



# Newcastle Community Dialogue Group

03 December 2020 – Meeting 16

# Agenda



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2 Newcastle Power Station Project  
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# Open and welcome

Apologies, declarations, previous minutes and business arising

# Newcastle Power Station Project

Latest news and Next steps

# NPSP and the NSW Energy Roadmap



- The NSW Government released its Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap, which plans to encourage the building of energy storage such as pumped hydro, and on demand supply like gas and batteries.
- However, the roadmap has created a level of uncertainty for AGL that increased the level of risk associated to vital elements of the project.
- In order to better understand the government's new roadmap, its impact on the market and on the Newcastle Power Station Project, AGL is pausing the project over the next months.



# NPSP – What’s next

- Expecting to get EPA and DPIE approval by the end of the year 2020.
- Expecting to get Federal approval for CSSI within the first half of 2021.
- We expect to ramp up the project in the new year with FID being targeted for late 2021 or early 2022.



# Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

Latest news

# Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

## General

- Gas send out (vaporization) to supply NSW started in June.
- Plant in SENDOUT mode since June.
- Several plant critical process safety tests, shutdown and routine inspection and maintenance activities completed during SENDOUT phase.
- This includes
  - Mercury Guard Bed replacement,
  - Cold Box Integrity checks,
  - Pre-treatment Pipework Recoating
  - Regeneration Pipework repair in CO2 Removal unit
  - Control System Upgrade
- Plant is ready to re-start LIQUEFACTION. This is dependent on gas market.
- PL42 and MHF annual reports submitted.
- COVID-19 de-escalation plan activated. All personnel returned to site.
- Visitors are still required to use temporary buildings in line with NSW government guidelines. Temperature checks still in operation.
- New admin building for support staff in planning phase. DA submitted.
- This will minimize the number of people in the main control building and further reduces the risk of injuries.





# Newcastle Gas Storage Facility

## Environmental Update

- FY20 Annual Air Emissions testing was undertaken on Heaters F501A, B and C in July with no exceedance reported.
- FY21 Annual Air Emissions testing was undertaken on Heaters F501A, B and C in August with no exceedance reported.
- FY21 Annual Air Emissions testing for H101 Heater to be completed in February 2021.
- Flora and Fauna monitoring was undertaken at Medowie Offset property in October.
- Annual Bushfire Preparedness maintenance is in the process of being completed.
- 6-monthly groundwater and surface water monitoring was completed in October with no exceedances. Next round of monitoring is due to be completed in March.
- National Pollution Inventory (NPI) and Sustainability Data was finalised, submitted to all relevant stakeholders and made publicly available.



# Local Community Investment Program FY2021 – Round 1



- The AGL NGSF team is supporting initiatives that have struck a balance between being able to socialize in the community and the required HSE measures to keep everyone safe.
- The selected community organisations are:
  - Caring for Our Port Stephens Youth (COPSY), and the expansion of its Mental Health counselling service
  - Hunter Region Botanic Gardens, and the refurbishment of its Grevilleas pavilion
  - Soldiers Point Tennis Club, and its Family Tennis Day
  - Tomaree Museum Association Inc, and its Art Contest
  - Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre, and its Early Intervention Sensory Integration Program for kids with autism



Soldiers Point Tennis Club



Tomaree Museum Association



COPSY



Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre



Hunter Region Botanic Gardens

# Collaboration – Australian Industry Standards



- Australian Industry Standards (AIS) is a Skills Service Organisation in the National Training system supporting the Gas Industry Reference Committee.
- They are currently developing training products to address the skills needs of gas technicians working in the areas of storage and reinjection of gas. The products would be endorsed by the Skills Ministers and used in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector by Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) to train learners wanting to work in the Gas Industry.
- AGL is collaborating with AIS providing Subject Matter Experts to a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to review Units of Competency (similar to Subjects contained in a Course) to see if they are fit for industry use.
- The courses will be released for public consultation in mid-December



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# In the news



- Hunter and Coastal Lifestyle Magazine
- 100<sup>th</sup> Issue, December 2020

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## AGL community support recipients

A diverse range of organisations across the region will receive funding from the latest round of AGL's Local Community Investment Program. Soldiers Point Tennis Club will be able to offer free fun and entertainment at their Family Tennis Day. Mental health counselling service Caring for our Port Stephens Youth (COPSY) has received a grant supporting their free mental health sessions for youth.

Funding also goes to the Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre for an early

sensory intervention program for kids with autism. Fifteen children, aged 2-5 years, and their families will benefit.

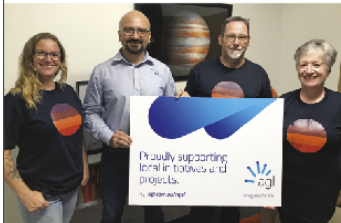
Tomaree Museum Association Inc will use their grant to run an art contest and offer prize money. Artists and photographers watch out: historical and maritime themes captured in the Port Stephens area will qualify for entry.

Finally, Hunter Botanic Gardens will receive support to refurbish a large themed garden. Iconic Australian Grevilleas will be the stars of the show.

Beyond their Community Investment Program, AGL also have Bushfire and COVID-19 Relief Funds.

"We're very proud of being able to contribute to local initiatives that benefit our community.

"Our Grants Program has been running since 2018, generating interest from community groups in the area, and we're glad to participate in their events, projects and programs," says Kourosh Maleklou, Asset Manager for AGL's Newcastle Gas Storage Facility.



- News Of The Area – Port Stephens
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

## AGL Port Stephens Art Competition and Exhibition

**TOMAREE** Museum Association and AGL will be staging the AGL Port Stephens Art Competition over the holiday period, with an announcement of the winners on 26 January 2021.

This event is a launch event for the Tomaree Museum Project, which aims to develop a multi-purpose centre comprising a Port Stephens regional museum, an art and cultural centre, and a venue for exhibitions and conferences.

The AGL Port Stephens Art Competition will reflect the heritage and sustainability themes of the Tomaree Museum Project

and the artwork will help define the identity of the Port Stephens community.

Any local artists wishing to enter this event can view the entry conditions at [tomareemuseum.org.au](http://tomareemuseum.org.au) or email [Tomareemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:Tomareemuseum@gmail.com)

The competition will feature an exhibition of competition entries which is open to the whole community.

All entries must be received before midnight 11 January 2021, and each art entry is \$15.

The 1st prize winner will take home \$2000, while 2nd Prize will win \$1200 and 3rd

Prize will win \$800.

The art will be exhibited at Broughtons at The Bay - Balcony level at d'Albora Marina Nelson Bay from 10am-4pm on 23 to 31 January 21.

Entry to the exhibition is free.

This AGL Port Stephens Art Competition and Exhibition represents a wonderful collaboration between the Tomaree Museum Association, AGL and the Port Stephens Community.

For information about Exhibition Curator Megan Barrass, visit [www.megansartstudio.com.au](http://www.megansartstudio.com.au).

For Further Information about the Competition, please contact [tomareemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:tomareemuseum@gmail.com).

# General Business

Next meeting and close



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