

SUT YES! Evolution of the Industry

Report on YES! Evening Event

Cliftons (Parmelia House), Thursday, 3rd September 2015

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Approximately 60 young engineers, students and a couple senior engineering professionals gathered at Cliftons this month for another fantastic event. The inspiration behind the topic was for young professionals to learn the personal views and perspectives of the changes in the subsea industry since the 60s from three diverse, interesting and extremely experienced professionals.

The night started with some drinks and light food while everyone was acquainted. These drinks and nibbles were supplied by the event sponsors Woodside Energy Limited of which we are very grateful. YES! Chairman: Ibrahim Ayoub, formally welcomed everyone to the event and introduced Session Chair, Peter Siwek (Installation Engineer, Technip Oceania Pty.Ltd.). Peter explained the motivation of the night and introduced the first speaker.

Mike Robinson (Regional Director of FMC Asia Pacific & Middle East) went into great detail about his career progression and how the industry has changed relative to the work standards, roles and also gave helpful tips to the crowd explaining what employees look for and how to stand out from the crowd in these tough and challenging times.

Then spoke Ray Farrier (Director of Ray Farrier Consulting and a long time veteran of the Subsea Industry). Originally starting his career as a deep sea diver, Ray dove straight into the deep end and showed the audience the evolution of diving equipment and the leaps and bounds the industry has made over the last 50+ years not only with regards to safety, but technology and efficiency.

Last but not least, Afton Galbraith (Operations Manager at Subsea Engineering Associates aka SEA), who started of his career in Perth, discussed his view on the industry and past dips in the economy and how the industry changed over time. He discussed the infrastructure of O&G assets within Western Australia and predicted the future projects which he believes are on the horizon. Fingers crossed these projects get the go ahead!

After the close of the formal part, the night continued with delegates from a wide range of companies along with university students enjoying a few more drinks and some delicious finger food.

The feedback on the YES! event has been great, everyone really enjoyed the technical evening and thought that the subject matter was not only applicable but was easily understood. Looking forward to bringing another great event in February next year. See you all then!

