

The Gloucester Gas Project has the potential to meet 15 percent of NSW's natural gas demand from 2018.

While proceeding to full production is a decision yet to be made, as part of our exploration program we are sourcing goods and services locally and employing local people. In the 2013/14 financial year we invested \$2.5 million in the local community.

We are also behind initiatives including the Gloucester Community Investment Program, which directs investment back into the local community via donations, sponsorships and community development programs. \$2.5m contribution to Gloucester region



are local

98 local suppliers 62%

Yates and Twomey Hardware: An AGL supplier.

Hardware is in Ray Twomey's blood. In 1948, his father and uncle established Yates and Twomey's Country Hardware store in the main street of Gloucester on their return from WWII.

employees



Ray now runs the business with his wife Sandra and their four staff, continuing the country store tradition of personal service to the customer.

"I think AGL being in Gloucester makes a difference to the town," he said. "We need this energy and resource industry. Productive people are happier people, they feel useful and wanted. This type of long term industry gives people future stability and purpose."

"The extractive industry is not new to Gloucester, from the cedar cutters and gold mining of Copeland to a coal mine adjacent to the Gloucester Railway Station, it's been around for a long time."

"I look forward to a future where investments are more about enterprise, opportunity and production other than land and lifestyle as a commodity."

Community investment.

In FY 2013/14, AGL invested more than \$47,000 in the Gloucester community by supporting community initiatives, events and organisations including:

- > the Resilience Hub program at the Gloucester High School,
- > donation of an air conditioner to the Stroud Road Public School.
- > the annual Westpac Rescue Helicopter fundraising dinner,
- > Gloucester and Stroud Shows and Stroud brick-throwing event,
- > MidCoast Science and Engineering challenge,
- > Glowalman Junior Rodeo,
- > NAIDOC week, and
- > Small Business Chamber Chillout Festival.



Tracey Relf: Local knowledge, local support.

Tracey Relf has raised her two children in the Gloucester area and due to the opportunity

that AGL has provided she has been able to remain living in the Gloucester community. "In addition to myself, AGL has also employed other local people, as well as bringing new families into the area. I see this as a good thing for Gloucester".

Working as Operations Support Administrator at the AGL Gloucester Gas Project office, Tracey works alongside local businesses who provide services and supplies to AGL. "The local support has been great and I appreciate the way the local contractors and suppliers continue to support us and we are able to support them."



AGL's Tracey Relf (second from right) and Community Relations Manager Karyn Looby with local volunteers from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter service.

"I can see the benefits of having AGL in town, where AGL can utilise the local businesses. From a business perspective, it makes sense to work with contractors and suppliers who are just down the road and we are lucky to have these businesses".

"It has been very rewarding working alongside my colleagues here at AGL, and it makes me feel good to be able to help our local businesses".

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