



Post Show Report

Conference
& Exhibition
18–21 MAY



PRINCIPAL SPONSORS



Executive Summary

The Australian Energy Producers 2026 Conference & Exhibition brought together leaders from across the energy value chain for three days of strategic dialogue, technical exchange, and industry collaboration.

The event came at a time of heightened geopolitical uncertainty, policy change and rapid technological advancement, together to examine the forces reshaping the energy landscape, from investment and global competitiveness to decarbonisation, technology and the role of gas in delivering reliable and affordable energy.

Delegates reported strong satisfaction across all major event components, with networking, program quality, and business development opportunities rated highly. Exhibitors likewise highlighted strong delegate traffic, high value conversations, and strong interest in emerging technologies.

The conference also recognised the winners of the Australian Energy Producers Excellence Awards, celebrating outstanding achievements across innovation, environmental stewardship, safety and community engagement.

With solid attendance, a high calibre program, and exceptional exhibitor engagement, the event reinforced its position as Australia's premier forum for energy producers, technology innovators, and policy stakeholders.



“

“This is the flagship event for our industry. We bring together more than 2000 people from around Australia and the world to really showcase the industry's leadership, our innovation and discuss the issues that are really important for the industry.”

Samantha McCulloch, Chief Executive, Australian Energy Producers



At a glance

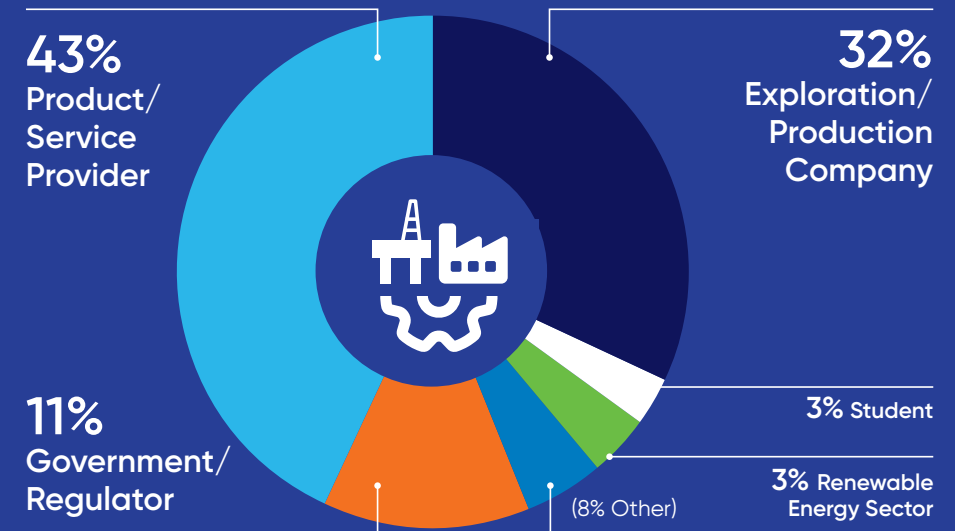
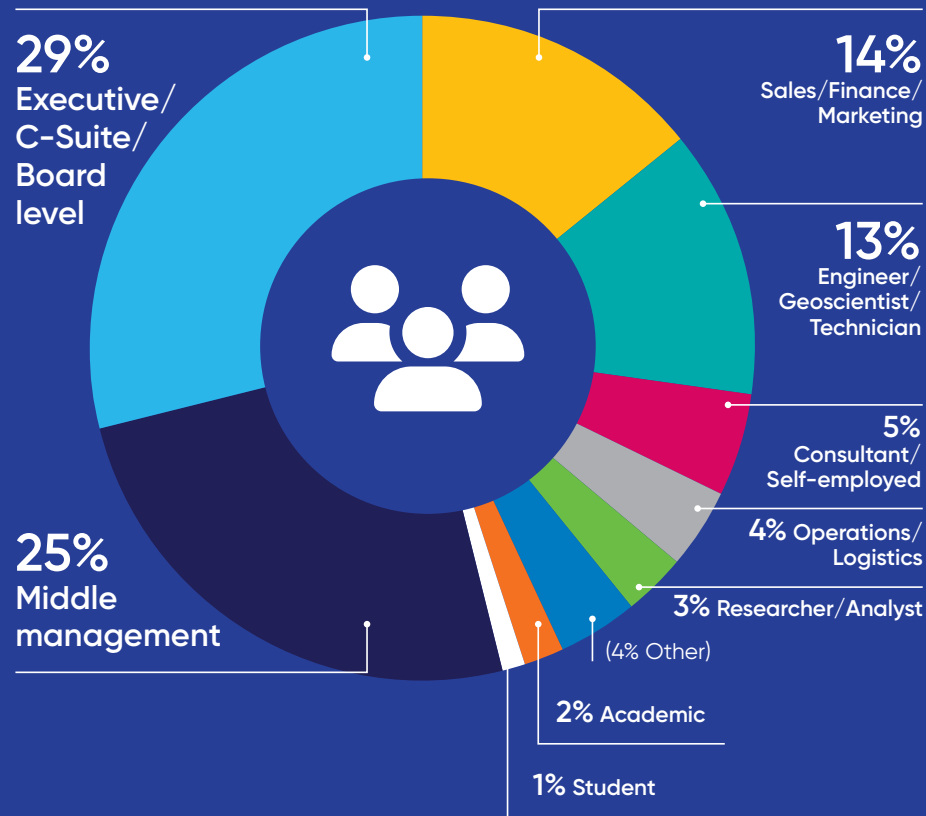


“

“It’s a great opportunity for the industry to come together, talk about the challenges we face, and share our knowledge and what we’ve been up to for the last year.”

Salomon Mobutu See, Petroleum Engineer, SLB

Where the industry comes together



For 60+ years, the conference and exhibition has been proudly developed by industry, for industry.

The 2026 event welcomed commercial leaders, technical specialists and decision-makers to connect with peers, explore emerging technologies, discuss the issues shaping the sector, and help drive the future of Australia's energy industry.

“

It brings together the producers, government contractors and it really drives innovation and change and how we make that a key part of a sustainable and a reliable energy future.”

Rachael Risucci, VP Australia Gas & Low Carbon Energy, bp



>50%

Over half of all delegates are C-suite to middle management

94%

of delegates said they made new business contacts*

>75%

of all attendees rate it as **the most valuable industry event** they attend each year

A world-class program shaping the future of the industry

The Conference Program featured Plenary Sessions, In Conversation interviews, expert Panel Sessions and the Technical & Business Program, bringing together leading voices from across the sector. Through thought-provoking presentations, candid discussions and practical insights, the program explored the key issues, opportunities and innovations shaping the future of Australia's oil and gas industry.

Plenary Sessions

The Plenary (Keynote) sessions featured internationally renowned industry leaders, policymakers, and thought leaders. Their on-stage conversations delivered candid debate, expert insights and exchange of ideas that made this conference well received for business, government, and stakeholders alike.

2026 Plenary Panels

Energy Evolved



Samantha McCulloch
Chief Executive,
Australian Energy
Producers



Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm
Assistant Minister
for Resources,
Assistant Minister
for Regional
Development



Cecile Wake OAM
Chair,
Australian Energy
Producers

Facilitated by **Jennifer Hewett**, National Affairs Columnist,
Australian Financial Review

[Click here to read the AEP Chair Address](#)

The evolving energy landscape



Bill Evans
Former Chief
Economist,
Westpac Banking
Corporation



Kevin Gallagher
Managing
Director &
Chief Executive
Officer,
Santos

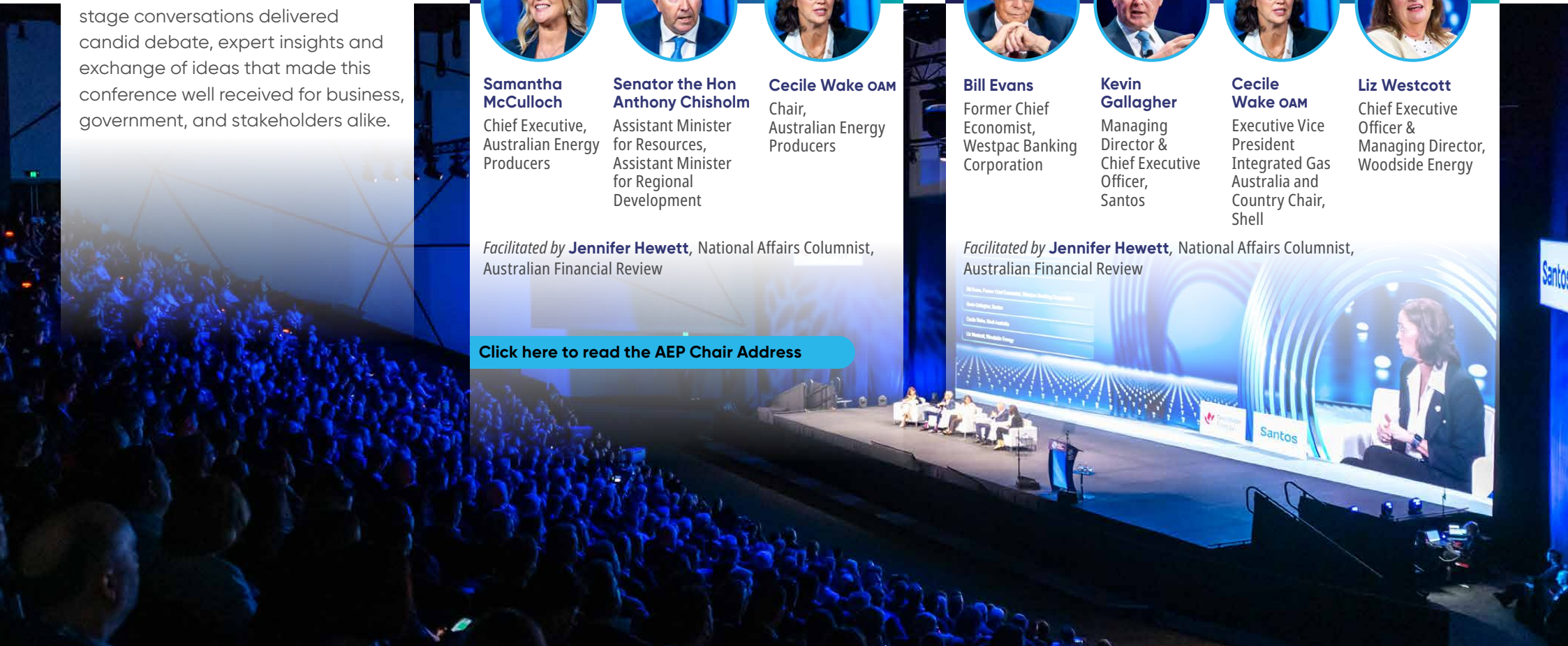


Cecile Wake OAM
Executive Vice
President
Integrated Gas
Australia and
Country Chair,
Shell



Liz Westcott
Chief Executive
Officer &
Managing Director,
Woodside Energy

Facilitated by **Jennifer Hewett**, National Affairs Columnist,
Australian Financial Review



2026 Plenary Panels *continued*

Energy in the AI age



Allyson Anderson Book
Chief Sustainability Officer, Baker Hughes



Marty Clough
General Manager, Strategic Projects, Chevron Australia



Belinda Dennett
Chief Executive Officer, Data Centres Australia



Alexander Smith
Principal, Global Infrastructure & Energy, Google



Brett Woods
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Beach Energy

Facilitated by **Jennifer Hewett**, National Affairs Columnist, Australian Financial Review

A global energy reset



Dr Michael J Green
Chief Executive Officer, United States Studies Centre



Soichi Ide
Senior Executive Managing Officer, MODEC



John Mtanios
President Asia Pacific, Wood Group



Rachael Risucci
Vice President Upstream, Gas & Low Carbon Energy, Australia, bp Developments Australia

Facilitated by **Chris Uhlmann**, Journalist, Sky News

Carbon capture at the crossroads



Dr Julio Friedmann PhD
Chief Scientist, Carbon Direct



Tetsu Murayama
Managing Director, Country Chair Australia, INPEX



Gavin Rennick
President New Energy, SLB



Alan Stuart-Grant
Executive Vice President Midstream and Energy Solutions, Santos



Kathryn Sydney-Smith
General Manager, Corporate Affairs, Chevron Australia

Facilitated by **Samantha McCulloch**, Chief Executive, Australian Energy Producers

The last review? Fixing Australia's gas market – for good



Stephen Harty
Chief Executive Officer, GLNG Operations



Jan-Arne Johansen
President Australia, ConocoPhillips Australia



Jane Norman
Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Amplitude Energy



Andrew Richards
Chief Executive Officer, Energy Users Association of Australia



Tor McCaul
Managing Director, Comet Ridge

Facilitated by **Chris Uhlmann**, Journalist, Sky News

Plenary Panel: Carbon capture at the crossroads
Samantha McCulloch, Australian Energy Producers
Dr Julio Friedmann PhD, Carbon Direct
Tetsu Murayama, INPEX
Gavin Rennick, SLB
Alan Stuart-Grant, Santos
Kathryn Sydney-Smith, Chevron Australia

'In Conversations' – insights, expertly delivered

A series of one-on-one conversations with senior industry and government leaders, offering direct and candid insights into the current state of the sector and the factors shaping its future. Individual sessions were facilitated by **Jennifer Hewett**, National Affairs Columnist, Australian Financial Review and **Chris Uhlmann** Journalist, Sky News



Bryan Sheffield

Managing Partner,
Formentera Partners



Liz Westcott

Chief Executive
Officer &
Managing Director,
Woodside Energy



Kevin Gallagher

Managing Director
& Chief Executive
Officer, Santos



**The Hon Peter
Malinauskas MP**

Premier of South
Australia



**Dr Michael
J Green**

Professor and Chief
Executive Officer,
United States
Studies Centre



**Senator
Pauline Hanson**

Leader of One Nation
Premier of South Australia



**The Hon Angus
Taylor MP**

Leader of the
Opposition

with
Jennifer Hewett
National Affairs Columnist
Australian Financial Review

wood.
session sponsor



Panel Series

Dynamic and interactive, these expert panel sessions brought together multiple specialists for moderated discussion-based formats, enabling a richer exchange of ideas and allowing different perspectives to be explored and debated in real time.

Australian oil and gas exploration | A road to recovery



Todd Abbott
Chief Executive
Officer,
Tamboran
Resources



Trevor Brown
Chief Executive
Officer & Managing
Director,
Omega Oil and Gas



**Senator Susan
McDonald**
Shadow Minister
for Resources and
Northern Australia



Jane Norman
Managing
Director and Chief
Executive Officer,
Amplitude Energy

Facilitated by **Smantha McCulloch**, Chief Executive, Australian Energy Producers

Decommissioning at scale | Delivering certainty and opportunity



Stuart Barrymore
Senior Advisor,
Herbert Smith
Freehills Kramer



Harvey Johnstone
Director —
Environment & APAC,
International
Association of Oil &
Gas Producers



Sue McCarrey
Chief Executive
Officer,
NOPSEMA



Steve Trench
Executive Vice
President,
Operations and
Technical Services,
Santos



Simon Younger
Chair,
ExxonMobil
Australia

Facilitated by **Smantha McCulloch**, Chief Executive, Australian Energy Producers



Technical and Business Program

The Technical and Business Program is the cornerstone of the conference, showcasing the latest thinking, innovation and expertise from across the industry. Developed through a rigorous call for papers process, the program featured more than 143 expert speakers presenting across 25 dedicated sessions. Engaging presentations and technical visual displays showcased breakthrough technologies, commercial strategies, operational excellence, market trends and real-world case studies.

Technical and Business Program key themes:

 **COMMERCIAL AND AI**

 **CLIMATE TECH**

 **ENGINEERING**

 **GEOSCIENCE**

 **WORKFORCE AND COMMUNITY**

 **ENVIRONMENT AND APPROVALS**

97

Oral presentation
speakers



46

Visual (poster)
presentations



70%

of delegates rated the
Technical & Business
Program excellent
or good



A dedicated
Meet the Authors
session gave delegates
the opportunity to
engage directly with visual
presentation authors, ask
questions and gain
deeper insights into
their work.



“

“It’s the information
sharing ... sharing of
challenges and solutions
from all of the key players.”

Darren Cave,
Partner, Lidiar Group

Facilitating industry connections and relationships

Across the four days on site, delegates connected with peers, exchanged ideas and explored new business opportunities. These interactions remained one of the most compelling reasons to attend the conference and exhibition, supporting meaningful relationships and valuable commercial outcomes.

Welcome Reception



Authors' Lunch



Meeting Zone



Meeting Zone

Members' Lunch



Conference Dinner



Networking Lunches



Collaboration Centre



Farewell Cocktails



Happy Hours



Speakers' Networking Breakfast



“

Great opportunity to network with peers hear insights, have great conversations and really build that network in the industry.”

Sarah Hopps, Senior Corporate Relations Adviser, Shell Australia



Celebrating excellence and achievement

Conference Awards

Each year Australian Energy Producers recognises outstanding work and achievements in the energy industry, with awards presented during the annual Conference. These Awards included:

Alan Prince Award
(for Best Peer-Reviewed Paper)

Dr Steve Mackie Award
(for Best Extended Abstract)

Best Oral Presentation Award

Best Visual Presentation Award

Visit our Conference & Exhibition website for more information on the Awards and the 2026 recipients

Australian Energy Producers Excellence Awards

The Australian Energy Producers Excellence Awards recognise the oil and gas industry's ongoing commitment to strong environmental and safety performance, as well as positive engagement with communities and stakeholders.

Winners were announced at the Conference Dinner – celebrating outstanding achievement across the sector.

Visit our website for more information on the Awards

Delegate insights

Delegates praised:*

- Relevance and depth of the program
- Access to senior decision makers
- Quality of networking opportunities
- Exhibition quality
- Smooth event organisation and venue experience

“We come together to address how we can better work together to progress our industry and advocate for what’s important.”

MITCHELL JENSEN,
GM COMMERCIAL & STRATEGY, TRI-STAR

“The conference is the opportunity for the who’s who of the oil and gas industry to come together to discuss the topics of the day, talk about the challenges that we must face and how we’re going to get there.”

BILL TOWNSEND,
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT CORPORATE, INPEX

“

“



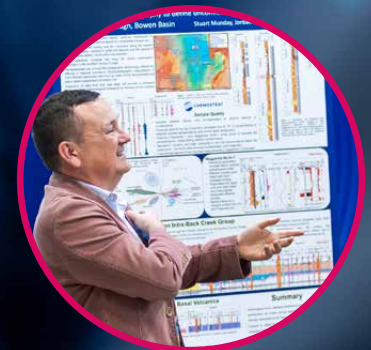
80%

of delegates rated the overall quality of Visual Presentations ‘good’ or ‘excellent’*



90%

of delegates rated the quality of the Plenary Program ‘good’ or ‘excellent’*



86%

of delegates said they made new business contacts*



95%

of delegates rated the quality of the exhibition ‘good’ or ‘excellent’*

*Based on the 2026 post event delegate survey and onsite feedback

Exhibitor insights

The Exhibition remained a central hub for the sector, showcasing the latest innovations and technologies set to transform the industry. Delegates connected directly with the teams behind these products and services, building valuable relationships and exploring new opportunities for collaboration.

Exhibitors reported:*

- Strong booth traffic
- High quality business conversations
- Interest in new technologies and solutions
- Positive engagement with both domestic and international delegates
- Strong appreciation for the opportunity to attend selected conference program sessions

Representatives from across the full supply chain attended, including:

- exploration and production
- service and supply
- pipeline and transportation
- low-emission technologies
- engineering and construction
- refining and upgrading
- regulation and management
- finance, investment and legal
- environmental, social and governance
- recruitment and talent management
- risk management and business modelling

*Based on the 2026 post event exhibitor survey



“

“This is the largest conference of its type in Australia and so it is the perfect showcase for technology and industry to meet, and create those bridges that would otherwise take months, if not years to develop.”

Robert Thurston, Strategy & Growth APAC, Effe

Exhibitors

Adelaide Geomodelling Laboratory	Enscope	Kongsberg Satellite Services AS	Petrosys Group	Shandong Wanda Cable
Apexsafety	Ensign	Kpler	PIRTEK Oil & Gas	Shell Australia
Asset Reliability Inspections	EnZed Energy	Melbana Energy	Powered	SIAD Macchine Impianti
Australian Energy Producers	Equinox Engineering Australia	Metaval Consolidated & Protego	Primero	Simple Tools AS
Baker Hughes	Evident	Molyneux Advisors	Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia	SLB
Bass Oil Limited	Fangzheng Valve Group	MWM	Q-BOSS	Sonardyne
Beach Energy	Flir Systems Australia	National Offshore Petroleum Safety & Environmental Management Authority (NOSPEMA)	Queensland Government	Speedcast
Black Gold Australia	GHGT-18	National Offshore Petroleum Title Administrator (NOPTA)	Quorum Software	Sproule ERCE
bp	Honeywell	NeuroSight Robotics	Redback Drilling Tools & Manufacturing	Subsea Energy Australia
Bridger Photonics	i.safe MOBILE	NSW Government	RISC	Tamboran Resources
Bureau Veritas	Information Quality	Nexson Group	RMS	Taylor Valve Technology
Chevron Australia	inGauge Energy	Northern Territory Government	Rock Flow Dynamics—tNavigator	Technip Energies
Clarke Energy	Innovior	OBS	RWW Group	Terrex Seismic
Cowie Environmental	INPEX	Omega365	Rystad Energy	Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise
CSIRO	Intertek	Patch Personnel	Santos	TOSHIBA
DarkVision	IPI Packers	Peloton	Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories	Totum Compliance
Department for Energy and Mining (DEM)	IronSight	Peroni Pompe Group	Sealumet Australia	Uplift Logistics
Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration (DMPE)	KAEFER Australia	PESA Energy Geoscience	Senex Energy	Viridien
Endress+Hauser	Katalyst Data Management	Petroleum Australia	SGS Australia	Voith Turbo
Engagement Institute	Kent	Petromac	Supermaly Generating Equipment	WOMA Australia
				Woodside Energy
				Xstate Resources

Sponsor insights

The Conference & Exhibition provided a premium platform to showcase organisations to the broader energy sector. A range of tailored packages was offered, enabling organisations to choose opportunities that best align with their strategic priorities and business objectives. *See the full list of sponsors on the next page.*

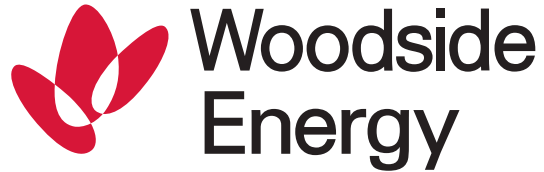


“

Practical solutions that deliver secure, reliable, lower carbon energy to supply the world's needs. I think it's critical in conferences like this.”

Breyden Lonnie, EVP & COO Australia, Woodside

Sponsors



Media – spreading the word

The event generated strong media interest, with coverage across:

- national and industry news outlets
- digital platforms
- social media channels

Key messages focused on Australia's energy transition, investment climate, and the role of gas in supporting reliability and decarbonisation.

The Conference & Exhibition was strategically marketed and promoted locally to Australian and New Zealand professionals and a global audience.

31 eNewsletters and Newsflashes were sent to the Australian Energy Producers network of almost 10,000 people. The eNewsletter editions can be viewed [here](#).

Australian Energy Producers hosted 36 accredited journalists from across Australia and the world in both mainstream media and industry publications.

22 million
media secured
estimated audience

\$900k
advertising value
equiv. from media
coverage for six
day period

7.4 million
impressions across
premium digital
media

53k
clicks to conference
website driven
from campaign
impressions

982
media mentions over
a six day period


click here to view
the campaign
eNewsletters

Conference Charity Partners

Australian Energy Producers was again delighted to support a number of local charities, including our official charity partner Tjindu.

As part of the Pay It Forward program, speaker gifts were replaced with charitable donations to Tjindu, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and The Zahra Foundation, extending the impact of the event beyond the conference itself.



Creates positive, long-term outcomes for SA Aboriginal young people through education, culture, and wellbeing.



Prostate Cancer
Foundation of Australia

Dedicated to funding prostate cancer research, raising awareness, and providing support for men and their families.



Empowering women to achieve safety and economic independence after experiences of violence.

About AEP

Australian Energy Producers is the peak body representing Australia's oil and gas explorers, developers and producers. Its members account for more than 95% of national production, supplying reliable and affordable energy to Australian households, businesses and key trading partners.

The sector plays a critical role in Australia's energy security and economic prosperity, contributing significantly to jobs, government revenue and industrial competitiveness. It also supports the transition to a lower-emissions future, including through leadership in technologies such as carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) and alignment with national net zero goals.



energyproducers.au

Invitation to 2027

We look forward to welcoming you in 2027 as we continue bringing together the full energy supply chain for important conversations shaping the future of the sector.

Save the date:

Australian Energy Producers 2027 Conference & Exhibition
Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre
17–20 May 2027



australian
energy
producers

PERTH

