


Karratha Community Update

March 2026

 The Scarborough FPU weighs approximately 70,000 tonnes and was towed over 4,000 nautical miles to the Scarborough field in the Carnarvon Basin.



Scarborough sails towards start up

This year marks a defining year for Woodside as the Scarborough Energy Project, including our Pluto Train 2 and Pluto Train 1 Modifications Projects in Karratha, move through final construction, commissioning and start up phases.

Across the Scarborough Energy Project, progress continues to track strongly toward first LNG cargo in the fourth quarter of 2026. The development is now more than 94% complete (excluding Pluto Train 1 modifications) and has already delivered economic benefits to the Karratha and Roebourne communities. Once operating, it is expected to support long-term energy supply for Western Australia and the wider Asia-Pacific region.

Offshore, a major milestone was achieved early this year with the safe arrival of the Floating Production Unit (FPU) at the Scarborough field, 375 km off the coast of Karratha. Hook-up and commissioning activities are underway in preparation for production.

Onshore, work at Pluto Train 2 remains focused on piping and electrical installation, system testing and commissioning, ahead of introduction of Scarborough gas to site later in the year.

Meanwhile, the Pluto Train 1 Modifications Project has ramped up. These modifications will enable the processing of additional Scarborough gas through our existing LNG train at Pluto LNG. New modules are expected to arrive through Dampier Port over the coming months.

Collectively, these projects represent the most significant investment in the region in more than a decade.

Together with our contractors, we've invested more than A\$260 million with 200 Pilbara-based businesses. A\$149 million of that figure has been invested with Pilbara-based businesses engaged on the Pluto Train 2 Project.

As we approach the finish line and a future with two trains operating at the Pluto LNG Park, we will continue to focus on managing impacts and delivering positive outcomes for the Karratha and Roebourne communities.

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.

Refreshed North West Shelf Visitor Centre

With the support of local Karratha contractors, last year the North West Shelf (NWS) Project Visitor Centre underwent a refresh to enhance the experience for visitors.

The Visitor Centre welcomes thousands of community members through its doors each year, from visitors to the region to school groups. It offers an opportunity to learn more about the NWS Project's history in Karratha, its operations and its ongoing role in supplying energy security in Western Australia and beyond.

Acting Asset Manager NWS Onshore, Perrine Lombart, said working closely with local contractors was a key focus in creating a modern visitor experience.

"We are proud to be part of the Karratha community, and the refreshed Visitor Centre allows us to share our story - from the history of Woodside and the NWS Project, to the important role we play in supporting the communities where we live and work."

The works brought together local contractors, including Birndirri, Impact Digi and C Signs, strengthening the NWS Project's contribution to the regional economy and prioritising local capability. Their involvement drew on longstanding experience of working in the Pilbara.

Jake Throssell, Construction Supervisor at Birndirri, said the project demonstrated the value of working closely with local contractors.

"Working with the Woodside team to deliver the Visitor Centre refresh was a positive experience and we are proud to have contributed to a space that visitors can enjoy for many years to come."

Jason Miltrup, Operations Manager at Impact Digi, said working with Woodside to redesign the Visitor Centre signage has been a great project for the team.

"We're proud to have played a role in transforming the space into a modern and engaging environment for visitors."

Cameron Inch, Director of C Signs, said the project was a valuable opportunity for local businesses.



Visitors are warmly welcome to experience the refreshed centre.

"Being part of the Visitor Centre refresh allowed us to bring the NWS Project's history and operations into focus and showcase the capabilities of our small business."

The Visitor Centre will be open from Tuesday, 7 April 2026, more details below:

Street Address:

Burrup Road, Burrup Peninsular, Dampier WA, 6713

Opening Times:

April - October

School term: 10am - 2pm, Tuesday and Wednesday

School holidays: 10am - 2pm, Tuesday - Friday

Follow the [Woodside North West Facebook page](#) for updates to opening hours [here](#).

Woodside welcomes new apprentices and trainees



New starters at Woodside Training Academy.

Woodside are delighted to welcome the 2026 trainee and apprentice cohort across our North West operations.

This year, 23 Karratha-based recruits will be hosted at the Woodside Training Academy, 13 are local school leavers. Employed by Programmed Skilled Workforce, roles include service operator trainees, apprentices, pathway trainees and school-based trainees.

The new recruits now form part of a broader group of 63 apprentices and trainees developing their skills across Woodside's Karratha Gas Plant, Pluto LNG Park and Karratha Supply Facilities.

Reflecting our commitment to diversity, 47% of recruits this year are women and 52% are Indigenous, strengthening our future workforce and continuing our long-standing investment in local capability.

We can't wait to see where this journey takes our newest team-mates.

Pluto LNG and flare maintenance underway

In 2026, Woodside is undertaking a series of important works at Pluto LNG as we prepare to integrate the exiting facility with the Scarborough Energy Project. This includes improvement works to our flare system and a major planned maintenance campaign, known as a turnaround, commencing in May 2026.

Together with the upcoming commissioning and start-up of the new Pluto Train 2 facilities later this year, these staged works support the safe and reliable operations of Pluto LNG.

The turnaround includes a planned shutdown of parts of the facility so essential inspections, repairs, and upgrades can be carried out safely. This work can't be done while the plant is operating. To make the systems safe to execute the maintenance and project scopes, hydrocarbons need to be removed. This is the primary source of flaring during a turnaround.

Alongside preparation for the turnaround, Woodside is carrying out improvement activities on Pluto LNG's flare systems as part of our regular maintenance program. These works will help ensure the facility continues to operate safely and reliably, improve how gas is burned in the flare and reduce smoke where possible. It also ensures the flare system is ready to support future operations.

Flare improvement works are being completed in stages and are expected to continue in the first half of 2026. A testing stage is required to confirm systems are operating as intended before returning to normal operations.



Increased flaring is expected at Pluto LNG during these activities, particularly during system testing and restart works. This may include larger flames, increased noise, and occasional visible smoke, which is managed and reported in line with regulatory requirements.

Woodside adheres to regulatory requirements governing emissions, including those from flaring activities, and we implement robust monitoring to minimise environmental impacts.

To learn more about flaring, we invite you to view a short animation by scanning the QR code. You can also contact the Woodside Community Information Line on 1800 634 988.

Learn more about [Woodside controlled flaring here](#).

Locals land a solid catch with new artificial reef

Recreational fishers in Dampier and Karratha have something to get excited about, with Recfishwest and Woodside Energy successfully installing a new artificial reef near Rosemary Island. The project has been years in the making with aims to boost local marine life and create a high-quality fishing destination for Pilbara residents and visitors.

The reef is made up of 48 purpose-built concrete modules, transported and lowered into place in December 2025. Within days, the first marine species began moving in. Acting EVP and COO Australia, Breyden Lonnie said the project reflects Woodside's commitment to supporting the region.

"Woodside is excited to collaborate with Recfishwest and the local fishing community to bring this new reef to life," he said. "The reef is expected to provide a productive marine habitat for diverse species of algae and corals, supporting an abundance of fish life."

Situated in approximately 35 metres of water and roughly 30 kilometres from the Dampier boat ramp, the reef's modules have been engineered with complex internal spaces that encourage coral growth, protect juvenile fish and support larger species such as spanish mackerel, cobia, emperor, cod and even sailfish. For local fishers it is expected to become a new fishing hotspot.

It's not all about fishing action. The reef is also expected to support local tourism and economic activity. Similar artificial reefs like Exmouth's King Reef, have shown how previously barren seafloor can transform into thriving ecosystems supporting more than 150 species within a few years.

The Dampier Artificial Reef is a true community effort, delivered with support from the WA Government, the City of Karratha, Traditional Owners and local fishing clubs.



Dampier Artificial Reef coordinates.



Recfishwest will provide updates as the reef continues to establish. For now, Pilbara anglers can look forward to a fresh fishing hotspot right on Dampier's doorstep.

The installation of the reef was funded by Woodside and its Scarborough Joint Venture partners; JERA Australia and LNG Japan. Woodside also acknowledges its Enfield Joint Venture partner Mitsui E&P Australia, for contributing to the acquisition of the concrete modules for the reef.

Murujuga Ranger vessel Nyamina sets sail

Representatives from Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) Rangers and Circle of Elders, State Government and Woodside Energy joined together recently to celebrate the launch of the new Murujuga Ranger vessel, the Nyamina.

Named after the dugongs that inhabit Murujuga Sea Country, the Nyamina is a custom-built 5.8 metres rigid-hulled inflatable boat, designed for inshore waters and safe landing and unloading on beaches.

The vessel was funded by the State Government via Lotterywest and Woodside Energy, which contributed support towards the vessel, additional camera equipment and two years of operating costs.

Guided by the Murujuga Circle of Elders, the vessel will support ongoing collaboration between Rangers, government agencies and researchers in the management of Sea Country. It also provides the opportunity for Rangers to gain diverse skills and qualifications, including coxswain certification.

MAC Chairperson Peter Hicks said "The launch of this vessel is a proud moment for Murujuga, our Rangers, and for the ongoing care of our World Heritage listed Murujuga Cultural Landscape, which extends across the Burrup Peninsula, the islands of the Dampier Archipelago, and Sea Country."

Matthew Turnbull, General Manager Scarborough Business shares Woodside's pride in co-funding the vessel, supporting Ranger-led management of Murujuga and long-term outcomes for cultural heritage and Country. He says "MAC Rangers play a critical role in protecting cultural heritage, monitoring Country and supporting research across the World Heritage Listed Murujuga Cultural landscape."



Photo credit: Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation.

"The launch of Nyamina gives the Rangers greater capability to manage Sea Country and to continue this important work safely and independently."

Watch the [official launch on MAC's YouTube here](#).

KGP sets new record for lowest flaring

In 2025, Woodside achieved record low flaring performance at Karratha Gas Plant with flared quantities less than 10% of their peak in 2013.

This success reflects years of continuous improvement, which Matt Ladner, Senior Emissions and Production Optimisation Engineer, credits to a strong culture focused on emissions reduction, safety and reliability.

"It's a testament to the dedication of our engineering and operations teams who have embedded low-flaring practices into daily routines and decision making," says Matt.

"The record has been a result of a reliable plant and playing the long game in identifying and implementing flare reduction opportunities," explains Matt.

Flaring targets are set each year based on planned maintenance activities and expected plant reliability.

In 2025, Woodside implemented solutions to reduce our daily flaring by removing permanent gas supply to the flare, as well as optimised LNG plant maintenance and equipment restart improvements.

Woodside Community Grants

Applications now open

The Woodside Community Grants program is part of our commitment to help build local capacity and develop opportunities for community wellbeing.

If your club or organisation has a great idea or needs extra support, Woodside wants to hear from you. Grants of up to \$5000 are available to support community initiatives in the City of Karratha, Shire of Exmouth and Town of Onslow.

Applications close Tuesday, 31 March 2026.

Find out more about [Woodside Community Grants here](#).
For more information, please email northwestcommunities@woodside.com

