest my nine-year-old daughter has asked me about. Did you know that a newly hatched T-Rex was the size of a domestic cat?

## 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 JA Smith Solutions



Justin Smith from JA Solutions Narrabri

#### Tell us about your business?

JA Smith Solutions is a one-stop-shop for engineering supplies. We formed in 2018 to create an industrial supply hub for the Narrabri Region and had to relocate to larger premises in 2019 to accommodate expanded stock levels and range. Product availability and reducing freight costs are key focus areas for us so we work closely with suppliers to provide efficient solutions.

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

Santos's business has enabled our company to expand and diversify, and plan for anticipated growth over the next decade and beyond.

## Part of the Community

Santos is committed to partnering with Narrabri businesses and organisations to deliver positive social and community programs. We work together with local communities so they can enjoy the economic and social benefits of natural gas development. Here are some of the exciting events from the last few months:

### Supporting CUC Narrabri



Santos and CUC Staff

Santos Narrabri Gas Project is proud to be able to support Country Universities Centre (CUC) Narrabri campus with a \$50,000 sponsorship. The CUC Board and staff were thrilled to

The Narrabri Gas Project will encourage population growth in the community which will provide benefits through increased demand, skills, and employment opportunities.

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

We expect to see massive growth within our shire, which will enable Narrabri to become a small city. Once you have the population, opportunities will follow. It will allow our health care to improve, our schools to grow, retail shops to open, and for hospitality and tourism to thrive. It's an exciting time for the community.

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

We're extremely passionate about developing our region and have a 30-year plan to create a sustainable model to foster new employment opportunities, effectively service the region, utilise technology for improved operating practices, and continue to offer good, old-fashioned customer service.

We're deeply passionate about the shire and surrounding areas and are committed to growing and employing locally. It's vital to us that local businesses benefit from Santos's presence over the life of the project. If Narrabri businesses are retained and continue to employ locals, population and employment levels will be sustained beyond the project.

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

receive the funds, which will be used to expand IT equipment capabilities as well as providing additional academic and wellbeing workshops to students. CUC is a not-for-profit, community operated centre for external university students with facilities like high-speed IT equipment, quiet study areas, video conferencing technology and a fully equipped kitchen. These resources enable Narrabri locals to remain in the Shire and study remotely at quality academic institutions across Australia. Previously, many students had to move to larger cities for the same access to education.

CUC's founding ethos is that the future of an aspiring student should not be determined by where they live. CUC Narrabri Campus opened in July 2019 and around 100 students are studying at the facility. Santos and the Narrabri community will benefit from this campus, ideally retaining locally grown professionals who understand the core values and expectations of the community, strengthening the future of the Shire.



**Donation to Narrabri Health Service**



*Narrabri District Health Service staff trying out a Curocell mattress donated under Santos' COVID community response program*

Narrabri District Health Service warmly welcomed the addition of two Curocell pressure relieving mattresses funded under the Santos COVID-19 community response program. In Australia, around 4,000 pressure injuries are sustained by patients in hospitals every year. Patients whose recovery require prolonged bed rest are at greater risk of pressure injuries and these extra mattresses will help alleviate the risk of injury for Narrabri residents.

**Central North Zone Cricket tournament**



*Santos Central North Zone Cricket U16 women's team competing at the McDonalds Women's Country Championships*

Santos Central North Zone Cricket (CNCZ) has enjoyed a great summer of matches despite cancellation of numerous tournaments due to COVID-19. Players Baylee Borrow, Callum Henry, Ed Montgomery and Max Farmer all gained selection to compete in the U17's State Challenge – a huge congratulations to them! CNCZ's Women's teams competed at the McDonalds Women's Country Championships in Tamworth against North Coast and Newcastle, narrowly losing by single run margins. Junior coaching clinics were held across the Central Northern Zone with Moree and Gunnedah hosting over 60 children from the local and surrounding areas. The high-performance sessions and all-abilities clinics were delivered in partnership with Six4 Cricket Academy and TON Cricket.

**Narrabri Shire Council – CREATE Festival**



On 12 March, Narrabri Shire Council launched CREATE festival, a 16-day community engagement event celebrating creative arts, exhibitions and performances for the community to enjoy. The festival had something for everyone including theatre, film, dance live music and creative workshops.

The event was well received by the community who had been calling out for cultural festivities like this in Narrabri. Santos is proud to support the festival and hopes to see it return for another successful run in 2022.

**Workover campaign injects \$1.2 million into regional economy**

During Santos' recent workover campaign in Narrabri, our activities injected over \$1.2 million into the region's economy.

Local businesses were engaged to provide civil, welding and fabrication, waste management and logistics haulage/trucking services, as well as fuel, accommodation, equipment and car hire.



*Narrabri workover campaign activities*