

# Rapallo

company newsletter

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## BUSINESS REVIEW

Well here we are already into April of 2010 and much has happened at Rapallo over the last few months. This newsletter gives a brief overview of some of those developments.

**Rapallo Strategy for the Future:** During February and March the senior management team spent some time together with our business advisors Brentnalls. Over a number of meetings we looked at Rapallo as a business and in particular how we had developed into what we are today as well as what we wanted to be. This was the beginning of the plan for the future of Rapallo. All areas of the company were looked at and research carried out to draft up the strategies that we could best utilise to develop the company over the next 5 years. A number of ideas and structures were looked at with some being discounted or pushed back down the list of priorities. The aim is to develop the business we have now and better understand what is needed to expand and improve on these areas for the future. The plan is currently in draft form and awaits review and approval by the Rapallo board. The senior management team feels confident that the strategy they have proposed will lead to some exciting developments and opportunities for us all into the future.

Recent Rapallo projects have seen the Kalgoorlie office tender, win and complete a technically and environmentally sensitive project for Reed Resources at the old Nimbus silver process plant. The plant had been in Care & Maintenance for some time and Reed Resources decided it was time to clear away the existing plant and infrastructure. However there were some environmental issues regarding high mercury levels at the site. This meant the work had to be carried out to very high health and safety standards and mercury levels needed to be constantly monitored. The work also needed to satisfy Environmental Authorities. Anthony Kerr and his team

effectively completed the work to all the required standards on time and under budget.

Other work completed has included the feasibility study for the Goldfields "Athena" underground development. Rapallo were part of a group of consulting companies that carried out this work. Rapallo has now gone on to provide more services to Goldfields on this project and currently our Electrical division led by Eddy Giacometti is providing expertise with the design of the electrical reticulation circuits.

Still with Goldfields, but at their Agnew Mine, Rapallo has recently signed a 3 year Engineering services agreement which will see Rapallo work closely with the Agnew engineering staff in providing engineering support for the on going project work required at the mine site.

The Perth NDT section has also been busy and earlier in the year signed a contract with Hofmann Engineering to provide NDT services to the Hofmann engineering workshop for the next 3 years. Hofmann has one of the largest and most modern engineering workshops in Perth and will mainly be using Rapallo NDT services on the manufacture and construction of one of the biggest mills to be built in Australia.

Other positives for Rapallo have included the acceptance onto the following Engineering Panels:-

- Department of Treasury and Finance (Building Management & Works)
- Water Corporation
- Dampier Port Authority

We look forward to these relationships growing and providing Rapallo with alternative projects.

## WELCOME TO THE HBF RUN

Everyone has a reason. It might be to get fit. It might be to lose weight. Or it might be to raise money for one of WA's leading charities fighting chronic disease.

The HBF Run for a Reason is your chance to get active and walk, run, jog or stroll your way around the Perth CBD. Held on 23 May 2010, you can choose between the Act-Belong-Commit 14km course incorporating 3 freeways and a notable passage through the Northbridge Tunnel, or the shorter Act-Belong-Commit 4.5km course winding around Gloucester Park through East Perth. Both events start and finish at the iconic WACA ground.

**HBF Run for a Reason**  
Rapallo has entered a team for this event on 23 May 2010 see Rodney Kalem to enter your name or for further details.



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Rescuing a Spiny-tailed monitor (Varanus acanthurus) from the Dampier to Bunbury Gas Pipeline trench.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

The environmental team have been out and about, Chris Jackson and Magnus Peterson spent some time walking a new loop extensions of the Dampier – Bunbury pipeline between Karratha and Carnarvon. Their role was to rescue and identify small critters that had inadvertently fallen into the newly dug pipeline trench.

### Meekatharra Survey

The Environmental team have undertaken a Level 2 Flora and Fauna survey for a junior resources company recently out near Meekatharra, for an area that had not had rain for a considerable period of time our guys must have produced the best “rain dance” ever. Over a 24 hour period a huge down pour occurred creating this rapid change to the landscape.

The most interesting point for the guys was the emergence of unexpected wild life so quickly, this included frogs and turtles.



Creek bed before the rain



Creek bed 24 hours later



For those who go camping here is a reminder as to why you should pitch your tent on high ground.

## HSE MESSAGE: DRIVING SAFELY

Driving is an activity we all do nearly every single day and for most of us for many years. We drive to and from work, to the shops, for work, to see family and friends and from holidays. Those Rappers who drive for work are usually driving in remote areas. The majority of these journeys are undertaken without even coconsciously considering the hazards involved.

Some interesting stats regarding driving

- 176 people died on Western Australian roads, from March 2009 to February 2010,
- The majority of fatal crashes occur over 100km, during the day time on a weekday.
- In Australia of the 1,496 deaths involved in a fatal crash from March 2009 to February 2010, 1,095 were male and 397 were female.
- Crashes in regional areas result in higher fatalities than if the same crash were to occur in a metropolitan area, as medical help is usually further away. Approximately 60% more fatalities in crashes over the last 6 months
- The social cost of road crashes in 2006 was an estimated \$17.85 billion (1.7 per cent of GDP). Estimated human losses were approximately \$2.4 million per fatality, losses for a hospitalised injury were approximately \$214 000 per injury (including disability-related costs), and losses for non-hospitalised injury were approximately \$2200 per injury.
- The majority of Rapallo's reported incidents have involved a vehicle, luckily with no fatalities.

Factors causing crashes include alcohol, drugs, using mobile phones while driving, fatigue, not stopping at red lights and not driving for the prevailing conditions. The most frequent cause of fatal crashes is speed.

Next time your getting into your car or a Rapallo car ensure your trip is safe by;

- Obey the speed limit
- Allow a safe stopping distance between you and the next car
- Drive to the road conditions e.g. surface, weather conditions
- Pull over to use your mobile phone or use hands free
- Don't drink and drive
- Take regular breaks when driving long distances and swap drivers when possible
- Make a journey plan for long trips and phone your manager or a family member when you have arrived safely
- Be a courteous driver
- Always be alert and aware of your surroundings.

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