



Ichthys Explorer central processing facility

# Kimberley Community Update

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## Billy's story: Supporting offshore maintenance at Ichthys LNG

Born and raised in Broome, Billy Bowles has taken his hometown pride all the way to INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG, where he works as an offshore Operations Technician. For Billy, offshore life is more than a career — it's a chance to contribute directly to the safe and reliable operation of one of Australia's largest energy projects.

Billy joined Ichthys LNG's offshore team in 2021 and quickly earned a reputation for his reliability, curiosity, and willingness to learn.

"I never thought I'd work offshore," he says. "Back in school, FIFO life didn't appeal to me. Now, after six years on roster — four of them with INPEX — it's surreal to think about how far I've come."

### On the frontline of maintenance

During Ichthys LNG's offshore major maintenance campaign in 2025, Billy played a frontline role supporting critical mechanical work including managing flanges on massive vessel spools with hydraulic torque gear and rigging support.

"It was hands-on, high-pressure work, but it's the kind of challenge I've come to enjoy," he explains.

Billy's contribution highlights the human effort behind a maintenance campaign involving thousands of individual work scopes — right across Ichthys LNG's offshore and onshore production facilities. Teams carried out inspections, testing, cleaning, and component replacements, always prioritising safety and efficiency.

### Growth through experience

Billy's journey has been shaped by perseverance and learning. A graduate of the INPEX Solid Pathways program, he transitioned into a permanent role and steadily took on more complex scopes.

"Each Ichthys LNG offshore maintenance campaign brings new challenges and new opportunities to build on what I know. I've built confidence and problem-solving skills."

Supporting new team members is also part of his role.

"Experienced crew members usually hold the permits and guide newcomers through the process. We set daily goals and make sure they know help is always available."



Billy Bowles, offshore Operations Technician at INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG

### Teamwork and pride

One of Billy's standout memories from the 2025 maintenance campaign was seeing how different work groups came together.

"Teams that had finished their scopes started merging with others to help out. That kind of camaraderie — people from different companies and disciplines working side by side — really shows what we're capable of when we're all pulling in the same direction."

Representing the Kimberley on Ichthys LNG's offshore team is a source of pride for Billy.

"It means a lot to be someone that others from my hometown can relate to. It helps make the 'yes, I can do it' mindset feel real when it's someone from your own community."

His advice to young people in Broome is simple: "Keep your goal in sight and don't give up. It's a tough industry to break into, but once you're in, the opportunities are huge."

### Looking ahead

The lessons learnt during the maintenance campaign will support continued safe operations, across the asset's multi-decade life. For Billy, it's another step forward in a career built on persistence, growth, and connection to home — proof that behind every milestone in offshore maintenance are individuals whose dedication makes it possible.



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INPEX-led Ichthys Joint-Venture is proud to support The Kids activities in the Kimberley

# The Kids Program

## Healthier futures through community-led research

Healthier futures are the driving force behind the Connecting to Country for Healthy Eating project – an initiative of The Kids Research Institute Australia (The Kids). Since its launch in 2022, the program has become a powerful example of how community-led research can shape stronger outcomes for children and families. What began as an exploration of bush tucker, sun exposure, and Vitamin D has evolved in response to community voices, expanding to highlight the broader nutritional benefits of traditional foods and the cultural knowledge that sustains them.

### Community voices create healthier futures

The project’s growth demonstrates the strength of community leadership. By listening to local perspectives, the research has expanded to embrace cultural practices, language, and traditions that directly support wellbeing. This ensures outcomes are shaped by those who know Country best.

### Local researchers leading change

In 2024, two community-based researchers, Vincent McKenzie and Andrew Sampi, joined the team in Djarindjin on the Dampier Peninsula. Their training in core research methodologies has positioned them as leaders.

- Andrew emphasised the importance of preserving cultural knowledge: “It’s important to our people to hold knowledge and teach the younger generation.”
- Vincent highlighted the value of working with Elders and language: “The training gave us insight into applying research to future projects within our community.”

Their leadership shows how healthier futures are achieved when community researchers guide the work – breaking down language barriers, respecting cultural protocols, and ensuring research reflects lived experience.

## Partnerships that strengthen communities

This initiative is supported by a partnership between the INPEX-led Ichthys Joint Venture and The Kids, which focuses on child health research in some of Western Australia’s most remote communities. The program focuses on ensuring knowledge generated through research remains on Country – where it can have the greatest impact.

By empowering local voices, these partnerships help communities shape their own healthier futures.

## Building capacity for lasting impact

A central goal of this Ichthys Joint Venture-funded program is building local capacity. Tailored training equips community members with the skills to design, conduct, and lead research projects. By investing in local skills and leadership, The Kids is laying the foundation for future studies to be led by community researchers themselves – ensuring healthier futures are sustained by those who live them.

## Looking ahead

The vision of Connecting to Country for Healthy Eating is to create strong, community-led resources that help kids connect with Country, understand the benefits of cultural practices, and carry that knowledge into the future. By placing communities at the centre of research, The Kids is demonstrating how healthier futures are achieved through local leadership and cultural strength.

### Community feedback

Please contact us with any feedback or questions on **1800 705 010** or [enquiries@inpe.com.au](mailto:enquiries@inpe.com.au)

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