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BPEQ reports rise in the number of female RPEQs

More than 700 female engineers are now registered with the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland (BPEQ), a 30 per cent increase since this time last year.

The growth in the number of female RPEQs coincides with International Women's Day and Queensland Women's Week and comes after BPEQ enacted and participated in several initiatives throughout 2015 with the aim of promoting engineering to women.

BPEQ Registrar Kylie Mercer said the results were encouraging, but reiterated the need for BPEQ and the engineering profession to do more.

"In the last 12 months we have recorded a 30 percent increase in the number of female RPEQs, while the overall number of RPEQs has grown at around seven percent", said Ms Mercer.

"These figures are above growth trends in the broader profession and demonstrate BPEQ is achieving its objectives through different programs and initiatives.

"Another performance indicator is the number of female RPEQs standing as candidates for election to the Board; approximately 10 per cent of candidates are women.

"BPEQ recognises that much more needs to be done and in 2016 we will continue our partnerships with women in engineering groups at the Queensland University of Technology and University of Queensland, look to establish new partnerships in the profession and host workshops designed for women engineers."

A survey of female RPEQs conducted by BPEQ in 2015 found that keeping women in engineering and appropriate support measures for women are major factors and will be a focus for BPEQ going forward.

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