

NT's BOOMING RESOURCES INDUSTRY FRONT AND CENTRE AT THE DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

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The growth in the potential and the broader interest in the Northern Territory's resources industry was evident at the Annual NT Resources Week (September 18 - 20) with a record attendance of more than 800 resource professionals - double the number of the previous year.

Resources Week brings together the South East Asia Australia Offshore Conference (SEAAOC) and exhibition and the Mining the Territory conference. The event was held at the Darwin Convention Centre, as it has been every year since the Centre opened in 2008.

Appropriately marking the NT Government's co-sponsorship of the event, the opening address at the SEAAOC - the Territory's largest and longest established petroleum conference - was given by the recently elected Northern Territory Chief Minister, The Hon Terry Mills MLA.

Both conferences featured a number of local and international expert speakers and took place on either side of a sold-out exhibition of more than 120 stands. The second conference in Resources Week, the Mining the Territory conference, identified exploration and development opportunities in Northern Australia, and heard a presentation from the new NT Minister for Mines & Energy, The Hon Willem Westra Van Holthe MLA.

The first day of SEAAOC was Chaired by Tania Constable, Head of Resources Division, Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism with APPEA CEO David Byers taking the Chair for the second day.

Not surprisingly for such a focussed gathering of professionals and experts from related industries, the conference organisers created ample networking opportunities with the official Resources Week Reception hosted by Chief Minister Mills at Parliament House, the INPEX Gala Dinner at the Convention Centre and networking breakfasts on each morning.

The NT Resources Week closing cocktail cruise on the stunning Darwin Harbour proved a very popular finale with guests indulging in some of Darwin's specialty foods including crocodile and kangaroo, and the organisers already planning for the 2013 event to continue the increasing trend in delegate numbers.

The Convention Centre was understandably very gratified with the comments by the conference organisers that "the food throughout the entire event was exceptionally good" and "the team actioned all our needs in a very timely manner".

Darwin Convention Centre General Manager Malu Barrios said it was a privilege to host a major event for the Government that is of such significance to the Territory's economic prosperity for four successive years.

"We will certainly look forward to the opportunity to partner the NT Government in Resources Week 2013 for another even larger and more successful conference," said Mrs Barrios.

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