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APPEA engineering scholarship winners

A Toowoomba secondary school student and a University of Western Australia student were awarded scholarships at last night's Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) National Workforce Development and Productivity Conference dinner in Darwin.

The two university scholarships sponsored jointly by APPEA and Brunel Energy are awarded annually to individuals with outstanding academic potential in the engineering field.

Alex Dyball, a Year 12 student at Toowoomba's Downlands College, was awarded the Indigenous Australian Scholarship and is hoping to enrol in the University of Southern Queensland's engineering program next year.

Venus Tran, who is currently in the second year of an engineering degree at the University of Western Australia, was awarded the other scholarship.

APPEA Chief Executive David Byers said: "APPEA takes a keen interest in education and is pleased to assist students with a strong interest in the oil and gas industry.

"I'm sure these engineering scholarships will help both students complete their degrees and double as a springboard into an exciting new career."

Brunel Energy Director Paul Smith said: "Multi-billion projects in the oil and gas industry are underway right across Australia – that's why Brunel formed a partnership with APPEA in 2009 to attract the best and brightest to the industry.

"We congratulate Venus and Alex on being awarded the scholarships and look forward to watching their study pathway to a career in the oil and gas industry."

The award for each scholarship is \$5,000 per year up to a maximum of five years full-time or part-time equivalent. Scholarship recipients also have the opportunity to undertake paid work experience with an APPEA member oil and gas company during university vacation breaks, providing valuable industry experience.

Additional funding of up to \$5,000 per annum is available for the Indigenous Australian Scholarship recipient for agreed mentoring services in association with APPEA's member companies.

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The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association represents the upstream oil and gas industry in Australia. APPEA member companies produce around 98 per cent of Australia's oil and gas.