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YERONGA TAFE OFFERS DIPLOMA TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS AT AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

Yeronga Institute of TAFE has commenced training up to 400 volunteers in preparedness for the 2005 Australian University Games to be held in Brisbane from 25 – 30 September.

Under a new format that encompasses formally recognised qualifications, the training provided by Yeronga TAFE will allow volunteers to achieve competencies towards a TAFE Diploma of Event Management.

Australian University Sport (AUS) contacted Yeronga TAFE due to their high reputation and experience in quality event management training. Yeronga TAFE now has taken on the all important role of ensuring the volunteer workforce will be ready to go when an expected 6,000 participants hit Brisbane.

"These types of relationships are important to TAFE, we not only get to provide a quality training program but also expose 400 volunteers to the Event Management Diploma run at Yeronga TAFE," said Mr Steve Ghost, Institute Director of Yeronga Institute of TAFE .

The comprehensive training sessions cover Orientation, Games Specific, Venue Familiarisation and Job Specific aspects ensuring this year's Games will be run as professionally as possible.

Australian University Games Project Manager Tony Jermyn is full of praise for the new off-site training.

"A fantastic training program has been developed in partnership with the Yeronga Institute of TAFE, that not only provides our volunteers with the extra skills they need but will also give them credit towards formal qualification,



"The staff at Yeronga TAFE have incorporated a wealth of event management information into the program that provides our volunteers with the skills necessary to help make this one of the smoothest run games in recent years," Mr Jermyn said.

As well as undertaking the training, Yeronga Institute of TAFE will also provide lunches and uniforms for over 400 volunteers for the games.

For further information please contact Toni Bush, Australian University Sport on (07) 3832 9874 or 0403 182 089.

