

# Rapallo

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## PERTH NDT

Rapallo currently provides NATA endorsed NDT services in the Kalgoorlie Region and is currently developing an identical service in the Perth metro area. As Rapallo's existing office facilities in Perth are not suitable to accommodate a NATA endorsed NDT service, we are in the process of forming an arrangement with a local fabrication company. The aim is to locate one of Rapallo's new mobile NDT facilities at their premises. There is a benefit to both companies with this arrangement and it will provide Rapallo with a base from which to establish the new service. Rapallo has invested in new test equipment and new purpose built containerised workshop/office units which will be staffed by experienced NDT inspectors.

"This format is repeatable in all geographical areas and is an exciting development in the growth of Rapallo's services" commented Peter George Managing Director, "we can reproduce the model to either cover a dedicated site or a small regional area."

This facility will also offer standard services to other NDT clients in the Perth Metro area. The new unit will be part of the Asset Management division.

## HSE COMMITTEE

Rapallo launched its HSE Committee during National Safety Week and had its first sitting, with Jason Ferris being nominated as Chair for the Committee. Well Done Jason! The committee will be there to assist the organization in its management of issues relating to Occupational Health, Safety and the Environment. No doubt a number of positive outcomes will come from the inception of this new committee.



## 21ST BIRTHDAY BASH

On August 31st Rapallo held a formal function at the Fremantle Maritime Museum to celebrate 21 years in business. The function was attended by approximately 70 guests including clients, service suppliers and staff. On arrival guests had the opportunity to view the museum exhibits as they made their way to the balcony area overlooking the harbour for cocktails and canapés. The guests then were seated for dinner and during the evening the new Rapallo logo was unveiled with a short presentation given by Peter George Managing Director.

The company founder and Chairman Andy George was acknowledged by Chris Mandzufas (Brentnalls WA), and presented with an aviators watch by Peter to mark the occasion. After the formalities the music increased and the dance floor was full for the remainder of the evening. A great night was had by all. The question now being asked is will it happen again next year?



## Defence Reserve Support Council Excellence Awards

Rapallo has been awarded Best Private Company (Large) in the recent DRSC Excellence Awards. The award recognizes Rapallo's support to Defence personnel, namely Rodney Kalem's involvement with his deployment to the Solomon Islands.

Rapallo is committed to providing support to defence personnel as they strive to provide a valuable contribution to Australia's military obligations. Rodney and Martin Hurst attended a formal dinner at Karratta Barracks Perth, and accepted the award from Major-General Greg Melick, Assistant Chief of the Defence Force (Reserves). (Pictured).



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## PROJECT UP-DATE: Kalgoorlie Projects – Oct 08

### Engineering

- > Phaniel Kaboro and the structural engineering department in Kalgoorlie, have been working on several large projects recently. These have included structural audits on four drill rigs for BHP Billiton, radio stacker conveyors for Portman, and structural steel modifications on a ROM bin for Portman. The BHPB audit includes structural modelling and load analysis. When this is completed Rapallo will conduct NDT tests on the rigs. Phaniel also conducts structural inspections and certifications for the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Council in an ongoing capacity, and provides structural engineering support for several other projects.
- > In the mechanical department, Alfred Gura has now completed work at Cawse. Most recently he has been involved with corrosion mapping of the ammonia stripper columns, acid proofing of the acid handling area and acid booster pump, and installing a new ammonia steam vessel.
- > Engineering projects with FMG at Cloudbreak are moving along with Mark Dickinson taking the lead. We hope to sign-off a contract with FMG in the next week or so.

### Asset Management

- > The Perth team continue to grow and find new opportunities in the Asset management area. BHP Billiton Iron Ore continue to utilize Rapallo's skills and expertise in this area in the Pilbara. Local Perth work continues and there have been some new opportunities in the South West at Iluka.
- > The NDT equipment has arrived and has been calibrated and the mobile workshop will arrive in the next week or two.
- > The Inspection and NDT teams continue to develop their skills and customer base and are looking forward to growing the business early in the new year.

### Environmental

- > Environmental division is currently out in the field carrying out an environmental study for Spitfire Oil. The area under study is at Salmon Gums, situated 280klms south of Kalgoorlie and 100klms north of Esperance. The team expect to spend approx 2 weeks in the bush identifying the various flora and fauna in the designated area.



### Projects

- > The Apex project is reaching the critical point with commissioning about to commence and continue through November, with production planned to start at the beginning of December. In September the Project guys took some time out and helped Rapallo support the local Wiluna rodeo. This is an annual event in Wiluna with "cowboys" from the region travelling in for the competitive events. The day also provides an opportunity for the more adventurous novice to have a go, I am not sure if any Rapallo "cowboys" were spotted that day.

## STAFF PROFILE: Ian Thompson.

### 1. How long have you worked with Rapallo?

I started with Rapallo in March 94. I had worked with Andy when I first arrived in Kalgoorlie in 1992 on the relocation of the Tourist Mine, so there has been a long affiliation. My first job with Rapallo was putting stickers on pipes in Kambalda.

### 2. What were you doing before?

I was living in Esperance and working for my Brother In Law. I was given a job by Aiden Keough, MD of Defiance Mining, to start Monday morning, so went up on the weekend and started Monday. Haven't looked back since. I remember driving up to Kalgoorlie on that weekend and the Eagles lost to Sydney by a point. My thoughts were that they were going to have a bad year. Of course they went on and won the premiership didn't they.

### 3. Where do you originate from?

Grew up in Perth. Was working/living in Esperance for 10 years prior to moving to Kalgoorlie.

### 4. What is your favourite place in WA?

Cape Arid, East of Esperance. Up until a few years ago there wasn't even phone range. Use to go there for Christmas and its isolation is great. Exmouth isn't too bad either.

### 5. Your ideal holiday would be?

If I won lotto, I'd set up on the beaches of WA and be a beach bum. They're great. I think there would still have to be some work.

### 6. Your football team?

West Coast Eagles, then the Dockers, followed by non-Victorian teams – but I love a good game of footy whoever is playing.

### 7. Holden or Ford?

Got to be Holden. I drive one now.

### 8. First car?

Holden PV Wagon Still the best car on the road. Very versatile car.



## MOVEMBER

Check out all those guys growing mo's during November, they will be raising funds and talking about mens health. All donations will go to, The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and *beyondblue*: the national depression initiative. The funds raised to date are enabling some great projects so let's keep changing the face of men's health. Pictures of the Rapallo team, "Rapstache" in the next newsletter.



With the festive season fast approaching and this being the last news letter for the year Rapallo would like to wish you and your families a very safe and festive Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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