PDR | SMEC Sponsors NAIDOC Award

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NAIDOC Week, held every July, is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. This year’s theme, Our Languages Matter, celebrates the unique role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity.

This year PDR | SMEC was a major sponsor of the Torres Strait NAIDOC Community Tributes Award which was announced at the Torres Strait NAIDOC Awards ceremony on Thursday Island.

PDR Engineers (PDR) joined SMEC in March 2017 enhancing PDR’s engineering capabilities and strengthening SMEC’s presence in northern Australia. The combined footprint of SMEC and PDR in northern Australia establishes a strong regional network of offices in Cairns, Townsville and Darwin.

Established in 1999, PDR has a strong reputation for delivering technically challenging projects. Having been at the forefront of guiding major infrastructure decisions in the Torres Strait for the last 15 years, PDR currently manages the Major Infrastructure Programme (MIP) for the region.

PDR | SMEC are committed to strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. PDR has been a major sponsor of the NAIDOC Awards over the last ten years, while SMEC has joined Reconciliation Australia’s Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program.

Peter De Roma, Director PDR Engineers commented ‘NAIDOC is a fantastic opportunity for the wider community to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and we are delighted to be involved with the National NAIDOC Awards once again.’

‘At SMEC, we want to build and strengthen relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to have a positive impact on the areas in which we work, and the people we work with.’ said SMEC RAP Committee Member Dan Reeve - General Manager, Transport.

The NAIDOC Awards recognise the outstanding contributions that Indigenous Australians make to improve the lives of Indigenous people in their communities, to promote Indigenous issues in the wider community, or the excellence they’ve shown in their chosen field.

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