

Highly successful AOG 2018 reflects resurgence of oil and industry confidence

- **More than 8000 attendees over three days**
- **265 exhibitors from 14 countries**
- **1600 attendees at Industry Forums**
- **“New Energies” Zone added to AOG 2019 programme**

Australia’s largest oil and gas event has completed its 37th successful staging, with plans revealed for a significant industry expansion in 2019.

Diversified Communications, the organiser of the 2018 Australasian Oil & Gas Exhibition & Conference (AOG 2018), has reported that more than 8000 people passed through the doors of the Perth Exhibition & Convention Centre (PECC) over the three days of the event from March 14 to 16.

AOG 2018 also catered for 265 exhibitors from 14 countries, while more than 1600 people attended the three “Industry Forums” staged during the event.

AOG 2018 Event Director, Bill Hare, said the strong attendance figures were a good reflection of the returning confidence in the state of the Australian oil and gas industry.

“The feedback we have had from exhibitors has been very positive and that has already been reflected in the number of companies that have re-booked for 2019,” Mr Hare said.

The strong turn-out at AOG 2018 was just one of the positives to come out of what is seen as one of the key events on the global oil and gas calendar.

Other highlights included:

- A number of important industry announcements were made including the establishment of an “LNG Jobs Taskforce” by Western Australia Premier, Mark McGowan;
- Significant industry support from AOG 2018 Principal Sponsors - National Energy Resources Australia (NERA), Woodside Energy, the WA Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation and the City of Perth - and Forum Partners and Committee members including Deloitte, Chevron and Shell.
- Keynote presentations and input from industry leaders such as Nigel Hearne Managing Director, Chevron Australia, David Bird Vice President Prelude, Shell Australia, Jacques-Etienne Michel Country Manager, Statoil Australia, Michael Utsler COO, and Niall Myles

Senior Vice President - Australia Operating Unit, from Woodside Energy, Derrick O’Keeffe Head of Division, Safety & Integrity, NOPSEMA, Miranda Taylor CEO of NERA and Bernadette Cullinane, Australian Oil and Gas Leader, Deloitte; and

- The inaugural NERA Technology and Skills Hub and NERA SME ConnectER. The SME ConnectER was a facilitated event which connected established SMEs with innovative products or solutions to champions from LNG operators and contractors, while the Technology & Skills Hub provided a dynamic, interactive forum featuring technology demonstrations, skills insights and presentations from thought leaders and practitioners.

Mr Hare said the success of AOG 2018 has provided strong impetus as planning begins for the 38th staging of the event in March 2019.

“The vibe around the show this year was very positive and we look forward to 2019 with great anticipation,” he said.

Mr Hare also revealed that AOG 2019 will include an exciting new development, with next year’s event to showcase a “New Energies Zone” which will feature technology, products and services relating to topics such as Remote power generation; Renewables; Cleaner Energy, Alternate fuels; and Energy efficiency.

“We have received strong input from our industry partners that has suggested that now is the ideal time to expand the coverage of the show to include ‘New Energies’.

“Many of the leading oil and gas companies are expanding into this sector as they plan for the future. AOG has been successful for a very long time as it has always been an event that moves with the times and industry needs and we see this is a critical next step.

“We are really looking forward to providing updates on this exciting new addition to AOG, which will stand alongside our popular Subsea, Instrumentation Control & Automation, Asset Integrity and Health & Safety Zones,” Mr Hare said.

AOG 2019 will be staged at the PCEC from March 13 to 15. For more information please go to <https://aogexpo.com.au/>