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## **IFAP Celebrates 35 Years of Leading Risk Management Solutions**

The year is 1972...

There were 1675 non-fatal injuries and 11 deaths in WA workplaces. Shops and factories accounted for over 90% of injuries...

Gough Whitlam was elected as Prime Minister...

The British Robens Report was launched recommended improving the OHS regime by introducing self-inspection schemes for employers, who are required to consult with employees and their representatives on OHS issues...

Carlton won the VFL premiership and East Perth won the WAFL flag.

The WA Occupational Health and Safety Act was still more than ten years away...

### **And, the Industrial Foundation for Accident Prevention (IFAP) broke away from the National Safety Council.**

*The minutes of the first IFAP council meeting pm 13 June 1972 reported that the year had been a good one for IFAP. However, Mr Galton-Fenzi (IFAP's first Executive Officer) said there had been a fall-off in the demand for consultant services due mainly to the depressed economic situation, particularly among the metal trades.*

Founded 1962 as the Industrial Division of the National Safety Council of WA, IFAP became independent of the NSCA 10 years later. Increasing demand prompted IFAP to move from Mosman Park to North Lake in 1987 where a training and administration centre had been constructed.

The facilities were expanded in 1990 when a purpose-built Skills Training Centre was added. In 1998, IFAP formed a partnership with Red Alert and opened the IFAP Fire Training Centre at North Lake.

IFAP's Survival Training Centre was opened in North Fremantle in 1994 to provide training services to the offshore oil and gas industry.

In 2004, IFAP grew further with the opening of the IFAP Centre for Crisis and Emergency Management. In December 2005, IFAP established its first regional centre, IFAP Kalgoorlie – Goldfields Safety Centre, followed six months later by the first interstate centre, IFAP Darwin – North Australian Safety Centre.

2007 marks the opening of IFAP Bibra Lake, a joint initiative with Induction Centres Australia. We need to elaborate a little to say what happens at Bibra Lake.

*Extracts from the minutes of the first IFAP Council meeting on 13 June 1972:*

*“The Chairman reported that he and Mr Galton-Fenzi had called on Mr Chessell, Chairman of the R+ I Bank on February 22. The meeting had given Messrs. Aston and Galton-Fenzi the opportunity to explain the reasons for separate incorporation and their request for backing and assistance from the bank had been cordially granted”.*

*“The Chairman reported that the Articles of the NSC of WA made no provision for the present situation where IFAP was an autonomous organisation within the NSCA pattern. Negotiations were in hand...”*

*“Through the assistance of Mr. H.A. Jones, the renewal of the government annual grant of \$12,000 for the year period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 1972 had been formally approved.”*

IFAP is proud to have helped Australian workplaces achieve their risk management commitments and would like to thank its members for their continued support. IFAP would like to give specially acknowledge the following organisations which have been members of IFAP for more than 30 years:

- Air Liquide WA Pty Ltd
- Alcoa World Alumina Australia
- BP Refinery (Kwinana)
- Coal Miners Industrial Union of Workers
- CSBP Limited
- Dampier Salt Limited - Safety and Improvement
- Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia
- Greif Australia Pty Limited
- Iluka Resources Limited
- Master Builders Association of WA
- Pilbara Iron Company (Services) Pty Ltd
- Rinker Australia Ltd
- Torrance Constructions Pty Ltd
- Visypak
- Western Power
- Woodside Energy Ltd

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