

Rapallo

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ASSET MANAGEMENT NDT Perth audit



During May the NDT group in Perth achieved NATA accreditation. This is a significant step forward for Rapallo and gives the company the capability to provide accredited NDT services from both Kalgoorlie and Perth. Congratulations to Yezdi, Andrew Kennedy and Russell Lewsey on their efforts to make the necessary arrangements for the successful NATA audit.

NATA stands for National Association of Testing Authorities and is the Australia's Government-endorsed provider of accreditation for laboratories and similar testing facilities. It is acknowledged as the peak authority in Australia for the accreditation of inspection bodies. NATA accreditation provides a means of determining, recognising and promoting the competence of facilities to perform specific types of testing, measurement, inspection and calibration.

Accreditation is an effective marketing tool for testing, calibration and inspection organisations and can be a passport to submit tenders to contractors that require independently verified facilities, especially for government contracts. Many industries, such as the construction materials industry, routinely specify NATA accreditation for suppliers of testing services.

A Recognition of Testing Competence NATA accreditation

provides formal recognition to competent testing facilities, thus providing a ready means for customers to identify and select reliable testing, inspection, measurement and calibration services. To maintain this recognition, laboratories are re-evaluated periodically by NATA to ensure their continued compliance with requirements, and to check that their standard of operation is being maintained. The laboratory may also be required to participate in relevant proficiency testing programs between reassessments, as a further demonstration of technical competence. If a laboratory fails to consistently meet all of NATA's requirements, their accreditation is suspended or revoked.

NATA accredited testing facilities are able to advertise their accreditation on their test certificates and in general advertising, especially through the use of the well-known NATA logo. Since such accreditation is highly regarded both nationally and internationally as a reliable indicator of technical competence, use of the NATA logo and use of a NATA endorsement on test certificates tells prospective and current clients that the laboratory has been measured and approved against best international practice. Faced with alternative suppliers of testing and calibration services, why wouldn't a supplier choose one which offers them this assurance?

Rapallo NDT services include, Ultra Sonic (UT) testing, Magnetic Particle and Dye Penetration Testing.

PayDirt Gold Conference

Australia's
Paydirt

Rapallo staff recently attended the annual PayDirt Gold Conference held at the Sheraton Hotel in Perth. The conference ran for 2 days and featured presentations from a number of junior mining companies. These miners came from various regions across Australia including WA, SA, NSW, NT and Victoria.

There was opportunity over the 2 days to talk first hand with senior management from these junior miners and discuss any possible opportunities.

Companies either WA based or with a WA presence that provided presentations included:-

Apex, Goldfields, Newmont, Avoca, Focus Minerals, Cortona, Integra Mining, Matsa, Silver Lakes and Intrepid Mines.

The mood during the conference was positive and with the current stabilizing of the gold price over US\$900/ounce these companies and others like them are positioning themselves for either expansion of existing mines and process facilities or development of new ones.



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THE CHAIRMAN'S AERIAL PHOTO'S

In April our Chairman Andy George was flying over the Lake Eyre region after heavy rainfalls these are a couple of shots showing Warburton Creek, Goyder's Lagoon and Diamantina River

The Diamantina feeds into Goyder's Lagoon that flows into Warburton Creek and feeds into the north end of Lake Eyre. Goyder's lagoon is a swamp and pools that covers an area of approximately 70-80 nautical miles long by 40 nautical miles wide.

IT'S COMING!! WATCH OUT FOR.....



ROCK TEAM

STAFF PROFILE:



Anthony Kerr
Operations Manager Kalgoorlie

How long have you been with Rapallo?
I can tell you that exactly, 6 years 5 months and 20 days.

Where do you originate from?
I originate from Norseman but spent a lot of time in Esperance, so I'm a true blue West Australian from the Goldfields.

What do you do in your spare time?

I'm an Aussie Rules umpire and spend a couple of hours every weekend running up and down a footy oval umpiring senior league games around the Goldfields region.

What is your favourite place in WA?

This one is easy, HOME.

Your ideal holiday would be?

Any warm country in a 5 star beach resort where the kids are kept busy all day and I can just sit back and relax.

Your favourite sport and team?

My favourite sport is AFL but being an unbiased umpire I have no favourite team.

First car?

A 1982 WB Holden UTE, and I still have it, although the brakes need fixing.

WB Holden UTE, but not AK's.



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