

Australian IT Company looking for its next Cyber Security site

CT4 is searching for a location to base its next site and expand its Digital Apprentice program

Brisbane, QUEENSLAND. With the support of the Victorian Government and Federation University, Australian information technology company CT4 created its first Cyber Security Centre in Ballarat, Victoria. Set to launch later this year, the Centre will bring over 60 new information technology jobs to the region, including work experience through the Digital Apprentices IT traineeship program. CT4 is now working to partner with additional tertiary education & State Governments to continue to address skills shortages in metropolitan and regional areas - searching for a location to base its next site and expand its Digital Apprentice program to include additional regional training and employment sites with a focus on cyber security, software-defined networking, artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Whilst the emergence of new technology may adversely impact some industries, the scale of technological change is also bringing with it a large demand for skilled jobs in areas such as software and network engineering, cyber security and data analytics. The demand in Australia is currently outweighing the number of people available with these skills – and the number of graduates is simply not enough to stem the growing skills gap. By bringing trainee opportunities to regional areas, CT4 is able to support employment in a growing field for the next generation of technology workers. As well as providing upskill and reskill possibilities for non-graduates and developing a skilled workforce through the earn-to-learn program, CT4 are looking to develop the right core skills to set up regional centres with a population ready and able to work productively in the innovative workplaces of the future while helping to solve the digital skills shortage.

CT4 CEO Dan Pearson says that it's not just recent graduates and reskilling job hunters who can benefit from the cyber training but a broader employee market; especially with a growing number of women joining the Digital Apprentices program.

"I see the cyber industry critically lacking in diversity and we as a company are working to close the growing gender gap in IT" said Pearson.

"We see this as an opportunity to provide anyone of any gender or background - especially those in regional Australia - with the opportunity to enter the booming IT industry and create readiness for long term employment locally and nationally"

A major consideration of the chosen location involves a collaboration between business, government and the education sector to support the program. CT4 has narrowed the potential target sites to a number of regional centres around Australia which include Albury – Wodonga, Bathurst, Mount Gambier, Hobart, Cairns, Townsville, Toowoomba, Mackay, Gladstone and Tamworth.

Tertiary, Government and Regional representatives are invited to attend an upcoming industry session for a discussion on the next Cyber Security Centre site in Australia. Interested parties are to contact CT4 for more details and to register.

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