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Woodside wins APPEA Environment Excellence Award

Woodside Energy was presented with the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association Environment Excellence Award at Tuesday night's APPEA 2015 Conference Dinner in Melbourne.

In announcing the award, APPEA Board member and Buru Energy Executive Chairman, Eric Streitberg, said the judges found that Woodside had shown consistent excellence in environmental management. This included strategic planning, risk management, monitoring and evaluation.

"The company is an industry leader in community and stakeholder engagement, and in developing and implementing environmental projects that deliver public benefits," Mr Streitberg said.

"Woodside has also shown a strong commitment to environmental research, particularly in marine science."

Its marine research projects have involved collaboration with a range of organisations, including: universities, CSIRO, the Australian Institute of Marine Science, the Western Australian Museum, and the Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Woodside's flagship research projects include the Scott Reef Maxima Seismic Survey and the Rankin Bank and Glomar Shoals Study.

Mr Streitberg said Woodside has a long history of cutting-edge environmental management.

Initiatives for Woodside's workforce include an environment guide book to support managers and "environment walks" that complement traditional safety walks. The environmental walk involves leaders walking around work sites, such as the Karratha Gas Plant, and using site-specific environmental management checks and questions to acquire information that can inform environmental risk planning workshops.

In 2005, the company was one of the first organisations in the country to grant its employees 12 hours paid leave to undertake volunteering activities. This program includes a partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia. Woodside employees have contributed significantly to community coast care groups and work closely with conservationists to rehabilitate and protect coastal and estuarine environments.

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