

SAHy™ 2023 Retrospective Highlights

Friday 24th March 2023

SAHy™, the inaugural launch of South Australia's premier Hydrogen conference, was a resounding success. The conference, which was attended by over 150 delegates, boasted fifteen industry speakers, informative panel discussions, member showcases, Hydrogen exhibitors, and networking opportunities.

Co-founded by Quentin Roberts and Nicholas Mumford, SA-H2H™ aimed to bring together leaders in the hydrogen space to share ideas, learn from one another, collaborate, and drive the hydrogen movement in South Australia. The conference primarily focused on informative sessions and panel discussions that provided industry peers and researchers with an opportunity for face-to-face conversations, designed to help propel the hydrogen sector in South Australia.

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Energy & Mining, and Minister for Infrastructure & Transport officially opened the conference. He spoke about the plans for building a nation-leading Hydrogen Power Plant that would harness the state's global leadership in renewable energy and seize the opportunities of green hydrogen as a fuel source for not only South Australia but also the world.

Other key speakers included Fiona Simon, CEO of the Australian Hydrogen Council; Sam Crafter, CEO of the Office of Hydrogen Power SA; and Nick Smith, Executive Director, Growth & Low Carbon Division Department for Energy and Mining. They shared their respective plans and development for the state and country.

The conference also featured an engaging panel discussion facilitated by Miranda Taylor, CEO of the National Energy Resources Australia. The panel comprised Nicholas Mumford, Co-Founder of South Australian Hydrogen Hubs Incorporated; Richard Smith, Manager of Hydrogen & Clean Fuels Development, ATCO Australia; Nick Berry, Manager Government Relations, Fortescue Future Industries; and Bettina Venner, Acting Director of Manufacturing & Supply Chain, Industry Capability Network. They discussed the challenges facing the hydrogen industry in the twenty-first century. SA-H2H™ was delighted to bring together these industry spokespersons, who are helping to change the way the state moves forward in this emerging energy space.

We extend our gratitude to the following members who supported the conference and provided valuable insights during their presentations:

- Kristin Raman, Head of Strategy & Sustainability, Australian Gas Infrastructure Group
- Russell James, General Manager Hydrogen & Future Fuels, ATCO Australia
- Alex Garas, Head of Products Trading for Asia, Trafigura
- Greg Metha, Professor of Chemistry, University of Adelaide
- Rocco Zito, Head of Engineering, Flinders University
- Edit Mucsi, Director of Invest SA's Mineral & Energy, Department of Trade & Investment
- Rebecca Wells, CEO, Mallee Hydrogen Technology Cluster
- James Veale, Co-Founder, Green Token
- Roger van der Lee, Commercial Manager, Hydi Hydrogen
- Graham Davies, Associate Principal, Arup
- Michael Hamilton, General Manager, Seeley International

The SA-H2HTM team extends appreciation to the conference sponsors:

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SAHyTM 2023 proved to be an resounding success, bringing together industry leaders, researchers, and professionals from across Australia to discuss hydrogen energy. Notable speakers, including Richard Smith and Russell James from ATCO, delivered insightful presentations on clean fuels, hydrogen developments in Western Australia and other projects that are a part of the hydrogen journey towards decarbonisation. The conference featured a range of sessions and workshops, with member showcases being one of the highlights.

The conference presented ground-breaking findings, particularly in the race towards Net Zero 2050, and attendees actively engaged in discussions and networking, leading to potential collaborations and partnerships. Over 150 participants from across Australia made this conference truly universal.

The SAHyTM event is expected to have a lasting impact on the growth of the SA-H2HTM cluster, influencing future developments and actions. SAHyTM 2024 is confirmed for 21st March, with a stellar lineup of keynote speakers, including Peter Malinauskas MP, Fiona Simon, CEO Australian Hydrogen Council (AHC), and Sam Crafter, CEO Office of Hydrogen Power South Australia.

To view the full program click here: [SAHy 2023 program](#)