Reflecting on the changing world of health and safety – Michael Quinlan

To know where you’re going, it’s important to know where you’ve come from.

This year’s Eric Wigglesworth AM Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Emeritus Professor Michael Quinlan, as part of many events at the #SAFETYSCAPE National Convention in Sydney.

Michael has a distinguished career in health and safety and his research has focused on work organisation and regulatory aspects of occupational health and safety (OHS), the impact of workplace death and industrial relations history and policy. He is a widely published author, and with Lynda Matthews and Philip Bohle (University of Sydney) Michael undertook an Australian Research Council (ARC) funded study of the impact of traumatic workplace death on families. He has been involved in preparing a number of OHS reports for governments in Australia and New Zealand including trucking safety (2001 and 2008), the Beaconsfield Gold Mine fatality (2006-7), the Comcare Review (2008), the Pike River Mine disaster (2011) and audits of the Tasmanian mines inspectorate (2010,2012 & 2014).

That’s just a small part of Michael’s career, and in the Wigglesworth Lecture, as a wave to our ‘Back to the Future’ conference theme, Michael will be reflecting on the developments of the last 2-3 decades, the changes now taking place in regulatory culture and avoiding the mistakes of the past.

I’m really looking forward to this, and I hope you’ll join us at the event on the evening of 21st May in Sydney, the day before the National Health and Safety Conference begins.

Register here, and have a great week.
Where does OHS fall down in addressing and minimising bullying in the workplace?

OHS professionals need to take a proactive role in managing and minimising workplace bullying, according to an expert in the area, who said there is 30 years of international research which has demonstrated strong links between bullying and workplace injury.

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ACCC proposes new safety standards for quad bike manufacturers

Quad bikes are the leading cause of fatalities in Australia of all consumer products that aren’t subject to an Australian design, safety or performance standard, according to a recently released ACCC report, which found that there have been about 130 quad bike related fatalities in Australia since 2011 – which equates to more than one a month.

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SafeWork NSW continues investigation into Macquarie Park scaffolding collapse

SafeWork NSW is continuing its investigation into a scaffolding collapse in Macquarie Park Sydney on 1 April 2019, in which one person died and another was critically injured.

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Safe Work Australia calls for public comment on workplace exposure standards

Safe Work Australia recently issued a call for public comment on the recommended values for respirable crystalline silica and respirable coal dust.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

#SAFETYSCAPE
May 21-23 International Convention Centre Sydney

The #SAFETYSCAPE Convention will be held from **21-23 May 2019** at the International Convention Centre Sydney.

Delivering a program of events, workshops, forums, seminars and conferences; #SAFETYSCAPE 2019 will bring together industry professionals who are interested in the wider issues of community safety.

**PROGRAM**

**Tuesday 21 May 2019**
- Pre Conference Workshops
- Dr Eric Wigglesworth Memorial Lecture

**Wednesday 22 May 2019**
- SIA National Health & Safety Conference
- Workplace Health & Safety Show
- Conference Dinner

**Thursday 23 May 2019**
- Executive Breakfast
- SIA National Health & Safety Conference
- Workplace Health & Safety Show

The Workplace Health & Safety Show

As the official trade show of the #SAFETYSCAPE Convention the Workplace Health & Safety Show will be a dedicated 2-day exhibition showcasing the latest **technology, services** and **products** to improve the workplace safety standards in Australia.

Alongside numerous conferences produced by the Safety Institute of Australia, this all-encompassing safety event is a must attend event for all safety professionals from a range of industries including **manufacturing**, **building/construction**, **mining**, **councils/locals government**, **hospitals**, **transport** and more.

**Date:** Wednesday 22 - Thursday 23 May 2019  
**Time:** Wednesday 10:00am - 5:00pm (AEST)  
Thursday 10:00am-4:00pm (AEST) 
**Venue:** International Convention Centre Sydney  
14 Darling Drive Darling Harbour NSW 2000

**Register here**
INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

WA Government launches new FIFO mental health code

The Western Australian Government recently launched Australia’s first code of practice to help promote and maintain mentally healthy workplaces for FIFO workers in the resources and construction sectors.

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NSW: safety warning over high pressure fluid release safety warning after workers injured

The NSW Resources Regulator recently issued a safety alert about the risk of serious injury and potential death to maintenance workers as a result of high-pressure fluid releases, following a number of incidents in which workers sustained injuries after being struck in the face and body.

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QLD: new code to improve safety standards on solar farms

The Queensland Government will implement a new code of practice and electrical safety regulations next month to enhance safety in the growing commercial solar farm industry.

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WA: safety alert issued following quad bike-related fatality

WorkSafe WA recently issued a safety alert about the safe operation of quad bikes following a recent incident in which a farmer was fatally injured after coming off a quad bike in Myrup near Esperance.

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POLICY NEWS
WA gold mining company fined $250,000 after worker crushed to death

The Perth Magistrates Court recently fined Dyno Nobel Asia Pacific $250,000 following the death of one of its employees at the Telfer Gold Mine on 15 May 2015.

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Fake Queensland electrician fined $100,000 over Airtasker work

A man who posed as a qualified electrician to get work in homes around south-east Queensland has been fined $100,000 in the Brisbane Magistrates Court.

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Victorian abattoir fined $95,000 after forklift injures worker

The Warrnambool Magistrates Court recently fined Midfield Meat International $95,000 and ordered the company to pay WorkSafe Victoria’s costs of $4000 after an employee

NSW KFC franchisee fined $60,000 after young worker suffers serious burns

Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) franchisee QSR was recently fined $60,000 in the District Court of NSW following an incident in which a 20-year-old worker slipped in the kitchen while cleaning and suffered serious burns to his leg.
sustained fractured ribs in an incident which a forklift.

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