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FESPA Future Leaders Program

Twelve talented individuals graduated last week from the first-ever FESPA Future Leaders program. Held over two days, FESPA Australia hosted a diverse cohort of emerging leaders from all parts of our industry, from garment decoration and signage to commercial print, suppliers and print service providers.

These people had expressed a clear leadership ambition, a history of investing in themselves and others, and a commitment to work towards a better industry. With over 30 nominations received, eight independent judges had a tough job rating the applications against the selection criteria.

At stake was an expense-paid trip to FESPA Munich for one of the emerging leaders to act as spokesperson for the group to the 37 National Associations that make up the FESPA Community.

Nigel Davies, President of FESPA Australia, says, "the pandemic challenged many leaders, including myself, so we wanted future leaders to be better prepared. The program had to be tailored to our industry and combine cutting-edge leadership coaching with insights from industry veterans. The quality of facilitation was the key; otherwise, it would be just like any other leadership program.

Carl Harman, Managing Director of Imago Leadership, was FESPA's choice. He has worked with and coached the senior and executive teams and boards of many prominent corporate and government organisations internationally. Upon delivering the program, Carl said, "I have worked with countless groups from a myriad of industries and this week was a career highlight."

The cohort voted Troy Cavanagh of ImageBox Group to be their spokesman and FESPA Future Leader. On LinkedIn Troy says "It was a very humbling experience to be selected by industry peers to be the FESPA Future Leader of 2022, and head to FESPA Munich 2023 to represent them all. What a great experience"

Davies says, "the personal feedback, LinkedIn posts from the group and their employers have been exceptional, and their journey had only just begun. We want these talented individuals to grow together and set their minds to the challenges of our industry. We are looking for mentors to work with them; industry thought leaders to meet with them, so be in touch if you want to work with the program as a participant or mentor.

The FESPA Future Leaders program was made possible through the generous support of Diamond Sponsor Orafol, Gold Sponsors Ball & Doggett, Durst, Starleaton, Visual Connections, Silver Sponsors Kissel and Wolf, M-Power Software, Cactus Imaging, Bronze Sponsors HVG and Ricky Richards. The Glen Crerar Memorial Training Scholarship will support the FESPA Future Leader to represent FESPA Australia in Europe in 2023.

About FESPA Australia

FESPA Australia is one of 37 National associations that make up the FESPA federation.

We work together to promote FESPA's goal to be the leading globally connected imaging community re-investing its profits to inspire, educate and grow our industry. Our members include leading digital printers, screen printers, sign makers, textile and apparel, and promotional products printers who manufacture a diverse range of products.

Resources attached

Picture : Troy Cavanagh. Imagebox Group - FESPA Future Leader.

Picture: Fespa Future Leader Cohort with Facilitator Carl Harman

Word doc: Self-written Bios from attendees

Logos in various formats

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