

SUT YES! 2022 Quiz Night

Event Reflection Report

Ibis Hotel, Perth

8th June 2022



Tom Cavanagh, SUT YES! Committee Member

The annual SUT YES! Quiz Night was selected as one of our events for 2022 at the beginning of the year, following the very successful quiz night held last year.

It was decided that questions would be created in-house by members of the organising committee in the weeks leading up to the event. It almost worked out that a different team member created each different round, which meant that there had to be quite a thorough look through to decide on the format (multi-choice, true/false or open-ended) of individual questions.

About a week before the event, a time was agreed with the venue to visit and test out everything, including the computers that were planned to be used for the day and the audio at the back of the room. This was very useful as it allowed the organising committee to understand how the speaker configuration needed to be set up (especially with regard to connection of the laptop for the music round) and how the microphones worked. Thanks to this “setup practice”, we knew that the venue also provided pens and a presentation clicker which was very helpful for the night. This meeting replaced the final quiz night subcommittee meeting and should continue for future quiz nights.

On the event evening, there were approximately 70 attendees, which almost reached the COVID restricted maximum capacity of 80. It was noticed as the event was still filling up, that the room seemed a little too quiet and “empty”. On the fly, a chill and very easy listening “Lo-Fi” music playlist was selected and played through the speakers from a committee member’s phone. (Note here: the room speakers required an auxiliary cable to connect. With new phones coming out without headphone jacks and requiring adaptors, doing this on the fly may become harder to do in future.) We found that this level of background music worked to fill the void in-between rounds too.

The night started with Flora Chiew introducing the team and covering any administrative issues. Tom Russell took over the first round which was general knowledge. This round was received well and went off without a hitch.



Tom Cavanagh took the next 2 rounds, being the “Subsea” round and the music round. The subsea round was not as well-received, feedback being that it was not sufficiently related to the technical subsea industry and was more questions around “boats”. There was a break after the 3rd round to allow for some intermediate scores to be counted and some food/networking to occur.



Tom Hitchmough took the 4th and 5th rounds of the quiz, again being general and subsea themed rounds, respectively.

The top score of the evening was around 40 points out of 50, and the lowest around 20. The difficulty of the questions seemed adequate from this perspective. After the results had been tallied, prizes were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams.

There was also a special wooden spoon prize for the last team, a box of RATs and some individual hand sanitiser packets which was well received by the young Worley team.

The evening concluded around 9pm after prizes, and cleaning of the venue was handled by Ibis.



(The Winning Team: *Production Pineapple and Grapes*)

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