

North West Shelf Project

2024 Community Development

















Woodside Energy recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's First People's.

We acknowledge their connection to land, waters and the environment and pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present.

We extend this recognition and respect to First Nations peoples and communities around the world.

In 2024, the North West Shelf (NWS) Project celebrated 40 years of operations in Karratha and after more than four decades of operations, it remains a cornerstone of Woodside's portfolio.

The NWS Project plays a critical role in supporting energy security, both in Western Australia and for our international customers. It has supplied more than 6,000 petajoules of domestic gas. If used just for household electricity, this is enough gas to power every home in a city the size of Perth for approximately 175 years. In 2024, the project accounted for 14% of Western Australia's total domestic gas supply¹. To date, the NWS Project has also delivered more than 6,500 liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes to international customers.

The NWS Project also pays its fair share of taxes. Over the past four decades, the project has paid more than \$40 billion in federal royalties and taxes.

With the Australian Energy Market Operator forecasting domestic gas shortfalls in Western Australia from 2028, timely approval of the NWS Project Extension by the Federal Government is now critical. This supports ongoing operations of the NWS Project's Karratha Gas Plant and investment in infill projects to maximise the field life of the NWS and bring more gas supply to the market in the near term.

Ongoing operations of the NWS Project enables Woodside's continued support for regional development outcomes in the Karratha and Roebourne communities. This includes creating local jobs which attract and maintain a Pilbara-based workforce, providing opportunities for students, graduates and employees to expand on their professional development and undertake new education and training opportunities, and supporting local businesses.

In 2024, the NWS Project invested more than A\$5.1 million in community contributions in the City of Karratha, supporting areas including local volunteering, affordable housing assistance, education, health, liveability and youth programming.

Certainty on the Federal Government's decision on the NWS Project Extension is crucial to ensure these benefits continue with ongoing operations beyond 2030. State Government approval for the NWS Project Extension was received in December 2024 after six years of assessment and appeals. By using existing infrastructure, the project can continue to support local and global energy security and regional development opportunities.



2024 Highlights

Economic Contribution

In 2024, the NWS Project contributed **A\$1,785 million** to the Australian economy.



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Employment

The NWS Project directly employs almost **900 people** and indirectly employs **1,300** contractor staff to support operations.



In 2024, **80%** of our Karratha Gas Plant workforce was residential to Karratha.



Regional Development

In 2024, of the **A\$1,150 million** spent by the NWS Project on operational and capital expenditure, **78%** was spent with WA-based businesses.

Skills Development and Training

In 2024, **1,729 students**, including 376 Indigenous students, participated in Karratha and Roebourne Education Initiative programs.

750+ apprentices and trainees have completed their training at Woodside's Production Training Academy since 2010.

Community Investment

In 2024, **A\$5.1 million** in community contributions in the City of Karratha, supporting local volunteering, affordable housing assistance, education, health, liveability and youth programming.



As part of Woodside's 40th anniversary celebrations, **10** community and not-for-profit organisations from the City of Karratha were awarded Woodside Anniversary Grants of up to **\$100,000**.



Ellie, WA Trainee of the Year

Woodsider Ellie Wotherspoon, an Inlec Technician onboard the Okha FPSO, was awarded the prestigious WA Apprentice of the Year title at the 2024 WA Training Awards. Ellie was celebrated for her outstanding accomplishments during her apprenticeship with Woodside training provider, Programmed Training Services through the National Electrical Technician Training Scheme (NETTS), which included being hosted firstly by BHP and then Woodside.

"I saw female tradies in PPE at Karratha and thought 'that's cool'. I would like to help young people – especially those from the country and especially women – to find a career path that suits them and show them that the one they want is in fact possible." Ellie



Owen, Inaugural Indigenous Wharf Operator Trainee

A Traditional Owner pathway program supporting a two-year Indigenous Wharf Operator traineeship, developed with our training partner Programmed Training Services is well underway. The traineeship includes competencies for onsite training and TAFE modules. Trainees learn skills including forklift operation, unloading and loading offshore supply ships, 200 tonne crane operation, and rigging and dogging activities.

"I saw the job advertised on Facebook and I had a couple of friends send it to me, so I applied. And it's been great. I'm two months in and I've been getting plenty of support all round from everyone and I've been learning so much." Owen



Blaze, Delivering Reliable Services

North West Alliance (NWA) has managed Woodside's onshore and offshore waste for more than a decade, including general waste, hazardous waste, scrap metal, medical and treated waste. A 50% Indigenous owned and Pilbara based joint venture, NWA had its contract extended as a result of its proven record in delivering safe and sustainable services.

"One of the key contracts that supported North West Alliance's early development was the contract with Woodside, enabling our company to demonstrate its capabilities and grow its Karratha operations and secure other key contracts in the area." Blaze, Director, North West Alliance



Carol, Bridging Educational Gaps

The NWS Project funds 50% of the Karratha and Roebourne Education Initiative (KREI) which plays an important role in bridging gaps in educational opportunities available to local students and their peers in metropolitan areas. In 2024, the KREI supported Year 12 students from St Luke's College to travel to Perth for a 10-day educational experience. The students participated in a series of intensive revision seminars, designed to prepare them for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) examinations.

"We are very fortunate to have the support of the Karratha and Roebourne Education Initiative funding, which made both the revision seminars and university visits possible. Our students are now feeling more prepared ahead of their final examinations and transition into tertiary education." Carol, Education Co-ordinator, St Luke's College



The NWS Project consists of three offshore platforms and the onshore Karratha Gas Plant (KGP), which includes five onshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) processing trains and two domestic gas trains. It produces LNG, condensate, pipeline gas and natural gas liquids. The NWS Project participants are Woodside Energy Ltd, Woodside Energy (North West Shelf) Pty Ltd, BP Developments Australia Pty Ltd, Chevron Australia Pty Ltd, Japan Australia LNG (MIMI) Pty Ltd, Shell Australia Pty Ltd and CNOOC NWS Private Ltd.