

McKay Drilling

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Rig Three

Rig 3 has recently finished nightshift on their respective drill tenement and is due to start again later next month South East of Port Hedland.

A WORD FROM RONNIE

All drillers must make a concerted effort to provide Perth Office with all required paperwork by Thursday of every week.

It is essential that this is completed consistently.

Safety Culture

A strong Safety Culture can be significantly powerful within an organisation. Its fundamental belief is that leadership, the right leadership, will be an overwhelming force that will determine a company's ability to achieve the desired outcomes.

In many organisations you can walk into a workplace and know very quickly just what people think of their operation. A drill rig is no different.

When speaking to rig crews, there is clearly a commitment to keep the rig safe. Typically a pro-active approach to

safety instead of re-active, time taken for housekeeping and feedback for possible improvement is welcomed and embraced. Ultimately, time is taken to combine the safety of the operation with all other tasks completed on a day to day basis.

Some key factors that contribute to a culture that puts safety first include:

- Consistency
- Ambition to align the company's shared values and beliefs
- Positive leadership which welcomes the possibility of change and a clear goal which can be

achievable by all involved.

A weak Safety Culture can be difficult to change. The reason for this is that people are hardwired to discourage change. We are biologically created for stability; habits provide security and understanding for possible events we may face.

Through good leadership however, people quickly find comfort and security in their ability to perform tasks safely and efficiently, despite not necessarily knowing why the tasks are completed the way they are.

The absence of positive leadership will have a significant effect on the ability to sustain a strong safety culture, even leading to its demise.

Exxon Mobil have a very simple approach to safety, 'Nobody Gets Hurt'. This is a very straight forward approach if the company is reflective of this. However, don't be misguided, it is very hard to change and maintain a good Safety Culture and without an entire management team support its likelihood is reduced even further.

New Employees

Mckay Drilling would like to make welcome Caz Nattrass and Wayne Willing who are new offsidiers joining us this month. They will join the RC division. Shaun Byrne also joined us, fulfilling the position of boilermaker.

Who's Drilling Where

Paul Williams is drilling just South of Port Hedland aboard Rig One. Rig Two controlled by Adrian Pearse is drilling to the East of Tom Price. Aric Rex is East of Newman on Rig Three. Rig Four is West of Tom Price with Rhys Davies. Wayne Edgelow is drilling with Rig Five North of Meekatharra. Sydney Whanga is in charge on Rig Six and drilling East of Newman. Rig Seven has Anthony Moon and Gavin Brown aboard and are also drilling East of Newman. Henry Taitt is in control of Rig Eight, drilling at Tennant Creek. Rig Nine is drilling near Halls Creek with Donald Tewhare.

Rig Ten

Rig Ten is currently under construction and is due for arrival in July. The Rig is a Schram 685, fitted with a foremost rod handler. A large focus has been placed on the Tare Weight to comply with Mainroads, making it more mobile and enabling greater access to tenements.



Workshop

The workshop is working at full capacity with the building of two new rod trucks, one of which is in preparation for new Rig 10 and the second truck will be replacing an older model currently in the field. In addition, a new cyclone sampling system is being developed to overcome some sampling issues as a result of difficult drilling conditions currently being experienced in the field.



New rod truck being built in the workshop



Drill Skill Training

Drill Skill

McKay Drilling would like to congratulate Coby Holland and Kris Taane who received their Certificate II in drilling operations this month.

Chad McKay will be completing his final assessment in Certificate II in the coming weeks, Anthony Sapienza is not far away with his final assessment due next month.

Rig Movements

Rig Eight has mobilised to the Northern Territory to continue drilling for an existing client. Rig 9 moves up to the Kimberly, currently situated near Halls Creek.

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