

# IFAP TO TAKE SPECIALIST SERVICES TO THE TERRITORY

*NOT-for-profit safety training specialist IFAP will soon expand its services to the Northern Territory with the opening of its first interstate facility located right in the heart of Darwin.*

To officially open in May, IFAP Darwin – North Australian Safety Centre, will offer a large range of leading safety training and consulting solutions to businesses in the Northern Territory, Indonesia and surrounding areas.

Initially IFAP Darwin will offer courses in sea survival (including HUET), emergency response, confined spaces, basic firefighting and also its full range of OSH training programmes, with skills courses, and other areas to follow, once the new facility is more established.

Newly appointed Operations manager – North Australian Safety Centre, Craig Parrick, said it is an exciting move for IFAP.

“We have had solid clients in the Northern Territory as well as Indonesia for some time and the new centre will enable us to be more accessible to them and to offer our services to many new clients as well.

“I am proud to be leading IFAP’s new interstate office. We will be working closely with industry, government and associated organisations to assist with the continuous improvement of health and safety in the Northern Territory.”

IFAP, a Registered Training Organisation, has been providing leading safety solutions to industry for over 30 years and has assisted many

organisations throughout Australia and overseas with its team of qualified safety professionals.

IFAP Darwin – North Australian Safety Centre is already equipped with an indoor pool, METS for HUET courses, training rooms, catering facilities and on site parking.

The new facility will benefit from IFAP’s position as Australia’s leading provider of HUET and Oil and Gas Industry training courses, allowing strong industry knowledge and experience to be drawn from its state-of-the-art facility already operating in Fremantle in Western Australia.

IFAP’s courses are constantly updated to ensure they meet industry standards on an international level and they are proud to be able to offer two facilities with OPITO accredited training courses.

Following closely behind the opening of IFAP’s Kalgoorlie office in December last year, IFAP Darwin will bring the number of IFAP training and consulting facilities to five in total, enabling easier access for all industries to IFAP’s extensive range of training and consulting solutions.

## CONFERENCE A FIRST FOR WA

In other news, plans are well and truly underway with the programme now finalised for the Inaugural International Crisis & Emergency Management Conference.

This new conference, to be held on June 1 and 2 at Arena Joondalup in Perth, will boast an impressive line up of national and international speakers. This international event, run by IFAP, a not-for-profit organisation offering leading safety solutions to industry, incorporates a two day conference and exhibition with ground breaking presentations on new and emerging issues in prevention, preparedness, response and recovery by national and international experts.

Many of the presentations feature first hand accounts of major global emergencies and disasters, including the Bali bombings, Hurricane Katrina and the Asian Tsunamis to name a few.

Delegates will hear personal experiences and lessons learned from these events enabling them to ensure their own crisis and emergency management plans are up to date and they are able to deal with as many of the potential issues they may be exposed to as efficiently as possible.

IFAP’s manager - Centre for Crisis & Emergency Management, Andrew Stanbury, a

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## Taskforce takes aim at WA skills shortage issues

*THE hub of petroleum activity in Western Australia is set to benefit from a State Government taskforce that aims to implement major reforms and boost the number of skilled workers in the region.*

The prospering resources industry has resulted in the Pilbara region of Western Australia recording significant economic growth over the past five years.

According to Education and Training Minister Ljiljana Ravlich, the region currently produces approximately \$16 billion worth of goods and services each year.

“Economic development in the Pilbara is going gangbusters with the boom in the resources and energy sectors,” Ms Ravlich said.

“In this economic climate it is vital that our training system keeps pace with the demand to supply competent, skilled workers to fill new jobs now and in the future.”

A Skills Formation taskforce forum, held on February 21 in Port Hedland and Karratha, included employers and employees, and addressed ways to ease the skills shortages and strengthen the State’s training system to meet future needs.

Woodside Energy Limited, which has boosted its skilled workforce by employing and supporting apprentices, supports the initiative.

Woodside’s chief operating officer, Keith Spence, said that through his work at Woodside Energy, as well as through his role as chair of the State Training Board, he is well aware of the short and long term benefits which properly supported apprenticeship and traineeship programmes can bring.

“In regional areas, and particularly in the Pilbara, the State has to ensure that there is skilled labour to support the economic growth which is occurring,” Mr Spence said.

“Helping regional communities gain these skills means that these communities can fully participate in the long term economic benefits being created by big resource and energy projects.”

A consultation paper on reforming the apprenticeship and traineeship system in Western Australia is available on <http://www.stb.wa.gov.au/>. Written submissions can also be forwarded to [skills@det.wa.edu.au](mailto:skills@det.wa.edu.au) by April 7, 2006. ■