



MEDIA STATEMENT

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NSILP continues developing future industry leaders

The National Seafood Industry Leadership Program (NSILP) was last night recognised when it won the People Development Award at the 2017 Western Australian Seafood Industry Awards.

The Awards event, recognising excellence in the WA seafood industry, was held at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle and opened by Minister for Fisheries, the Hon. Dave Kelly MLA in front of an audience of 350 industry participants and representatives of various stakeholder groups.

WA Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC) Chairman, Mr Clayton Nelson said NSILP had demonstrated excellence in developing and undertaking a people development activity that has contributed substantially towards a higher performing workforce for the seafood industry.

“The Program has undoubtedly resulted in more people with higher qualifications or skills working in the seafood industry, whilst also employing innovative ways to develop industry leaders for the future.

“In 2016 alone, the NSILP saw four of sixteen graduates come from roles within the Western Australian seafood industry,” said Mr Nelson.

The program was originally designed 17 years ago in consultation with industry, to help people take up leadership roles in the seafood industry. To date, it is the only national seafood industry specific program in Australia.

There is now a graduate population of over 200 people of all ages from all sectors of the seafood industries, including processing, fishing, extension exporters, importers, marketing, deckhands, indigenous and recreational fishers.

“NSILP managed by Jill Briggs has made a sustained positive difference to the commercial fishing community by effecting positive change”, Mr Nelson concluded.

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About the People Development Award

Presented to an entity that has demonstrated excellence in developing and undertaking a people development activity that has contributed substantially towards a higher performing workforce for the seafood industry.