

## ROMA AND SURROUNDING REGIONS

## 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.



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## Snapshot

- + QLD Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk opens the Santos Roma Shopfront
- + Local business Roma Transport talks about their work with Santos
- + The Country University Centre Maranoa is officially open
- + 'Sculptures Out Back' art exhibition is launched by Roma on Bungil Gallery

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## Santos Roma Shopfront opened by QLD Premier

On 1 June 2021, The Premier of Queensland, The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk and Rob Simpson, Santos' Executive Vice President Onshore Upstream officially opened the Santos Community Shopfront in McDowall St, Roma. The Hon, Yvette D'ath, The Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, and Rachel Hunter, Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, joined the Premier.

This important space provides community members, tourists, school groups and stakeholders somewhere to speak directly to the local team whether they have questions, concerns or would like further information about our activities. The new Shopfront was completed in late 2020 by local builders, Harley Lamond and Hugh Chandler, but due to COVID restrictions could not be officially opened until now.

The Shopfront is home to approximately 20 of our regional staff who all live and work in the community and we welcome staff and guests to visit when in town. The builders engaged local trades to fit-out the building and we are very proud of the result.

## Santos news

Following publication of our first ever Modern Slavery Statement for the 2019 period, Santos is pleased to have released our second [Modern Slavery Statement](#), which outlines our successful progress against our 12-month action plan and provides an update on our three-year road map.

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](#) and visit the Indigenous Participation page on our website to learn more about how we partner with Indigenous communities.

## Local operations

Below is a snapshot of some recent activity in the Roma region:

- + Santos is currently completing a small drilling campaign in our Scotia field. The scope of work includes 13 wells and associated infrastructure. A similar sized program is also planned for execution in 2022.
- + An eight well pilot project has been completed and is now online in Arcadia Valley.
- + Additional infrastructure has recently been added to our Fairview irrigation operations which has been commissioned and is now operational. Infill drilling continues in the Fairview field.

Santos has a community hotline. For any enquiries, please call 1800 761 113.



David Lobb from Santos with a local Roma landholder

### Meet David Lobb Landholder Liaison

I have been a Landholder Liaison with Santos for 13 years. My role is to act as the conduit between the business and our landholders, and I am responsible for ensuring we deliver on our commitments to them.

Before Santos, I worked on a sheep and cattle station in the channel country. When the opportunity arose in the Surat Basin, I joined Santos and moved to Wallumbilla which my family agreed was a great place to lay down roots. We have now been 'Billa locals for over 10 years. I am proud to work for Santos and enjoy the relationships I have forged with local landholders.

Our community has been hit hard by drought in the past and Santos provided valuable support to help local landholders during this time. Seeing my neighbours come through drought with our assistance is something I'm very proud of.

The Roma Regional team is a diverse group of people who all live in the Maranoa. We have a passion for the successful co-existence between community and gas infrastructure and many of our landholders have become close friends. In my free time, I love being at home! We have a bit of acreage with a small herd of cattle, plenty of animals and a huge garden to take care of – this is what keeps me busy.

I'm a typical man that loves to tinker in his shed and getting into home renovations. A fun fact most people don't know I was a fixed wing aircraft pilot while working in the channel country. With 6500 hours under my belt, I performed low level mustering for 20 years, but I have no interest to do it again.

## 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 Roma region that supports Santos' operations.

### Q&A with Roma Transport



*Danny Forbes (Roma Transport) with Byron Sabine (Santos Team Leader, Logistics)*

#### Tell us about your business?

Roma Transport Services (RTS) is a local, family-owned operation based in Roma which is about to enter its 30th year in business. We have the widest range of transport solutions in the area and pride ourselves on our safety and compliance record whilst providing our clients with exceptional service. We primarily service the energy sector in the Surat Basin but also cover many other sectors across Queensland and Australia.

## Santos in the community

Santos is committed to partnering with Roma 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.

### Roma Show

Santos is pleased to support Regional Shows across south east Queensland after many had to be cancelled last year due to COVID-19. Our team in Queensland have been kept busy recently, supporting local shows in Roma, Taroom and Callide Valley.

Santos is proud to sponsor community events that bring people together and we enjoyed the chance to chat to those community members who dropped by our stand. Our presence at the recent Roma Show meant our staff were able to share information about our local activities. Thank you to all who visited us.

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

We have had a longstanding relationship with Santos over the years and hope this continues well into the future. Having a direct contract with Santos gives us the confidence and opportunity to keep investing in new equipment and growing our business. We are very proud to say we work closely together to provide the safest working conditions and equipment for all our people.

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

Santos is one of our biggest clients and their business enables us to support many initiatives within our community. We are always willing to support local programs, school events and sporting clubs. We continue to source many products wherever we can locally in town. This includes uniforms, parts, tyres and oils and every effort is made to support other local businesses on their journey.

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

We employ over 60 full time staff and have a permanent training officer to develop and upskill our workforce. Although we do have some staff who reside outside of Roma, over 75 per cent of our workforce live in town, and we strive to employ as many locals as possible. For more information on Santos' procurement and for local suppliers who wish to work with Santos, please click [here](#).



*Santos tent set-up at the 2021 Roma Show*



## Country Universities Centre (CUC) Maranoa is officially open

CUC Maranoa officially opened its doors on 8 June 2021. The campus-style facility supports local residents undertaking tertiary studies in Roma via remote learning. As a founding sponsor, Santos has seen this grow from a concept to a 'bricks and mortar' centre that will keep students and their skills in the region well into the future. By mid-July, CUC Maranoa already had 48 students registered – a fantastic result.



CUC sponsors - Gary Edwards (Powerlink QLD), Dave Atkin (Origin), Andrew Snars (Santos) and Cameron O'Neil (CUC Board member)

## Roma Rugby Race Day

The Santos Roma Regional Team proudly hosted a luncheon for local landholders, suppliers and stakeholders at the annual Rugby Race Day in late June 2021. Despite the wet, muddy conditions, guests enjoyed the rugby and phantom races with our special guest for the weekend, Ex Queensland Reds and Wallabies Captain, Santos Ambassador Tim Horan.



Tim Horan and guests at the 2021 Roma Rugby Race Day.

## Sculptures Out Back Exhibition

The Roma on Bungil Gallery Committee provided the Maranoa region with a celebration of its artistic diversity by opening the Sculptures Out Back Exhibition on 3 July 2021. Santos is thrilled to have partnered with the committee who have brought the vision of this amazing sculpture park to life. The outdoor walk of art, near the entrance to Roma, will enhance social value and support local tourism. The exhibition will remain open until 11 September 2021.

Congratulations to all the artists and the committee for your contribution in making this exhibition a truly special event for everyone to enjoy. Special mention must also go to Lucy McEachern who won the Santos Acquisitive Prize for her Australian Baby Magpie cast in bronze, which will remain in Roma for the community to enjoy.



Judges Bree Franz (Santos) and Gretchen Keelty at the Sculptures Out Back exhibition.

## Santos to the rescue in Arcadia Valley

Santos came to the rescue when a large python was discovered on the grounds at the Arcadia Valley State School in June. Students moved inside to safety while a Santos staff member from the Roma field arrived to catch the snake. The Python was caught and released into the wild.



Students from Arcadia Valley State School