# **SA Otway Basin** Community Information





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# South East operations

Beach is the permit holder of several permits in the onshore Otway Basin including Petroleum Production License 62 (PPL62) in the Otway Basin where we operate the Katnook Gas Processing Facility, just south of Penola.

The Otway Basin is approximately 500km long from Cape Jaffa in South Australia to north-west Tasmania, and covers both onshore and offshore. The Penola Trough, where Beach holds the majority of its exploration licences in the South East, has been explored for hydrocarbons (oil and gas) for over 100 years.

Beach's operations in the South Australian Otway Basin have been supported by grants from the South Australian Government's PACE scheme, and the Commonwealth Government's GAP scheme – both with objectives to bring new gas into the local energy market.

## **About Beach Energy**

Beach Energy is an ASX-listed oil and gas exploration and production company headquartered in Adelaide, South Australia.

Beach's purpose is to 'sustainability deliver energy for communities' and we operate while maintaining the highest health, safety, and environmental standards.

Founded in 1961, Beach today has oil and gas production in five basins across Australia and New Zealand.

# **Current Operations**

For more than 10 years, Beach's operations in the South East have included a multi-well gas production program and seismic surveys to help safely identify natural conventional gas resources within our existing exploration permits and production licences.

In early 2022, Beach successfully completed the Dombey 3D Geological Survey. We thank landholders and the local community for working with us during the survey, which was conducted 15 kms to the west of Penola in the Wattle Range Council area. The survey covered an area of 165 sq. km, over a range of properties with various land uses. Its pleasing to note that Beach's Dombey Survey was announced the winner of the 2022 Premier's Awards for Energy and Mining for the innovative approach, eliminating the need for clearing native vegetation, better protecting local wildlife habitats and minimising impact to landholders.

The survey data will be used to assess potential future gas development opportunities. Processing of the data has been completed and interpretation is underway.

# **Sustainability**

Beach recognises that it is a time of significant change for the energy industry and that there are both challenges and opportunities ahead. We recognise that action to address climate change is necessary and that all energy systems must contribute in order to meet the targets set out in the Paris Agreement.

Natural gas will continue to be critical to ongoing economic prosperity as lower emissions technologies are developed and integrated into energy supply systems. Beach has an aspiration to achieve net zero by 2050 and a reduction in net equity emissions intensity across its operated and non-operated portfolio of 35% by 2030 when measured against a 2018 baseline.

As we have reported in the past, while we continue to sustainability deliver energy for communities, Beach is also assessing a number of opportunities to participate in renewable and emerging energy markets near existing operations where Beach's capabilities and experience can create value for its stakeholders.

These opportunities are at different stages of investigation and include underground storage, Carbon Capture and Storage and renewables. Beach continues to assess these opportunities.

# Safety reminder for working near Pipelines

Safety of the community, our workers and our contractors is our highest priority.

Beach owns and operates buried infrastructure, including a high-pressure natural gas pipeline in the region. Marker posts are placed along the pipeline indicating that there is a high-pressure natural gas pipeline buried in the vicinity. It is important that anyone working near the pipeline is aware of, and familiarises themselves with, the location of the pipeline and the easement area.

If you require any information regarding the location of the pipeline, please log a request with:

# Before You Dig www.1100.com.au or Call (07) 3058 7076

at least five business days before commencing works and to obtain a list of all underground asset contacts. Beach also regularly inspects and maintains its assets, but in the unlikely event of an emergency or safety concern relating to our facilities or wells, Beach has a 24-hour contact phone number available through the National Response Centre (NRC). The NRC is resourced 24 hours/7 days per week and will be able to escalate to the necessary Beach contact.

To contact the NRC for emergencies please call 1800 448 863.





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## **Community Partnerships**

Beach is committed to supporting the community. We focus on partnerships and programs that build sustainable and resilient communities.

Our key focus areas are:

- Education
- Health, Wellbeing and Safety
- Environment

Beach has recently supported the following programs in areas in which we operate, including in the South East:

#### RFDS

Beach is extremely proud to be in our 21st year of partnering with the central operations unit of the RFDS.

#### 2023 STEM Challenge

Beach supported the annual Science and Engineering Challenge, encouraging years 9 and 10 students to pursue science or engineering careers and interact with engineers from local industries.

# Pump Track Development

Beach is pleased to provide support for the redevelopment of APEX Park at Penola and the construction of a new pump track for the community (a free recreational facility for bikes, scooters and skateboard).

We look forward to continuing our community support on some new and exciting programs. We will provide updates on these new initiatives later in the year.

# **Contact Us**

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information, please contact the Community Relations team.

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