



## Our Community Programs...making a difference

Epic Energy applauds the dedicated volunteers and community organisations that work tirelessly to make a difference in the community and we are proud to support their efforts.

### Journey of discovery for Wallumbilla State School students (QLD)

For one week in June, 21 senior students from Wallumbilla State School enjoyed the learning experience of a lifetime.

The students investigated our Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy and explored the sights and experiences of Sydney and Canberra.

Epic Energy was proud to sponsor this excursion and provide the opportunity that students described as the educational highlight of their school years.

Travelling overnight by bus from Wallumbilla, the first stop in Sydney was an appearance on the Channel Seven Sunrise morning television program.

The Sydney itinerary included a stroll over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Sky Tour of the AMP Tower, a walking tour of Government House, Botanical Gardens, Opera House, Circular Quay, The Rocks and Darling Harbour and a ferry trip to Taronga Zoo.

After two tiring and exhilarating days of sight seeing and great photo opportunities in Sydney, the group boarded the bus again and set out for some intense and diverse learning experiences in Canberra.

An overview of the city of Canberra from a very cold Mt Ainslie was the first point of call on day one followed by a drive around the Diplomatic Missions and Embassies.



*Picture Above: Students from Wallumbilla State School at Parliament House in Canberra*

There was much to research and discover at the Royal Australian Mint, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, National Archives, CSIRO Discovery, Old Parliament House and the National Museum.

At Parliament House, the students were given a VIP tour and participated in a role play acting out roles of members of the House of Representatives. The Hon Bruce Scott MP, the Member for Maranoa, spent time with the group and the students were honoured to receive a gift of the Australian Flag that had flown above Parliament House two days prior to their visit.

QUESTACON, an interactive science centre, won the vote for the most popular place visited over the three days. The activities ranged from terrifying side show alley themed activities to mechanical dinosaurs and lightning and earthquake simulators.

### Providing basic comforts for Wallumbilla SES volunteers (QLD)

SES volunteers at Wallumbilla who provide such a valuable service to the community have received a boost from Epic Energy with the supply of a much needed kitchen for their base.

SES Local Controller, Rowan Taylor said "the lack of food preparation facilities during emergency incidents and the constant battle against dust and vermin has been an issue. Having the storage for our crockery and equipment will make such a difference. We are looking forward to having running water and being able to make a cup of tea or coffee during emergency incidents and training nights."

Maranoa Regional Council contributed the funds to install the kitchen and plumb it with hot and cold running water.

*MainPicture:EpicEnergy'sQLDSuperintendent, Andrew Wier handing over the new kitchen to Wallumbilla SES volunteers*

### Maranoa Diggers Race Club Annual Race Day (QLD)

Epic Energy was pleased to support the self funded race day held at Mitchell in May. The race day attracts hundreds of race goers from around the district who enjoy a great social day out while contributing to the local economy.

Our funding paid for the entertainment for the evening and the prize for the Fashions on the Field - Best Dressed Couple.

Proudly supporting the communities in which we operate



### Mulga Matrons Ball supports SWQ women (QLD)

It was a night of glamor and glitz when around 150 people from Charleville and afar donned black ties and ball gowns to raise funds for breast cancer.

The inaugural ball, held in August, was organised by the recently formed Charleville and South West Sub Committee of the Breast Cancer Association Queensland. These dedicated group of women from across South West Queensland are focused on 'making a difference' to those women affected by breast cancer by raising funds to employ a Breast Care Nurse based in Charleville.

Epic was proud to support this worthy cause and we congratulate the committee on the success of their first major fund raiser. A whopping \$23,000 profit from the night will be used to provide individual support and contribute to the cost of a breast care nurse.

The support of the whole community was evident with many individuals and community organisations contributing to the success of the event.

Charleville High School Students served the meals and other valuable assistance was provided by members of the Fishing Club, Lions, Scouts, Charleville Hospital Auxiliary and RSL.

*Pictures Above: Party goers enjoying the inaugural Mulga Matrons Ball held in Charleville*



### Gladstone Historical Town Walk (SA)

The Gladstone Community Development & Tourism Association (GCDTA) is committed to the future of its rural community and has made many improvements to the township over the psst decade.

Located at the southern end of the Flinders Ranges, Gladstone attracts over 5000 visitors to its Southern Flinders Discovery Centre each year.

With a heritage rich in farming, railways, military and the famous historic Gladstone Gaol, a self guided or volunteer guided walk around the town is a must.

Epic Energy has provided the GCDTA with funding to place 50 permanent information signs around the Heritage Town Walk.

The signs will be located at businesses, buildings and homes with interesting history and architecture dating from as early as 1880.

### Santos Food & Fire Fest (QLD)

Following the success of the inaugural Food & Fire Fest, Epic Energy was pleased to again support the family festival held in Roma in September.

The festival celebrates the importance to the region of the natural resources of oil and gas that lie within the Maranoa area as well as the many cultures that live in the Roma district.



### Waiting Room for Peterborough Airstrip (SA)

Epic Energy has funded small projects and provided maintenance to upgrade the Peterborough Airstrip for many years.

In 2009, we continued our support with a donation toward the provision of a waiting room and toilet facilities at the airstrip.

These facilities will benefit not only the local Peterborough and mid north communities but the emergency services organisations that use the airstrip.

A major user of the strip is the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Other emergency services that fly into Peterborough include the Aerial Ambulance, Barrier Highway Emergency Response Team and Country Fire Service.

The waiting room will provide a comfortable area for the pilots and medical staff who at times have to wait for the patients they are transporting.

A major upgrade of the runway by the District Council of Peterborough is nearing completion. The upgrade includes lengthening the airstrip to 1600 metres with improved drainage, the installation of pilot activated automated lighting and provision of reticulated electricity.

### Aussie Helpers

In lieu of sending Christmas Cards, our company again chose to donate to Aussie Helpers - the Charleville based charity helping to fight poverty and lift the spirits of those severely affected by drought in the outback across all parts of Australia.

[www.aussiehelpers.org.au](http://www.aussiehelpers.org.au)

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