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Gary Bender is General Manager of Intech Australia, and officially travels more for his work than any other person in the Independent Print Media Group. Gary is our traveling trainer, and is the man behind the company that we all know as Intech, Australia's first private provider of education and training for the printing and graphics arts industry.

In his current role as General Manager, Gary is responsible for the development and delivery of a diverse range of industry focused courses and workshops, both internally within IPMG, and externally to any company involved in the preparation or production of printed materials.

Gary has said that the ongoing challenge of developing new training programmes to meet the ever-changing demands of the technological developments within the graphic communication industry is one of his major passions.

And when he says 'passion' he means it, as evidenced by the incredible commitment Gary

shows in making himself available to his clients nationally and ensuring that his training division is fully utilised wherever possible by the individual companies of IPMG.

Over the past twelve months Gary has travelled 35,000 kilometres by air to deliver training programmes within IPMG in Sydney and Melbourne. This equates to approximately 74 hours of actual flying time and another 36 hours for check in and departures. On average another 32 hours can be added for travel to and from airports from Gary's home, office and interstate accommodation and IPMG companies.

On average Gary needs to carry approximately 30 kilos of luggage with him for each interstate visit. The bulk of this luggage is made up of workshop materials and print related samples.

Throughout the last year, 65 training days have been delivered to IPMG staff and clients in Sydney and Melbourne. This equates to approximately 65 breakfasts and 51 evening meals away from home

(nothing to do with his wife Gaye's cooking skills, Gary assures us). Indeed with all of his travel commitments Gary was fortunate enough to be able to be in his home state for his daughter Angela's wedding last year!

Why are Gary's skills in such demand by IPMG companies nationally?

Gary has over 30 years of experience within the printing and associated industries, with notable skills in printing management, production, technical expertise and training. These skills have been developed from experience gained as a trades person, which led him to become a technical teacher and to undertake further study for a Diploma of Teaching and a Bachelor of Education.

In 2001, Gary was awarded a Fellowship of the Lithographic Institute of Australia, bestowed in recognition of his service, dedication and commitment to the Lithographic Institute of Australia and the wider graphic arts industry. We really appreciate all of Gary's efforts, hard work as well as his extraordinary training qualifications.

When asked to explain some of the benefits that the Intech training division provides, Gary shared his thoughts on the matter. "Training is often regarded as something we should do when we can fit it into a busy production schedule, rather than being seen as a long-term return on investment towards the ongoing knowledge and skills development of our staff and clients.

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In other words, training doesn't cost – it pays!!

So if you are interested in having a chat about the extensive list of existing courses available or if you would like any help and assistance in developing a course for any of training required by your company, don't hesitate to give Gary a call at Intech Australia on 07 3360 1144 or on 0419 028 070. Chances are he will be passing through your city in the very near future.

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Gary Bender, pictured with his daughter Angela and wife Gaye, was luckily in his home state last year in time for Angela's wedding day.