

# 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.



Santos Narrabri trainees: Kira Goodhew and Riley Dickinson

## Snapshot

- + Local trainees Kira and Riley start their career journey at Santos
- + A Community Consultative Committee and several advisory groups created for the Narrabri Gas Project
- + Santos recommits sponsorship to Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service
- + Local business Narrabri Breakdown Service talks about their work with Santos

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## Narrabri Gas Project creating career pathways

Santos shares the benefits of natural gas development with our local communities by providing employment, education and training opportunities. After the state and federal governments approved the Narrabri Gas Project last year, Santos initiated two local traineeship programs in 2021. During April, Kira Goodhew commenced a full-time Business Traineeship position and Riley Dickinson commenced a school-based Mechanical Engineering Traineeship.

Kira will complete a Certificate III in Business during her 12-month traineeship at the Narrabri Operations Centre. The role appealed to Kira as it enables her to expand and grow her career prospects whilst allowing her to remain in Narrabri. The traineeships are facilitated in partnership with Programmed Skilled Workforce and offer both classroom-based training and on-the-job experience.

Riley is a Year 11 student at Narrabri High School and joins the Santos Operations Team every Wednesday, spending time in different parts of the business. He's interested in a mechanical trade in the future and will complete a Certificate II in Mechanical Engineering during his two-year traineeship, strengthening his future career aspirations. Both Kira and Riley are local Narrabri residents with strong family and social connections in the Narrabri community.

Santos is committed to investing in the development of local talent providing employment and upskilling opportunities that can translate into long term, meaningful careers in industry. In line with our core values to build a better future by positively impacting our communities, Santos is committed to working with and providing these opportunities to people in the Narrabri region.

## Santos news

Around Australia, Santos celebrated National NAIDOC Week from 4-11 July. This year's theme was Heal Country! with a focus on recognising, protecting, and maintaining all aspects of culture and heritage for all Australians. Watch our [2021 NAIDOC Week video](#) to learn more about how we partner with Indigenous communities.

We have recently launched a new brand campaign where we highlight some of the local businesses and programs Santos supports in our regional communities.

This campaign builds on our Proudly Australian Made commercial you may have seen last year. Keep an eye out for Narrabri locals Sue and Graham, owners of the local institution Thomas' Corner Store, they make a guest appearance in our commercial. You can also watch their [video](#) and hear their views on the benefits of the natural gas industry on the local economy.

To learn more about how we partner with the community, visit our website at <http://www.santos.com/proudly-australian-made/>.

## Local operations

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

- + 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.
- + A number of Advisory Groups have also been established including: Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Advisory Group, Biodiversity Advisory Group, Greenhouse Gas Advisory Group, Water Technical Advisory Group.

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



### Meet Kira Goodhew

#### Narrabri Operations Administrative Support

I began working with Santos in April 2021 through a traineeship with Programmed Skilled Workforce. My role is to provide administrative support to the Narrabri Operations team. I take care of the day-to-day office tasks whilst helping in other areas like procurement.

Previously I worked as a Legal Assistant for a local law firm. Having this prior experience in administration and customer interactions, I was eager to develop my skills further in a different industry. I was excited to commence my role here at Santos as I'm keen to pursue a career in this industry. It has given me an insight into what is involved with different roles, and the types of career paths available to me.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my partner, our families and friends who all live here in Narrabri. I also enjoy playing netball and touch football during the winter months of the year, and during the warmer summer months, most of my weekends are spent water-skiing at Yarrie Lake.

## 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 Narrabri Breakdown Service



*Narrabri Breakdown Service workshop*

#### Tell us about your business?

Narrabri Breakdown Service (NBS) has been helping diesel trucks get back on the road since 2003. We are a local Narrabri-based company providing mobile diesel truck repairs and a 24-hour emergency breakdown service.

Our qualified diesel technicians are always on hand to ensure the trucks are roadworthy and fully repaired. We offer both workshop servicing and mobile mechanical repairs. We are also stockists of premium oils and lubricants.

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

NBS is the primary supplier of oils and lubricants to the Narrabri Gas Project (NGP), with approximately 70 per cent of products supplied used at the Wilga Park Power Station. NBS also services Santos' fleet of heavy vehicles.

The fact that Santos has put their faith in a local business to maintain their facilities and fleet has enabled us to be able to promote our services to other companies of similar size operating in north west NSW. Our strong relationship with Santos has also allowed us to successfully grow our business.

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

In communities like Narrabri, the flow-on effects of buying from small, local businesses create socioeconomic impacts through increased employment and opportunities for local residents.

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

Engaging with the local service and supply industry creates mutually beneficial relationships for NBS. This collaboration builds the local skills and confidence needed for regional small businesses to compete and succeed in a global industry.

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

## Santos in 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:

### Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Santos is proud to be a Logo partner of the Tamworth based Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, with a Community Investment sponsorship of \$20,000.

The Sponsorship will ensure the continuation of this vital aeromedical service to protect and save lives in North West NSW.

Santos recognises the importance of services such as this in our regional areas to increase the chances of survival from traumatic injury.



*Tamworth based Westpac Rescue Helicopter*

## 2021 Narrabri Show



Santos' Mark Rodgers providing information at the Narrabri Show

Santos proudly sponsored the Narrabri Show again this year with the theme 'Gumboots and Raindrops' which was apt given a downpour on the Saturday night marking the end of a prolonged period of drought.

The Show has been a major local event for over 140 years and through its membership of the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW, the Narrabri Show Society promotes the pastoral, agricultural, horticultural and industrial resources of our local community.

This year's Show had wonderful support and strong attendance and participation from the local and broader regional community. With a full suite of activities displaying the talent, quality produce, livestock and equestrian abilities of residents and those from northwest NSW. Santos staff manned a Narrabri Gas Project information stall and engaged with interested community members, raising local awareness and knowledge of the project.

## Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge



Challenge Day winners - Narrabri High School

In partnership with the Rotary Club of Narrabri, Santos proudly supported the Narrabri Science and Engineering Challenge. Primary and high school students from Narrabri, Moree, Wee Waa, Coonabarabran, Burren Junction, Maules Creek and Gunnedah put their science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) abilities to the test as they undertook several technical challenges.

The students were tasked with designing and constructing bridges, earthquake-proof towers, mini catapults, furniture, and bionic hands using only basic stationery supplies.

Students were also presented with scenarios that included finding the correct energy mix to avoid under servicing or overloading the power grid, planning efficient transports networks, creating and sending secret codes along fibre optic rods using pulses of coloured light.

## Narrabri Blue Boars – Sponsors Day



Narrabri Blue Boar first grade centre Will McDonnell dives over for the winning try.

Santos has been a proud sponsor of the Narrabri Blue Boars for the past decade and recently celebrated the partnership at the annual Sponsors Day. Santos guests and staff enjoyed getting together to watch the Blue Boars take on the Tamworth Pirates in 3 grades: Womens 7s (5-36), Reserve Grade (11-52) and a hard fought, entertaining First Grade match where the Blue Boars were victorious 24-17.

Following on from the Santos Festival of Rugby held in Narrabri in February, and in addition to our long-term support of the Central North Rugby Union competition, Santos is proud to support Rugby to retain its strong presence in regional NSW.

For more information about Santos' community investment programs, or to apply for a Community Sponsorship or Grant, visit our community page on the website at: <https://www.santos.com/sustainability/community-and-supply-chain/sponsorships/>