

Engineers Australia: National Manufacturing Forum

Engineers Australia (EA) has been asked by the Australian Government to advise on the future of Australian Manufacturing and it is currently producing a manufacturing policy with supporting documentation for submission.

To support this process, EA approached a number of successful industry professionals and everyday practitioners in manufacturing to assist them in making a meaningful submission to the Government. As part of the process, EA organised a Breakfast Forum to hear and debate opinions from a panel of three industry professionals.

We are very pleased to report that our General Manager of Operations, Keith Saul, was invited join the panel.

The other panelists were Dr John Blakemore National President, Manufacturing Society of Australia and Principal Innovation, Blakemore Consulting International and Mike Brannan, CMMI Senior Process Engineer, BAE Systems.

The Breakfast Forum was held during National Manufacturing Week at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre located in Darling Harbour, Sydney.

The forum provided an opportunity for industry stakeholders to network over breakfast while exchanging ideas and voicing any concerns / issues in relation to manufacturing in Australia.

After introductions by Jenny Simpson, Chairperson, EA Mechanical College, each panelist gave a short presentation highlighting concerns regarding Australian Manufacturing and key recommendations for actions that are required to improve the future of Australian Manufacturing.

This was followed by half an hour of questions from the floor to the three panelists. This was a very interesting session with many of the panelists points and opinions debated by those present.



Above: Speakers at the Forum (left - right) Forum Host, EA's Mechanical College Chair Jenny Simpson, Keith Saul, Mike Brannan and John Blakemore.

