



Santos Narrabri operations manager Kym Bailey, centre, with Terry Miller, Watson's Kitchen, left, and Tim Logan, Mitre 10.



SANTOS FORUM: More than 110 contractors and service providers attended a forum convened by Santos at the Crossing Theatre on Tuesday. Above, Santos operations manager Kym Bailey was one of the speakers.



Peter Haire (Field Exploration Services), Brock Johnstone (Johnstone's Concrete and Landscape Supplies), Ed Paas (Daracon) and Peter Schmidt (Field Exploration Services).

Santos hosts forum for local suppliers

More than 110 Narrabri district providers of goods and services to Santos gathered at The Crossing Theatre's Riverside Room on Tuesday to learn more about Santos' current and future plans and developments in the Narrabri gas project.

Many local businesses and contractors are engaged with the company and they filled the Riverside Room and Exhibition Room for the 'Santos - Mutual Value to Narrabri' forum.

Contractors and suppliers to Santos included representatives of trades across the spectrum, said Santos operations contract co-ordinator, Bill Wood.

"The theme of the afternoon was also to share and promote best practices in environment, health and safety," said Santos operations manager, Kym Bailey.

"We aimed to demonstrate the Santos values of safety and environmental performance and be more proactive in giving that information to our contractors and suppliers.

"We reviewed the local Santos journey thus far after 18 months, our rehabilitation program, environmental performance and the focus on the Narrabri gas expansion project.

"We had an overwhelming response to our invitation to the function from contractors and the community in general," Mr Bailey said.

The forum included interactive open discussion and presentations from Santos and Siobhan Barry, senior policy adviser NSW Australian Petroleum Production Association Limited (APPEA), who addressed the audience on the benefits of coal seam gas to NSW.

Santos is focused on the development of over 1400 petajoules of natural gas reserves in and around the Pilliga Forest – the largest uncontracted on-shore gas reserves in Australia.

The Narrabri project could deliver 100 terajoules per day to the NSW market, about 25 per cent of the natural gas used by NSW by as early as 2016-17.



Among the attendees at the Santos forum, Jeremy Gett (Santos), Glenn Lein (Lein Contracting) and Thomas Lynch (Santos).



Paul Thomas (Landmark), Sandra Magann (Santos), Maria Andrewartha (Santos).



Terry Coker (Santos), Murray Knight (Knight's Upholstery) and Narrabri Chamber of Commerce president, Richard Orr.