

# SUT YES! National Engineering Register (NER)

## Report on YES! Event

NER , Engineers Australia Auditorium, West Perth, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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On 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016, SUT YES! hosted a technical evening to present a series of presentations focusing on national engineering registration for young engineers in the subsea and offshore pipelines industry. We had three presenters covering the following topics:

- National Engineering Registration; James Westcott, 2016 Deputy President, Engineers Australia WA (EA)
- Offshore Pipeline Engineers Competency Framework; Eric Jas, Australia Pipelines and Gas Association (APGA)
- Subsea Engineer Competency Framework; Ian Wilson, 2016 Secretary, Society for Underwater Technology (SUT)
- Panel Discussion and Q&A with presenters

The evening was a joint-industry event coordinated through SUT YES!, APGA YPF and EA YEA. The evening had 68 registered attendees, with approximately 80% registry turnout. 30 SUT, 28 APGA and 10 YEA members registered to attend. YPF and YEA had minimal involvement in the preparation for this event which gave YES! a great learning opportunity to organize this exciting event.

This event was free of charge to members of SUT, APGA and EA. Big thanks to APA who sponsored the event and to EA for providing a great venue and nibbles.

Main takeaways from the evening:

- Presentations were informative and well delivered. Timing of 15-20 minutes each was good.
- It was good to have EA give their presentation first, as it provided a basis for the competency frameworks.
- Audience engaged with the presenters during the Q&A sessions. It would have been great to have a higher turnout, but overall we had a good crowd.
- Event would be worthwhile to run this again in 1.5yr to 2yrs. Maybe even sooner depending on NER progress in WA, and offshore pipeline / subsea competency development/implementation in WA.
- Presenters mentioned that young engineers should get involved with the development and implementation of competency framework, but didn't say specifically how we could engage. I'm going to follow this up, and it may be worthwhile to see if any of the YES! Committee members can engage with the SUT subsea competency development and implementation.
- I think that the presenters themselves had some good learnings to take away from this evening, from listening to the other presentations. I think a positive side product was collaboration between the EA, APGA and SUT presenters.

As always thanks to Jen, the presenters and the other YES! Volunteers who made this evening a success.

