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Celebration of Growth as CORE Turns One

On 31 August 2017, CORE Innovation Hub celebrated its first anniversary as Australia's first co-working, collaboration and innovation hub for the resources and energy sector in the Perth CBD.

After successfully completing a 12-month pilot phase, CORE members, industry partners and resources and energy technology leaders and innovators heard from CEO Tamryn Barker on how CORE plans to build on its early growth with expansion plans, new partnerships and a digital skills program.

Since opening doors in July 2016, CORE has grown to more than 70 co-working and community members representing 40 organisations across the resources and energy sector. In the past year CORE has hosted more than 200 events attracting over 5,000 attendees from industry. CORE is also building a global network of resources innovation hubs. International partnerships have been established with Caterpillar Ventures in San Francisco USA, Fundación Chile in Santiago and most recently Station Houston in the USA.

"We help create connections along the value chain, bringing together networks, knowledge and capability to collaborate and innovate on global resources challenges," Ms Barker said.

"In its first year we have enjoyed strong growth and industry support in establishing CORE as the go to connecting hub for the resources and energy sector, in particular our Foundation Partners NERA, METS Ignited, Austmine, WesTrac, Spacecubed and Uearthed. We are especially proud of our startup members for the awards and investment they have attracted during this time. Ms Barker confirmed that the foundation partnerships would all continue into the second year.

"I'm also delighted to share our plans, including expanding our base in the Perth CBD and into Brisbane, growing our international network of global resources and energy hubs which we are pleased now includes Houston, and collaborating with new partners, including the WA Government," she said.

CORE will also deliver a professional skills program in 2017/18, in partnership with universities and sector leaders, aiming to combine domain knowledge with advanced digital capability, to create new value for the sector.

"We are also keen to help equip the sector with the critical skills needed in the context of disruption and opportunity from new digital technologies, including data analytics and automation," Ms Barker added.

CORE provides a physical co-working office environment, a facilitated network of innovators, curated activities and programs in a neutral space that enables operators, suppliers, researchers, entrepreneurs and startups to connect and collaborate with one another.

In October, the CORE co-working space is expanding to another floor within the FLUX build at 191 St George's Tce, Perth, Perth's premier co-working, entrepreneur and innovator space in the CBD. This includes new office, meeting and event space and facilities including a Virtual Reality lab for existing and new members and industry partners.

CORE Foundation Partners

CORE's industry foundation partners include [NERA](#), [METS Ignited](#), [Austmine](#), [WesTrac](#), [Unearthed](#) and [Spacecubed](#), who all have innovation teams in the space along with other operators, suppliers, mid-tiers, small and medium sized enterprises and technology start-ups across the sector. CORE also has research partners like CSIRO Data61 and the Minerals Research Institute of Western Australia (MRIWA), and key industry bodies including Engineers Australia, Subsea Energy Australia and the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) in the space.

Being in CORE enables individuals and teams to be surrounded by innovation, start-up mentality and people, and to be part of the wider innovation and technology community.



About CORE

CORE is Australia's first co-working, collaboration and innovation hub focused on resources technology, where the resources and energy sector powers the human enterprises of tomorrow. Positioned alongside Australia's leading resources companies and universities in the Perth CBD, CORE provides **proximity** to skills, solutions and opportunity along the supply chain, and a **culture** of entrepreneurship, open innovation, collaboration and speed to market.

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