

# Mentoring Launch Event - 27 March 2019

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Last Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March saw the launch of the annual Joint-Industry Mentoring Program. This year the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Subsea Energy Australia (SEA), Engineers Australia (EA) and the Society for Underwater Technology (SUT) were proudly joined by Women in Subsea Engineering (WISE), Petroleum Club of Western Australia (PCWA), Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia (PESA) and Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists (ASEG) in what was the biggest kick-off event yet.

In the EA auditorium, which was bursting at its seams, the audience settled in to an interactive evening discussing the importance of mentoring, analysing why they were there, and importantly what people could give to their mentor or mentee. Amy Jacobson presented on the SMARTER goals (Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Timely, Emotional and Rewarding), and stressed the importance of identifying those emotional drivers which ultimately help achieve goals. Amy also helped define the structure of the mentoring sessions, invaluable advice as the program moves forward.

With representation from eight petroleum industry societies, it was also an evening of networking; reconnecting with industry colleagues and making new connections. Invaluable assets for a meaningful career, which is a huge part of what this program is about.

The venue, again hosted by EA, was fantastic and provided a great atmosphere and facilities for our speaker Amy Jacobson.

The event was full of information and insight, and excitingly opened up a huge amount of questions and new areas for our mentors and mentees to explore.

This year's mentoring program is set to be not only the biggest by way of participants, but also by way of content. Stay tuned for regular updates on the program, there will be some great stories to tell.

