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## **IFAP's New Female Dynamic Duo Lead Safe Way Awards in 40<sup>th</sup> Year**

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Safe Way Awards programme. Initiated by the Industrial Foundation for Accident Prevention (IFAP) in 1979 to create a focus on safety and health at work, it is WA's longest running safety awards scheme.

Friday, immediately following the World Day for Safety and Health at Work and International Worker's Memorial Day on 28<sup>th</sup> April, IFAP along with approximately 200 guests celebrated the workplace safety successes of West Australian organisations at the Safe Way Awards Gala Dinner held at the Duxton Hotel, Perth. Guests of honour on the night included the Honourable Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Industrial Relations and WA Worksafe Commissioner, Darren Kavanagh.

Over 35 organisations were recognised for their dedication to workplace safety as either a Silver, Gold or Platinum Safe Way Award Winners. This year 16 organisations achieved a Platinum Award after maintaining their gold level rating for 5 years.

Also announced on the evening was Perth Airport as the winner of the 2018 Safety Innovation Award with its safety innovation being Lit Cross Trailers. Horizon Power and Excel Robotics were other finalists recognised for their workplace safety innovations.

The Safe Way Awards program has been sponsored by CGU Insurance for over 12 years and has already indicated its support for the next three years – a testament to the value the Safe Way Awards program brings to West Australian organisations.

IFAP's new CEO, Jane Mahon who recently joined IFAP said:

*"It is an absolute honour to be leading an organisation that has the opportunity to support its Members with this long standing awards program. The Safe Way Awards review process is a great*

*tool for organisations to utilise when assessing their internal safety processes. It is fantastic we have so many award recipients for the 2018 program and look forward to what the 2019 awards program will bring.”*

Newly appointed President of the IFAP Board, Maria Saraceni is a leading barrister practising in regulatory and compliance law with a special focus on work-related matters, including workplace health and safety and industrial relations.

It is the first time in IFAP’s 57 year history that it has had leadership with a female President and a female CEO. Now this ‘dynamic duo’ will lead the business through significant change and growth as IFAP embraces the current market landscape.

As part of the renewal in IFAP’s offerings, it has been working on adding more health and well-being focused courses - to meet the growing client demands, and in recognition of the importance of this area of health and safety. Aligning with the recent Government release of the new Code of Practice for Mentally Healthy Workplaces for FIFO Workers in the Resources and Construction Sectors, IFAP in conjunction with the AMA (Australian Medical Association of WA), is proud to announce their collaboration in the delivery of Mental Health Safety Training for both Leaders and Managers and the general workforce.

IFAP is a not-for-profit WA-based organisation that has grown organically to serve the workplace health and safety education and training needs of local businesses and their staff. Contact IFAP to discuss your business needs and help us continue to help businesses and workers promote and maintain healthier and fitter workplaces.

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L-R: IFAP President Maria Saraceni, Minister Hon Bill Johnston, IFAP CEO Jane Mahon.

### **About IFAP**

IFAP (Industrial Foundation for Accident Prevention) is an independent, not-for-profit, member-based organisation governed by a Board of Directors. The organisation has been at the leading edge of workplace health and safety since 1962. IFAP is a Registered Training Organisation that provides nationally and internationally recognised public and corporate courses. With two training centres located in Western Australia, IFAP trains and educates more than 16,000 people annually across a host of disciplines. It also offers integrated health and safety consulting services, information resources and safety products as well organising industry networking events and conferences.

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