

# Narrabri Gas Project (PEL 238)

## Activities Update

October 2022



### Community Investment Program Highlights



#### Narrabri Blue Boars 2022 Central North Rugby First Grade Premiers

Narrabri Blue Boars are champions of Central North Rugby Union once again.

The Blue Boars did so in dominant fashion – away from home with a 25-8 win against Gunnedah Red Devils.

[Read more](#)



#### Women's Spring Carnival returns to Narrabri Bowling Club

Narrabri Women's Bowling Club's Spring Carnival event made a highly-anticipated return last month.

The 2022 carnival was the first since 2019 after it was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read more](#)



#### Inaugural Santos Namoi Jobs and Trade Show

The inaugural Namoi Jobs and Trades Show will be the forerunner of an annual, regional event at Narrabri.

Narrabri district schools were invited and students were enthusiastic participants during the morning session of the show.

[Read more](#)



## Hunter Gas Pipeline

On 11 August, Santos announced the acquisition of Hunter Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd which owns an approved underground gas pipeline route from Wallumbilla in Queensland to Newcastle in New South Wales. The underground pipeline route passes close to Santos' Narrabri Gas Project and our goal is to work with infrastructure developers and owners to construct the pipeline and deliver much-needed gas to east coast domestic markets in the shortest timeframe possible. The pipeline will also be designed to transport hydrogen as customer demand evolves during the energy transition. In order to transport hydrogen, a modification to the existing approval would be required.

Santos will continue to engage with the directly affected landholders, local councils and state government agencies to finalise the current pipeline alignment within the 200m approved corridor.

The exact location of the pipeline and the permanent 30-metre construction right-of-way will continue to be refined, taking into consideration potential constructability issues, landholder feedback and preferences, and environmental considerations identified in the survey work. Early site survey work has commenced in some areas.

The Santos team will continue to meet with landholders seeking permission to gain property access to conduct these investigations over the coming months. The pipeline is expected to commence construction in early 2024 once the route is finalised and all secondary approvals are completed.

For more information, please visit the below links.

[HGP website](#)

[HGP interactive map](#)

## Community Consultation

### Community Consultative Committee

A condition of the IPC consent for the Narrabri Gas Project is the establishment and operation of a Community Consultative Committee in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) *Community Consultative Committee Guidelines: State Significant Projects*. DPE has appointed Mr Garry West to the position of Independent Chair of the committee.

The purpose of a Community Consultative Committee is to provide a forum for discussion between a proponent and representatives of the community, stakeholder groups and the local council on issues directly relating to a specific State significant project.

**The next meeting of the Narrabri Gas Project Community Consultative Committee will be held on Wednesday, 9 November 2022.**

[NGP Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

### NGP Advisory Groups

A condition of the IPC consent for the Narrabri Gas Project is the establishment and operation of a number of advisory groups. The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has appointed Mr Garry West to the position of Independent Chair of these Advisory Groups.

These groups provide a forum for open dialogue between Santos, independent experts, key stakeholder groups and the local community.

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Group
- Biodiversity Advisory Group
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Advisory Group
- Water Technical Advisory Group

[NGP Advisory Group Meeting Minutes](#)



## Operations Update



### Drilling activities

Santos continues to plan for the commencement of the NGP appraisal program consistent with Phase 1 of the NGP Conditions of Consent.



### Pilot wells

Bibbiewindi East, Bibbiewindi West and Dewhurst South pilot wells are online.

Annual maintenance activities will be undertaken for a short duration during October.



### Leewood

Santos does not need to irrigate at this time and water is stored in the holding ponds at Leewood.



### Wilga Park Power Station

The Wilga Park Power Station is online.

Annual maintenance activities will be undertaken for a short duration during October.



### Other activities

Groundwater monitoring activities for Environmental Protection Licence compliance are ongoing.

Ecological surveys will be undertaken through October to support reporting obligations and planning for future activities.

Flushby operations have completed routine maintenance activities.



## Project Approvals

### NSW Government

On 30 September 2020, the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) approved the Narrabri Gas with the Commission concluding that the Project is in the public interest and that any negative impacts can be effectively mitigated with strict conditions.

[Santos Media Release](#)[IPCN approval link](#)

### Australian Government

On 24 November 2020, the Federal Minister for the Environment approved the Narrabri Gas Project pursuant to Sections 130(1) and 133(1) of the EPBC Act, subject to conditions.

[Santos Media Release](#)[EBPC approval link](#)

Santos will undertake an appraisal program ahead of a Final Investment Decision for the next phase of project development.

Santos continues work on the preparation and approval of the management plans required as a condition of consent by IPC. Copies of plans approved by the NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment are available from the Narrabri Gas Project website.

[Approved Management Plans](#)