

NAMIG makes a difference

The Northern Advanced Manufacturing Industry Group (NAMIG) *Concept 2 Creation* expo was staged at the Golden Grove Recreation and Arts Centre on November 12th 2008. This event was attended by the Governor and presented 62 projects that small groups of students from 11 local schools undertook as part of their curriculum.



provided students with the opportunity to extend their learning.

Besides the 450 students who were involved directly in these projects, NAMIG provided opportunities for approximately 1,000 additional middle and secondary students to have an introduction to industry through tours, minor projects and other activities. This project is jointly funded by the Department for Education Employment and Workplace Relations and the SA Department for Trade and Economic

quality industry-education partnerships and the promotion of career development and integrated, project-based approaches to learning. The definition for Advanced Manufacturing includes any industry that is utilising emerging technologies to enhance production and education and is fully embracing project-based learning and career development within curriculum. The time is ripe for the NAMIG team and industry partners to grow the program.



These projects are intended to:

- Introduce students to career pathways within Advanced Manufacturing.
- Provide a complete project management experience.
- Develop employability and enterprise skills and attitudes.
- Engage students in the relevance and relationships across curriculum, particularly maths, science and technology.
- Generate sustainable and mutually-beneficial partnerships between industry and education.

In addition to the student-initiated projects which presented some impressive examples of creative thinking, team work and applied learning, the industry-developed projects obviously



Development, with significant additional contribution from key industry partners.

As of October 2008, Bernie Fitzsimons has joined the NAMIG team as General Manager. Bernie comes from a background in career development and vocational education at local, state and national levels. A significant component of this work has involved the pursuit of



NAMIG is indebted to the EIA, which is now integrated within the Electronics & ICT Association, for its formative contributions to the program. So if members would like to assist forming the future workforce of this industry through providing expert advice or development of projects that have applications to a range of industries, please contact NAMIG or visit their website. Through such collaboration this model can extend to other regions and more fully accommodate the needs of industry.

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