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## **Women in Resources SA joins South Australia's peak mining and energy association**

The South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) is pleased to announce an exciting partnership with Women In Resources South Australia (WinRSA), which last week saw a landmark agreement signed, formalising WinRSA's integration with SACOME.

WinRSA was incorporated in 2010 to provide opportunities for women in the resources industry to network, discuss common issues and promote the participation of women in the resources industry in South Australia.

Over the past four years, WinRSA has run regular, free, technical and professional development events and programs for women in the industry. The WinRSA database currently includes 450 members and events now typically attract 100 people. WinRSA is primarily funded through the generosity of industry organisations Beach Energy, DMITRE, Finlaysons, OZ Minerals, PwC and Santos. These industry organisations will continue to support WinRSA as part of SACOME.

The success and growth of WinRSA since its inception has been tremendous and with this growing success comes a greater demand for resources. SACOME has always had representation on the WinRSA committee since it began and now it is taking its commitment further by funding a WinRSA Project Officer to support the great work of the committee. This will enable the committee to accelerate the achievement of its goals and most importantly, increase the participation and leadership of women within the State's resources industry.

Julia Dnistrianski, Chair of WinRSA, said "The resources industry offers a wide range of employment opportunities and careers and it is important that the minerals, oil and gas sectors are able to attract and retain the best talent, which includes both males and females."

"The strong support received by WinRSA from resources companies, government, industry service companies and industry bodies to implement its initiatives, is a key indicator of the industry's commitment to improving gender diversity in the workplace at all levels. WinRSA looks forward to continuing its initiatives under the auspices of SACOME and collaborating with industry to get more women participating in the industry and into the leadership pipeline" Ms Dnistrianski said.

Jason Kuchel, Chief Executive of SACOME, said "The Charter of WinRSA is consistent with SACOME's objective to promote an enduring resources sector in South Australia."

"A greater participation of women in the sector is important to meet workforce needs, but also to flow through to greater representation and participation in all roles and through to Board level within the mining and energy sectors," he said.

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Mr Kuchel said “In addition to providing administrative and project support, the partnership will enable greater liaison and collaboration with other industry groups including State and national committees with similar goals, fostering broader cross promotion of initiatives and communications. It is also hoped to enable the identification of additional opportunities to promote women’s participation, including funding opportunities for training and development.”

The WinRSA committee is comprised of representatives from Beach Energy, DMITRE, Finlaysons, OZ Minerals, PwC, Santos and SACOME, who also sponsor and support the initiatives of WinRSA.



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