A message from the CEO

Dear Colleagues,

In this edition, our main article is from Psychologist Nigel Latta who talks about the digital age and how well (or otherwise) our brains fit it in the context of learning, and retaining knowledge. Nigel is a speaker at our Annual Tasmanian Safety Symposium in Hobart on 17th July. Check it out here.

We have a series of state based conferences and symposia in the coming months which have high quality programs created by local health and safety people for health and safety people. They are affordable, topical and are great places for networking. Check out our events program to see what's happening in your state or territory, and don’t forget – for rural and remote members, our webinar program continues to go from strength to strength.

Have a great week.

David Clarke, CEO

LATEST NEWS
How “stone-aged brains in digital-age times” cause OHS problems

The most important thing to understand about health and safety is that for most of human history, there was no such thing, according to clinical psychologist Nigel Latta.

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National inquiry into sexual harassment in Australian workplaces announced

Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins recently announced a national inquiry into sexual harassment in Australian workplaces.

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The 6 most common downfalls of workplaces wellness programs

Most companies approach workplace wellness programs the wrong way, according to an expert in the area, who explained that there are 6 common mistakes made by

Regulator issues safety warning about live switchboards and circuits

Electrical businesses, contractors and workers were recently warned about the dangers of working on live switchboards or circuits, with WorkSafe Victoria inspectors cracking down on electrical risks.
organisations in developing and rolling out such programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar - Influence: Understanding and Improving Yours

This webinar will explore the most valued, and yet most illusive professional practice skill of a safety professional: influence.

Andrew Barrett will breakaway from traditional webinar format by inviting one attendee into

Visions Conference 2018

The Safety Institute of Australia (Queensland Branch) invites you to join us and be part of the 26th Annual Occupational Health and Safety Visions Conference to be held 5-7 September 2018.
live rapid-coaching during the webinar for all attendees to learn from.

Date: 11 July 2018
Time: 2:30pm - 3:30pm (AEST)

Register here

Visions 2018 aims to feature high level, contemporary keynote speakers who are experts in their field of study and research, along with WHS Regulators and industry experts discussing current industry topics.

Date: 5-7 September 2018
Location: Mantra Southport (Sharks Conference Centre)

EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL 30 JUNE 2018

Register here

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

**QLD: Toowoomba transport company fined $60,000 for depot disaster**

A Darling Downs transport company was recently fined $60,000 in the Toowoomba Magistrates Court over an incident which occurred at the company’s depot, when a

**SA: Incident alert issued over grain silo collapse**

Safework SA was recently notified of an incident in which a full grain silo collapsed near Mallala, and while workers were in the vicinity at the time no-one was injured.

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fourth year apprentice was struck by a large steel beam and sustained serious injuries.

QLD: Worker crushed by slewing crane

In May 2018, a Queensland-based worker received serious crush injuries while working on a truck mounted crane.

QLD: Two workers burnt in chemical explosion

In May 2018, two Queensland workers were seriously injured in a fire, possibly caused by an explosion, while combining chemicals in a four bay metal garage.

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POLICY NEWS
SWA publishes guidance on work-related psychological health and safety

Safe Work Australia recently released a guide for employers and workers on how to build a psychologically healthy and safe workplace by identifying, assessing and controlling risks to workers’ mental health.

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NSW: Safety alert issued over fire hazards and containment netting

SafeWork NSW recently issued a safety alert reminding people of the fire hazards associated with containment netting or equivalent used in the construction industry, and the measures that should be implemented to control the associated risks.

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Cross-border NSW/VIC safety program focuses on falls

WorkSafe Victoria and SafeWork NSW recently conducted a cross-border program

WA: Safety alert issued after worker injured by ammonia during work near refrigeration unit

WorkSafe WA recently issued a safety alert following an incident in which a worker was
focusing on the prevention of falls on construction sites in a joint visit to Mildura.

exposed to and injured by high pressure ammonia refrigerant while working next to a live refrigeration unit.

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