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Women in Civil Luncheon 8 September 2017

The significant contributions of women in the civil construction industry were recognised at the annual Civil Contractors Federation NT Women in Civil luncheon held in Darwin recently

More than 80 guests celebrated the role of women in the industry and heard about the importance of women supporting women.

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics The Hon. Nicole Manison shared her own experiences of having held the Infrastructure portfolio for over a year. Minister Manison acknowledged the importance of hosting events such as the luncheon, to facilitate important conversations surrounding women in civil construction. She encouraged workplaces to be more conducive to supporting women in the industry. Minister Manison emphasised the importance of investment in industry, having recently announced a \$1.75 billion infrastructure budget in her role as Treasurer.

Lisa Boal, Project Manager for Territoria Civil on the CVL9 component of the Inpex project, recounted the road that led to her career in the civil construction sector, including experience working for her father, who worked in the industry. Ms Boal stressed the important role of mentors in harbouring and fostering potential – and the impact of a positive attitude.

Flavia Rick, who also works on the Inpex project with Territoria Civil, spoke about how her love of maths and problem solving made becoming an engineer an obvious choice. After completing her studies at Charles Darwin University and a cadetship at MacMahon Contractors, Ms Rick has held a number of roles in the industry and believes that, in the NT, capability prevails over gender and ethnicity.

The final speaker was Debbie Paylor, General Manager of the Industry Skills Advisory Council NT branch. Ms Paylor was also guest speaker at last year's event, when she had only been in the role for a few weeks. She reflected on her year as GM at ISACNT and spoke of the unique environment of industry, trainers/assessors and government.

The luncheon, held at Loong Fong Restaurant, was proudly sponsored by iFind Pipes N Cables and Arthur J Gallagher.

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