

SANTOS UPDATE – October 2013

Proposed upcoming work program – Narrabri Area

Time frames are indicative as schedules are dependent on factors such as approval times, weather and rig availability.

Decommissioning of wells:

- No plug and abandon activities planned for October

Workovers:

- Workover of Bibblewindi 14 will occur mid-October.

Drilling of exploration core holes:

- Drilling of core hole at Dewhurst 8A scheduled for October. When the core material has been extracted, the hole will be fitted with aqua monitoring equipment to provide baseline deep groundwater information and the core hole sealed.

Pilot wells:

- Installation of pilot wells at Dewhurst 22-25 scheduled for November 2013.

Other work:

- Leewood - construction of the first stage of the Leewood water storage facility is continuing with material conditioning in Brine Pond 1; ripping and conditioning of material in southern sedimentation pond and installation of erosion and sedimentation controls around perimeter of earthworks. Traffic Management continues on the Newell highway and Old Mill Road and RMS has issued a revised Road Occupancy License (ROL) for Newell Highway and a new traffic management plan has been developed for the southbound project traffic. Replacement of existing Leewood perimeter fence with security fence in liaison with neighbouring landholders. Commenced installation of security fence on eastern boundary.
- Installation of shallow aqua monitoring bore Nyora scheduled for late October 2013
- Installation of shallow aqua monitoring bore Bohena 14 scheduled for early November 2013.
- Installation of deep aqua monitoring bore Dewhurst 8A scheduled for October 2013.
- Dewhurst Southern Flowline on-ground works expected to commence late October 2013.
- Ecological surveys – ongoing for current program through to December 2013.
- Methane testing - The next round of testing is scheduled to take place in November 2013.

Pilliga rehabilitation:

- Irrigation is continuing as part of the rehabilitation of the Bohena and Bibblewindi sites in the Pilliga.

Site visits:

- Next community site visit to the Pilliga will be held on October 17.

Community:

- The Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia's (CMCA) 28th National Rally is being held at Narrabri from 21 - 27 October 2013. Narrabri Shire Council are partnering with CMCA for the Rally and Santos are providing sponsorship for volunteer t shirts and attendee site tours.
- As part of a suite of activities happening across the local area during this period, the Crossing Theatre is hosting the inaugural *Interior Sounds* concert on Saturday 19 October 2013. David Campbell, Kate Ceberano and Daryl Braithwaite are amongst the artists participating in the concert. Santos is a major sponsor for the event.

Other:

- Santos' Development Application to Narrabri Shire Council for a Fluid Treatment Facility located at the Narrabri Operations Centre was passed by Council on 2 October 2013.
- In late June, Santos chose to refer the proposed exploration and appraisal program to the Commonwealth Government for assessment under the Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC). In early October 2013, the Department of the Environment determined that the program will not significantly impact water resources or other Matters of National Environmental Significance. The referred program involves the drilling of 15 new appraisal wells, recommencement of existing pilot wells, construction of associated flowlines and operation of approved water storage facilities, in the Narrabri area in northwest NSW. Santos asked that the impact of all historic operations, activities and clearing carried out by previous operators in the Pilliga also be assessed as part of the cumulative impact of the program. A copy of the referral decision is available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/notices/assessments/2013/6918/2013-6918-referral-decision.pdf>
- The Bibblewindi Exploration Pilot Expansion EIS is on public exhibition until 7 November 2013. Copies are available for viewing at the Santos Office, the Narrabri Shire Council office or available on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure website at http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=5934
- The Narrabri Shire Council has released their draft Mining and Extractive Industries Policy for public comment. A copy of the policy is available from Narrabri Shire Council website. Submissions close on 5 November 2013. http://www.narrabri.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?page_id=1285&page_name=Public%20Exhibition%20and%20Notifications