



# Community Bulletin



*"This free concert is our way of saying 'thank you' to the people of Gippsland."*

*Stars shine in Gippsland.*

## Howzat for a great celebration!

Esso Australia would like to thank everyone who went along to the Esso Night Under the Stars concert, helping us celebrate the 50th anniversary of oil and gas production from our Gippsland operations.

Despite forecast storms and torrential rain, which meant the concert had to be moved from Saturday 2 to Sunday 3 November, the community came out in droves, with almost 2,000 people attending the free event.

For half a century our Gippsland Operations have been a nation-building endeavour providing energy to help fuel Australia's economic growth.

"We could not have achieved so much without the on-going support of our community," said Esso's Production Manager Stuart Jeffries.

"This free concert is our way of saying 'thank you' to the people of Gippsland.

"I also want to thank the Wellington Shire Council for organising this fantastic concert and the performers, particularly Daryl Braithwaite, whose career has spanned almost as many years as our Gippsland operations."

Stuart said that the company was committed to making a positive contribution to the Gippsland community, whether it's through helping local community groups and projects, supporting the education of local students, or providing free community events.



*"Cobia is a valuable asset to our Gippsland operations."*

*Cobia Operations Technician Matt Bullen holds a sample of oil collected after the re-start. With him are Nigel Smith (left) and Offshore Installation Manager Steve Trett.*

## Cobia platform back online

The Cobia oil platform is back online after being shut in to replace the 300mm diameter Cobia-to-Halibut oil export pipeline.

Earlier this year the Project Group successfully replaced the pipeline with a new 150mm flexible pipeline using the Subsea 7 "Seven Eagle" Dive Support Vessel.

Meanwhile work activities continued on both platforms in preparation for the reintroduction of Cobia oil production.

"This work included pressure vessel inspections and repairs, piping inspections and replacements, valve checks and overhauls, as well as work on the instrumentation and electrical systems," said Cobia Restart Project Manager James Stevenson.

Production Manager Stuart Jeffries congratulated everyone involved in the project.

"Cobia is a valuable asset to our Gippsland operations and developing a feasible means of safely bringing it back into production required some excellent work across operations, projects, engineering, wellwork and logistics," he said.

## Robots point to a Bright Future

Robotics and virtual reality technology feature highly in this year's round of ExxonMobil Australia's Bright Future Grants.

Through the 2019 Bright Future Grants program, 21 schools and kindergartens near our Gippsland facilities received a grant of up to \$4000 each for a variety of maths and science resources and projects.

In total, the Esso-BHP Gippsland Basin Joint Venture distributed more than \$75,000.

"We are definitely seeing a trend to more high-tech equipment among the innovative projects supported this year," said Longford Plants Manager Kartik Garg.

"Apart from a variety of robotic projects we have also supported the purchase of drones as well as tablets and iPads."

Kartik said he was very encouraged to see this advancing technology in the Bright Future grants.

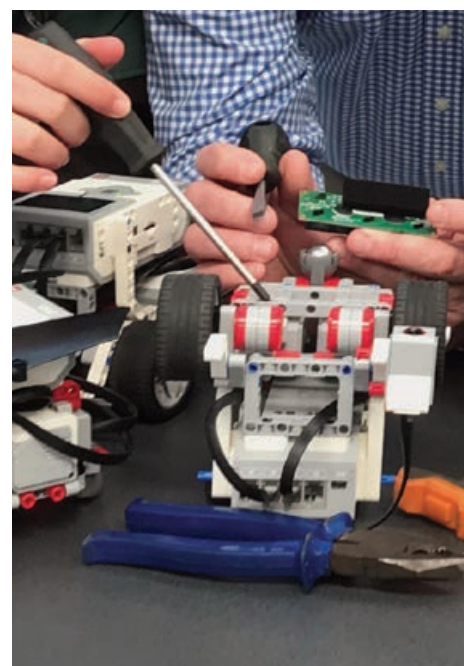
"This is a reflection of our increasing use of innovative technology to improve the way we operate our facilities," he said.

"As we continue to tackle the daunting challenges of meeting growing needs while reducing emissions, we are going to be relying heavily on innovative technological advances from future generations.

"This is why programs, like our Bright Futures grants, that inspire children to pursue careers in science, engineering and mathematics are so important."

It's now ten years since the Bright Futures Program began and over that time ExxonMobil Australia has distributed more than \$1.4 million to schools and kindergartens in Australia.

*"This is a reflection of our increasing use of innovative technology to improve the way we operate our facilities."*



*Robotic projects feature highly in this year's Bright Future grants.*



# Esso Chat

By Kartik Garg  
Longford Plants Manager



I want to start by saying what a great honour it is to be assigned this new role at such an important time for our Gippsland Operations.

The Longford Plants are the heart of our operations, which play such a vital role in supplying energy to homes and industrial and commercial enterprises up and down Australia's eastern states.

In the 16 years since I started my career as a graduate Projects Engineer at our Long Island Point Plant, I have had the privilege of seeing first-hand the incredible technical achievements required to provide the energy we need every day.

I have had the opportunity to work on projects here and around the world, and this has made me appreciate the skills and knowledge we have built here in Gippsland over the years, both within our own company as well as the wider community, through all the specialised service companies we rely on.

As I'm sure you are all well aware, this year marks the 50th anniversary of our oil and gas production.

In October, our workers at Longford and Long Island Point marked the occasion with team barbecues, where they reflected on some of the outstanding accomplishments of several generations of workers.

To achieve 50 years of operations has required the collective efforts of our workforce and multiple stakeholders.

Across both sites, one thing is clear – it's our people who are responsible for our ongoing success.

Also we could not have achieved this significant milestone without the on-going support of our community and I was so pleased to hear so many community members enjoyed our magnificent Esso Night Under the Stars concert.

I would like to thank the community for all your support over the years and I'm looking forward to getting to know some of you and working with you going forward.



Longford Plants. "It's our people who are responsible for our ongoing success."

## Plants focus on reducing flares



Thomas Burger and Longford Surveillance Engineer Taylah Roy discuss flare reduction initiatives. "Apart from being good for business, reducing the amount of product we send to the flares also reduces our overall greenhouse gas emissions."

Longford's plants require constantly burning flares as vital safety devices that work much the same way as pilot-lights on domestic gas appliances.

However, due to environmental as well as business reasons, the team at Longford have been focusing on a number of initiatives aimed at reducing the amount of product burned at the flares.

"Apart from being good for business, reducing the amount of product we send to the flares also reduces our overall greenhouse gas emissions," said Longford Technical Supervisor Thomas Burger.

Thomas and his team identified several opportunities to improve flare management and Gas Conditioning Plant reliability, as well as minimise waste-gas burning, which are all helping Longford achieve a significant reduction in flaring.

"Since 2018, Longford has been able to reduce flaring by approximately 45 percent. This has contributed to a reduction in the plants' overall greenhouse gas emissions," he said.



The Longford team celebrates 50 years of production.

## Finding information in an emergency

From time to time, unusual events like odours, noises, an evacuation or muster of employees, or emergency services attending the plant, do occur. When this happens, we have a number of ways to communicate with the local community including:

- Community Hotline 5149 6206 – anyone can call this number to obtain information about the Plant at any time.
- SMS Notification System – Esso sends a short message about events at the Plants to the mobile phones of people who have registered their details.
- Media Relations – in the event of a large-impact incident, Esso will use the mass media, such as radio or television news, to communicate important information to the wider community.

To sign-up to receive SMS messages from the Plant please call 5149 6206 to obtain a registration form or go to: [www.exxonmobil.com.au](http://www.exxonmobil.com.au)



### Siren

Community members should be aware that the siren at the Esso Longford Plants is sounded to alert on-site personnel only. People in the community do not need to take action in response to the sounding of this siren.

Please note that the siren is tested every Tuesday morning at 9.30.

In the case of an emergency, police and emergency services personnel will direct community members if action is required.

### Community Hotline

Call Esso's community hotline for information about Longford Plants.

**Ph: 5149 6206**



An **ExxonMobil** Brand

#### Longford Plants

Longford Plants are owned and operated by Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd, an affiliate of Exxon Mobil Corporation. The terms *Corporation*, *Company*, *affiliate*, *ExxonMobil*, *Mobil*, *Esso*, *our*, *we* and *its* as used in this material may refer to Exxon Mobil Corporation, to one of its affiliates or to any one or more of the foregoing. The shorter terms are used merely for convenience and simplicity.