

Schools Information Program (SIP) report

The annual SIP teacher's dinner was held on Thursday 26th February at the Hilton Hotel. Thirty two teachers, including several from schools new to the Program were made welcome by our more experienced teachers, who were keen to share their knowledge.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN 2009

- APPLECROSS
- BULLSBROOK
- BUSSELTON
- CARINE
- DONGARA
- DUNCRAIG
- GOVERNOR STIRLING
- IRENE MCCORMACK (new)
- JOHN CURTIN
- KARRATHA
- KELMSCOTT
- KENT STREET
- KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN
- ROLEYSTONE
- ROSSMOYNE
- SACRED HEART
- SHENTON COLLEGE
- SWAN VALLEY ANGLICAN COMMUNITY (new)
- ST LUKE'S – KARRATHA
- WANNEROO (new)
- WARNBRO
- WESLEY COLLEGE
- ST STEPHEN'S, DUNCRAIG (new)

A highlight of the evening was the announcement that the Governor of Western Australia Dr Ken Michael AC, has agreed to be the Patron of the Schools Information Program. His Excellency has now confirmed that he will be attending the Grand Finals Awards Ceremony to be held at Government House on 13th November 2009.

The teachers attending the dinner were given up to date information and advised of changes that have occurred in the Program. A key message was that the SIP Steering Committee has agreed unanimously to have each of their company representatives attending schools provided with a current Working with Children License.

They were also advised that the Program's PowerPoint presentations will be shorter to enable increased Q & A time and fuller discussion of career opportunities in the industry.

Russell Dyer, representing the SIP Judges, spoke to the teachers about the Assessment Criteria and how it could be better implemented.

Richard Ellis , APPEA Director WA and Miranda Taylor, APPEA Director Skills and Safety were guests for the evening.

The SIP will again be presented to 4 schools each term in the Perth CBD offices of Woodside and Chevron. Positive feedback has been received from the schools that selected this method.

AOG CONFERENCE

From the 17 – 19th February, the SIP had its own booth at the Australian Oil & Gas exhibition. Over 3,000 people visited the event. This gave the PCWA an opportunity to show off the SIP and to publicly acknowledge its sponsors. The Club received excellent feedback from the attendees and, also witnessed a group of school students who came in to get an inside scoop on project ideas for this year.

As we are gearing up for the first lot of SIP presentations in May, each of the students will be forwarded a small gift of a packet of coloring pencils which are made from **recycled** newspaper! This is a subtle green message on behalf of our industry.

They will also be receiving their subject files, information brochures (describing the assessment criteria) and a Petroleum Club SIP pin.