

# SUT YES! ENGINEER CONNECTIONS

## Report on YES! Evening Event

The Melbourne Hotel, Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014

John Bills, SUT YES! Committee Member



Engineer connections created a buzz of activity, forged links and opened doors amongst the young engineers, scientists and students at the fourth event by SUT YES! since its inception in August 2013!

The evening designed to boost the interaction of young engineers within the rapidly growing subsea industry in Perth, Western Australia was aglow. The evening was opened by the recently elected SUT YES! Chairman (Ben Holland, Advanced Geomechanics) who did a fine job in welcoming the audience of over 70 attendees. Session chair and committee member (John Bills, GE Oil & Gas) put the evening in gear introducing keynote speaker on mentoring Neil Maxfield (Manager of Construction, Development Division at Woodside Energy). With over 27 years of industry experience leading teams, Neil provided very practical insights into navigating mentor relationships. Some takeaways from the evening included:

- You are responsible to drive your mentor relationship! This means being informed both about the right way of starting and knowing the right time to bring a formal mentor relationship to a close.
- Keep a record of your progress while being mentored to keep track of your growth.
- Be prepared to put the time into the relationship; appreciate the time your mentor gives to your personal and professional development.

Following the keynote presentation committee member Lisa Pullin (Neptune) gave a superb presentation on Useful Resources for engineering connections including upcoming events and courses. This was followed by committee member Daphne Voon (Technip Oceania) inspiring everyone with her fun and exciting Interactive Networking session. The hall was a hive of networking activity. Following the prize draw of four lucky participants the evening moved into a friendly time of networking over drinks and snacks.

It is with gratitude we thank our event sponsors who made the evening possible: GE Oil and Gas and Woodside Energy. Thank you to all who were involved including all who attended to make it an evening to remember.

Mark your diaries for the next YES! event on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 - Spreading Your Wings. This is set to be a fantastic evening as three young subsea industry members share the amazing experiences which have kick-started their careers.



*Interactive networking session*



*Networking prize winners*