

SANTOS UPDATE – May 2014

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:

- There are no plug and abandon activities planned for May

Workovers:

- The workover program is continuing with work being undertaken at the Bibblewindi East and Bibblewindi West pilot wells during May
- The workover rig is used to install and/or maintain pumps on existing wells

Drilling of exploration core holes:

- There are no core hole activities planned for May

Pilot wells:

- Drilling continues on the Dewhurst 26 – 29 well sets
- Rig is currently at Dewhurst 29 and is expected to complete current work program in May
- Tintfield pilot and Bibblewindi East pilot are on-line with the Bibblewindi West pilot off-line for workover program

Leewood

- The transfer of water from the pond at Bibblewindi to Leewood will be ongoing throughout May
- Installation of the liner of the second pond cell at Leewood is also nearing completion

- Completion of the remaining pond cells is expected later in the year
- The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for Leewood Phase 2 is being prepared
- The proposed activity involves the construction of treatment facilities for produced water and brine at Leewood
- Community consultation activities for Leewood Phase 2 will be undertaken when the scope of the project is finalised

Other work:

- Wilga Park Power Station has been re-commissioned but is presently off-line as there is no gas flowing from the Bibblewindi West pilot as work being undertaken as part of the workover program

Site visits:

- The next scheduled community site visit will take place on Thursday 22 May. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please call Lesley Anderson on 6792 9035 or email lesley.anderson@santos.com

Community:

- Santos has donated a second hand vehicle to the Friendly Faces Helping Hands Foundation to assist with the great work of the organisation
- Santos Narrabri Blue Boars major sponsor day will be held on 24 May 2014 at Dangar Park at Narrabri with the Blue Boars vs Gunnedah
- Work on the extension of our Maitland Street shopfront has been completed and upgrades to the Narrabri Operations Centre are progressing well

Other:

- Intermittent protest action in operational areas

- The next meeting of the Santos Community Committee on CSG for the Narrabri Shire will be held on Wednesday 14 May

Environmental Protection Licence

- On 1 May 2014 the Environment Protection Authority issued an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) to Santos for its coal seam gas (CSG) exploration, assessment and production activities in the Pilliga area, south of Narrabri in New South Wales.
- The EPL includes over 75 conditions covering the drilling of wells and the operation and maintenance of CSG infrastructure including wells, pipelines, flares and access tracks, the transfer and storage of produced water and the monitoring of groundwater across the activity area.
- In 2013 the NSW Government passed legislation requiring all CSG exploration, assessment and/or production activities to hold an EPL under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.
- Many other industries are also required to hold an EPL for their activities, including irrigated agriculture (corporation), boat construction, intensive livestock operations, sawmilling, dairy processing, road construction, composting, and mining.