

# Karratha Community Update

December 2025

## Scarborough Energy Project on track for start-up

Aerial view of Pluto Train 2 as at 25 October 2025.



As we approach start-up of the Scarborough Energy Project and commissioning of Pluto Train 2, Woodside and its joint venture partners continue to focus on managing impacts and delivering positive outcomes for the Karratha and Roebourne communities.

This approach has seen \$215 million worth of contracts awarded to 170 Pilbara-based businesses, support for local employment and training initiatives and ongoing investment in programs, events and organisations that help build a thriving local community.

In 2026 we will continue to work to minimise the impact of our operations to the community as we commission Pluto Train 2 in preparation for the processing of Scarborough gas in the second half of the year.

Commissioning is a critical process in bringing new LNG processing facilities online. It involves initial testing and operation of equipment and systems to ensure correct installation and safe functioning. Our team takes a comprehensive approach to verifying all systems meet regulatory requirements while minimising environmental impacts wherever possible.

As we commission our Pluto Train 2 Project, you may notice an increase in flaring activity, including some periods of noise and visible dark smoke.

We are committed to proactively communicating planned activities as much as possible. As schedules are finalised, further updates will be communicated.

If you have questions on commissioning and flaring or would like more information, I invite you to view the [Woodside Controlled Flaring animation here](#) or contact Woodside's Community Line by calling 1800 634 988.

We look forward to continue to work with the Karratha and Roebourne communities during 2026.

**Mike Price**

Woodside Vice President Pluto Scarborough Asset

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

We acknowledge the unique connection of the Traditional Custodians to land, waters and the environment where we operate in the City of Karratha.

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

## Tim Tam bird spotted at bird watching and cultural heritage event

Woodside were pleased to co-host the annual Bird Watching and Cultural Heritage Community Event at Hearson Cove and Ngajarli last month.

The event aims to raise awareness of Pilbara coast shorebirds and the rich cultural heritage of the area.

About 70 people got up early to attend the sunrise event. Broome Bird Observatory staff provided an information session followed by migratory shorebird watching and the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) Rangers hosted guided tours of the incredible petroglyphs and UNESCO World Heritage recognised landscape..

A highlight of this year's event was a sighting of the Red Necked Stint. The bird is affectionately known as the Tim Tam bird as it weighs 21 grams, just a tiny bit more than the much-loved Australian chocolate biscuit.

Western Australia's Pilbara shorebirds undertake a remarkable migration journey of over 10,000 kilometres to breed in the northern hemisphere, sustained by our region's marine cuisine. Attendees gained insights into the birds' behaviour and learned about some of the threats and conservation efforts to help protect them.

Broome Bird Observatory Warden Jamie Van Jones said it was fantastic to see some of the incredible migratory birds that fly all the way from Russia and Siberia to return and feed on the Pilbara shoreline.



He offers advice, "Keep an eye out for these small shorebirds over summer and give them space to feed, as they will take off on migration back 10,000 to 13,000 km to the far North in March and April."

MAC commenced the event inviting MAC Senior Ranger and Ngarluma woman, Sarah Hicks to share powerful Acknowledgement of Country. She said, "It's great to see the number of people rocking up to this event and the diversity of people interested in the rock art and the shorebirds."

"The benefit of this event is that it brings people together and it builds understanding."

Woodside Energy was pleased to work collaboratively with co-hosts Pilbara Ports, Rio Tinto, Yara Pilbara, Perdaman, and the DBCA Parks and Wildlife Service, Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation Rangers and BirdLife Australia to deliver the event.

## New members join Karratha Community Liaison Group



New CLG members Rachel Rainey and James Florisson.

Woodside is committed to building strong relationships with the community. One way we do this is through our quarterly Karratha Community Liaison Group (CLG) meetings.

The CLG is a forum for community stakeholders to provide feedback on Woodside's current and planned activities, as well as for Woodside and CLG members to discuss issues of common interest or concern.

The group meets four times per year and cover a range of topics, including operational and project updates, social impact management and opportunities, local content, environment plans and social contribution.

In collaboration with existing CLG members, this year we updated our CLG terms of reference to broaden membership and enhance communication channels between Woodside and the community.

This resulted in the appointment of two new community representatives, Rachel Rainey and James Florisson following a call for public nominations.

The new representatives add diversity to the group by bringing their views on the environment, conservation and recreational fisheries.

The CLG is an important platform for Woodside to share information about our operations, gather feedback on current and future activities, and facilitate discussions on issues of importance to the community.

## Local athletes and associations recognised at Community Sports Awards

The City of Karratha Community Sports Awards in October brought together athletes, volunteers, and sporting associations to celebrate the achievements and community spirit that make local sport possible.

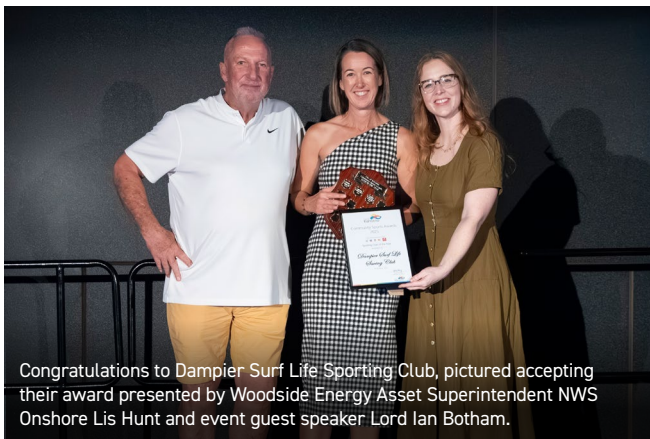
Woodside and its joint venture participants in the North West Shelf Project and Scarborough Energy Project were pleased to support the event through our City of Karratha Community Development Partnership. This year's event recognised outstanding contributions across nine categories, with more than 100 nominees reflecting the depth of talent and dedication in the region.

Among the evening's highlights, Yani Davis was named Woodside Energy Junior Sportsman of the Year, while the Dampier Surf Life Saving Club took home the Woodside Energy Sporting Club of the Year Award.

Woodside Project Manager Pluto Train 2, Rob MacKinnon said the awards night was a testament to the vital role sport plays in the City of Karratha, "Sport is integral to the Pilbara way of life, breaking down barriers, building friendships, and supporting both personal and community wellbeing."

"The awards are a great opportunity to celebrate the volunteers and clubs that are key to nurturing opportunities to be active, make friends, and excel."

For a full list of winners visit: [Top sports stars recognised at Community Sports Awards | City of Karratha](#)



Congratulations to Dampier Surf Life Sporting Club, pictured accepting their award presented by Woodside Energy Asset Superintendent NWS Onshore Lis Hunt and event guest speaker Lord Ian Botham.



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## Ngardimu reduce waste and build skills at Pluto Train 2

Woodside's Scarborough Energy Project is now over 91% complete (excluding Pluto Train 1 modifications) and is targeting first LNG in the second half of 2026. The project has the capacity to supply up to 225tjs a day of domestic gas to the WA domestic gas market.

But it isn't just critical energy that is being supplied by the Scarborough Energy Project.

Together with our contractors, we've invested over \$215 million with more than 170 Pilbara-based businesses. Over \$115 million in contracts have been awarded to 69 Australian Indigenous businesses since project inception across the Scarborough Energy Project's Pluto Train 2 and Pluto Train 1 modifications work scopes.

Bechtel, the engineering, procurement and construction contractor for Woodside's Pluto Train 2 Project, has partnered with Ngardimu, a joint venture led by Yindjibarndi-owned Yurra and Sims Metal.

Ngardimu has been engaged since July 2024 to deliver scrap metal collection and recycling services for the project.

To date, over 870 tonnes of recyclable materials from Pluto Train 2 have been redirected from landfill, while investment in local Indigenous communities has produced positive results by preparing individuals for employment in construction roles.

Since Bechtel commenced construction in Karratha, the Pluto Train 2 team has worked to ensure our project provides meaningful opportunities to support Pilbara Indigenous-led businesses and entrepreneurship.

Ngardimu has recently implemented a trainee program for employees gaining on-the-job metal recycling experience.



Ngardimu's business name comes from the Yindjibarndi language meaning "again and again".

"Through relationships with businesses like Ngardimu, Bechtel keeps finding new ways to support local communities while making our projects more sustainable" said Corey McGovern, Bechtel Senior Project Manager for Pluto Train 2.

The Scarborough Energy Project has generated thousands of jobs during the construction phase and around 600 direct jobs are expected to be created or sustained throughout operations. This includes about 70 residential positions in Karratha.

Paul Baker, Woodside Energy Pluto Expansion Project Manager says "We're pleased Bechtel are engaging Ngardimu. This work scope reflects Woodsides values: respect, environment and care for community."

"We strongly support local content, economic outcomes, positive social contributions and sustainable local supply chains which deliver direct benefits to our host communities."

Developing strong relationships with local suppliers and contractors is an important aspect of Woodside projects including the Scarborough Energy Project.

# Woodside Anniversary Grant upgrades Karratha Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service facility

In 2024, 10 community groups in Karratha and Roebourne were awarded grants of up to \$100,000 as part of the Woodside Anniversary Grant Program.

The grants formed part of Woodside's continued contribution to the Karratha and Roebourne communities as it marked 70 years as a proud Australian company and four decades of safe and reliable operations in Karratha.

Karratha Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS) was among the grant recipients, using its grant to transform its training facilities.

This included renovating an underutilised shed at the Karratha VFRS station to create a new training centre and space for crew debriefs. Installing air-conditioning in the facility also improved equipment storage conditions, ensuring firefighting gear remains in optimal condition and extending service life.

The new facility also provides a venue for community engagement and volunteer events, fostering connection and resilience among the brigade.

Karratha VFRS Secretary/Treasurer, Kate Kelly said the upgraded facility had already made a significant difference. "This support means we can provide a safe, climate-controlled space for training and welfare, ensuring our volunteers are ready to respond year-round. It's more than an upgrade - it's an investment in community resilience and the wellbeing of those who serve," she said.

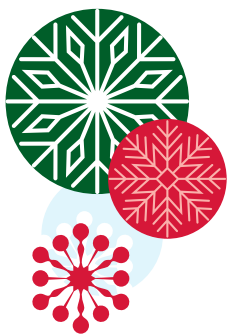
Woodside Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Australia Liz Westcott said Woodside and its joint venture partners were proud to support these valuable initiatives.

"Karratha is where our Western Australia story began and we understand that being a part of the community is centred on developing strong relationships and making meaningful contributions. We have done this for 40 years and look forward to continue supporting projects and programs that provide local solutions to local challenges."

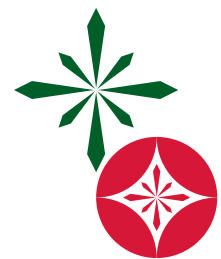


Supported by Woodside and its joint venture participants in the North West Shelf Project and Scarborough Energy Project, the initiative reflects a shared commitment to creating enduring value for host communities.

Read more about [Woodside Anniversary Grant recipients here](#).



## Season's Greetings



We wish you and your loved ones a peaceful holiday season. 2025 has been a year of progress and resilience, and we're grateful for your role in our journey.

Let's continue to shape the future of energy together in 2026.

## Let's Talk

### Our plans, Your say



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