



Wheatstone Project

2023 annual report

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community
development plan**

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executive summary

The Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project stands as a vital contributor to Australia's resource development landscape, boasting two Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) trains and a domestic gas facility, located along Western Australia's Pilbara coast. Aligned with the Ashburton North State Development Agreement, the Community Development Plan (CDP) underpins Chevron Australia's commitment to fostering lasting community and social benefits. This report provides an overview of the Wheatstone Project's initiatives in local employment, regional development, community enhancement and workforce integration in Onslow and the broader Pilbara region.

about wheatstone

The Chevron-operated Wheatstone Project is one of Australia's largest resource developments and the nation's first LNG hub. The Wheatstone plant site is located 12 kilometres west of Onslow, on the Pilbara coast of Western Australia. The project includes two LNG trains with a combined capacity of 8.9 million tonnes per annum and a domestic gas plant with the capacity to supply 215 terajoules per day to the WA. The Project also includes offshore facilities, which gather and partially process gas and associated condensate before delivering it onshore via a 225 kilometre pipeline.

The Wheatstone Project provides community and economic benefits including employment, infrastructure investment and local business opportunities.

With a predicted project lifespan of more than 30 years, the Wheatstone Project will remain an important pillar of the Australian economy for decades to come.

The Wheatstone Project is a joint venture between Australian subsidiaries of Chevron (64.14 percent), Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC) (13.4 percent), Woodside Energy Group Ltd (13 percent), and Kyushu Electric Power Company (1.46 percent), together with PE Wheatstone Pty Ltd, part-owned by JERA (8 percent).

about wheatstone's community development plan

The Ashburton North State Development Agreement (Wheatstone Project) (the SDA) is an agreement between Chevron Australia and the Western Australian State Government and requires Chevron to implement a Community Development Plan (CDP). The CDP outlines our strategies for achieving lasting community and social benefits in Onslow and the wider Pilbara region.

The implementation of the CDP focuses on providing four key SDA community and social benefits:

- training and employment for persons living in the Onslow and North-West regions of Western Australia;
- regional development and local procurement of goods and services;
- contributing to community services and facilities; and
- ensuring that a percentage of our operations workforce for the Wheatstone Project is based in the vicinity of Onslow.

The SDA also requires the provision of an Annual Report which details our actions, performance, and delivery of the CDP.

This report provides an overview of the 2023 Wheatstone CDP annual report.

local training and employment

Chevron Australia is committed to providing employment opportunities during operations for suitably qualified people living in Onslow and the North-West regions of Western Australia.

We have continued our partnerships to support education and training in Onslow, and across WA.

In 2023 we:

- recruited a trainee to join our Indigenous Sea Rangers program, and all Rangers completed additional training and qualifications;
- renewed our support with Onslow School for a further three years and extended the additional teaching resources at the school to include a Student Support Officer to focus on the most vulnerable students, including tracking attendance;
- continued our long-term partnership with Australian Earth Sciences Education to enable them to deliver incursions to Perth schools, as well as Onslow School and Karratha SHS; and
- established a new partnership with CSIRO to enable delivery of the *Living STEM: Indigenous Learnings in the Classroom* program, that includes participation from local Elders, to 10 Pilbara schools.

regional development

Through the Wheatstone Project, Chevron continues to provide local business and contracting opportunities and bring benefit to the local community of Onslow.

Chevron is a principal partner of the Onslow Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI). In 2023, our support helped the OCCI:

- offer a third round of the *Upskill for the Future* training grants program to address skill gaps.
- run networking events throughout the year and provide training workshops and specialist support to local businesses.

Since providing funding to support the expansion of the One Tree Childcare Centre in Onslow in 2021, Chevron extended funding in 2023 for an industry support package, administered by the OCCI, to attract, train and retain staff at the expanded facility.

housing staff locally

Chevron is committed to basing a percentage of the Wheatstone Project operations workforce in Onslow. A number of Wheatstone Project direct operations workers reside in Chevron houses located in Barrarda Estate. We also continue to encourage our contractors and business partners to have a residential based component of their workforce where possible.

contributing to the community

Chevron is committed to being an active contributor and investor in the Onslow community. Together with key stakeholders, we support a range of community development initiatives and invest in local infrastructure.

In 2023, Chevron made a \$34.5 million contribution to the Onslow water infrastructure upgrade, which is part of our total funding contribution for this project of \$69 million. This project, led by Water Corporation will increase potable water supply to Onslow by 2 million litres per day and is anticipated to be completed in late 2025.

Through the Community Development Fund, Chevron provided \$220,000 in funding support to the Onslow Men's Shed and \$500,000 Mountain Bike Park in 2023, with our total contribution towards these two projects being \$3 million.

Chevron's Community Spirit Fund small grants program was expanded in 2023 to cover communities between Gascoyne and West Pilbara regions, including Onslow.

Following a Social Needs Assessment of the Onslow community in 2021, Chevron has undertaken a collaborative industry response to the findings, which has resulted in a coordinated approach to social investments and closing gaps in community needs. In 2023, this included:

- free weekly physiotherapy services for Onslow residents.
- free fortnightly mental health support from a qualified psychologist and in-person visits to Onslow School provided by our mental health charity partners zero2hero to deliver workshops and a resilience building running program.
- extended support for the *Working Together for Onslow* partnership with the Shire of Ashburton for a further three years to include community development programs in addition to engagement events. The Shire undertook a strategic reframe of the partnership to align its outcomes with their 2023 - 2025 Youth Engagement Strategy.
- continuation of Onslow Collective Impact workshops with Chevron staff and business partners, to progress activities in support of the sustainable development of Onslow.

In 2023, Chevron's partnership with Telethon Speech and Hearing was expanded from speech pathology to include occupational therapy and literacy support. This is in addition to mobile ear health screening, diagnosis and clinical care pathways that have been offered throughout the West Pilbara since 2011.