

PALMERSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT

Over 70 Year 5 and 6 students participated in this year's Palmerston Primary Construction Industry project.

This year's theme was 'Careers in Construction' with 12 students, 9 girls and 3 boys, presenting their projects to the Judging Panel, Melissa Travers, Principal Palmerston Primary, Lou Agnello, Director Manteena and Vince Ball, ED CITC.

It was interesting to see the diversity of Qualifications selected for the presentations, the 12 finalists selected the following:

- Demolition
- Painting & Decorating (2)
- Architecture (2)
- Crane Operator
- Civil Engineering (2)
- Interior Design
- Roof Plumbing
- Master Builder
- Carpenter

The research and detail undertaken by the students for each of these qualifications was outstanding.

This program has been running for 10 years and we are now looking to see how many prior participants have chosen a career in the construction industry. Not an easy task but we are confident that this has triggered an interest in choosing the construction industry as a career.

WOMEN IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

Emma Sckrabei from Spark and Ginninderry is exploring an opportunity to introduce a Women in Civil Construction Program for 2019.

An initial meeting was held with 4 Civil Contractors, Woden Contractors, Guideline, Huon and Base Contractors together with Skills Canberra and the Federal Department of Jobs and Small Business to explore the opportunities for this program.

The enthusiasm by the Contractors was exceptional and it has been agreed to explore how a 12-week program

can be developed and introduced for this cohort of women in 2019.

OCCUPATIONAL CANCER WORKSHOP FOR MANAGERS AND PROFESSIONALS

Please don't forget that the Occupational Cancer Workshop scheduled for 30 October and a few places are left.

This Workshop will touch on a wide range of topics including Silica Dust, anticipated to be a huge future problem for our industry.

Guest Speakers include Professor Tim Driscoll, University of Sydney and Terry Slevin, CEO Public Health Association Australia.

For further information on this event please go to accesscbrindustry-support@act.gov.au

CRANE COMMITTEE

WorkSafe ACT has agreed to take carriage of the industry Crane Committee and has agreed on the terms of reference for all the members. A major focus for this Committee will be to focus on national issues and regulation into crane safety together with the Committee to work on agreed outcomes in forming either guidance or Code of Practice recommendations over the next 3 months.

Focus on national issues and regulation into crane safety is to be discussed as part of the committee's terms of reference.

Upon establishing a guidance and/or CoP the committee will continue to meet at 6 monthly intervals focussing on the following scope –

1. Trends – local and interstate.
2. Regulations – changes amendments and issues nationally for other regulators.
3. Best Practice – Focus on Safety First.
4. Industry Liaison – all stakeholders to participate and input innovations and best practice. WorkSafe to report the committee's outcomes to HWSA Crane Committee and provide HWSA feedback on national trends.