Emerging Technology and the health and safety profession

Dear Colleagues,

If you want to know the future of the health and safety profession, you have to understand something about emerging technology and its impacts. If you want to be at the front end of how you need to evolve to use technology in your role, you need to see what’s emerging.

Our Victorian branch is holding its state symposium, Digital Technology in Health and Safety on 29th November in Melbourne. The Symposium has some fantastic speakers lined up, including the Victorian Privacy and Data Protection Deputy Commissioner, Rachel Dixon.

Come and join the discussions on how virtual environments could improve OHS, look at predictive analytics and how it can be used to explore risks and as digital technology grows, how will this impact on the role of safety people. Just a couple of the topics that will be explored on the day.

Check it out. I’m really looking forward to this, and I invite you to join me there.

Have a great week.

David Clarke, CEO

LATEST NEWS
Beyond safety culture: What is the next evolution of safety management?

Organisations in general do not fare well when it comes to improving safety culture, according to an expert in the area, who explained that the reasons for this are many and varied.

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ISO 45001 published as joint Australian/New Zealand Standard

The International Standard ISO 45001 guiding a systems approach to OHS has been published as a joint Australian/New Zealand Standard: AS/NZS ISO 45001:2018, Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use.

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Government makes commitment to address silicosis

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) recently committed to addressing silicosis.

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WA: Safety warning issued over cyclone season

Mining and petroleum operations across Western Australia were reminded to ensure
silicosis in Australian workplaces through reviewing standards and regulations governing the artificial stone benchtop industry and examining the establishment of a national dust disease register for workers.

contingency plans are established and can be activated ahead of the start of the cyclone season on 1 November.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NSW Branch Xmas Party

The Safety Institute of Australia’s NSW Branch invites you to come along for the NSW Xmas event, #xmasdifferently, on Friday 16 November 2018.

#xmasdifferently will be a river cruise on the Sydney Harbour.

CRUISE INCLUSIONS

- 3-hour glass boat Sydney Harbour dinner cruise
- Canapés and drinks served during the first hour
- 3-course seated and served menu

Come and reflect on the year that was for you professionally, network and have some fun with fellow safety practitioners.

Date: Friday 16 November 2018
Time: 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Venue: Clearview Boat Cruise
Depature location - Circular Quay Jetty 6, King Street Wharf, Lime Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

Register here

QLD Xmas Networking Events: Brisbane and Gold Coast

Come along and unwind after a busy year and catch up with your peers.

David Clarke, SIA CEO and the SIA Board of Directors will also be in attendance, to meet and network with SIA Members and Non Members.

All welcome, so come and joins us for a relaxing evening, nibbles and a drink.

Please find below details for Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Brisbane

Date: Friday 23 November 2018
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30pm
Venue: Breakfast Creek Hotel (Private Bar Deck), 2 Kingsford Smith Dr, Albion, QLD 4010

Register here

Gold Coast

Date: Saturday 24 November 2018
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30pm
Venue: Mantra at Southport Sharks (The Nest), Corner Olsen & Musgrave Avenues, 2 Kingsford Smith Dr, SouthPort, QLD 4215

Register here
SIA National Health & Safety Conference 2019 - Super Early Bird Rates Now Available

The SIA is pleased to announce that “Super Early Bird tickets” are now available for the SIA National Health & Safety Conference 2019.

Purchase your tickets before 31 December 2018 to save $400 off standard conference rates.

Held from 22-23 May 2019 at the International Convention Centre Sydney, the conference will again be part of the #SAFETYSCAPE Convention.

The conference will bring together stakeholders across the health and safety profession to discuss some of the challenges currently faced by WHS professionals and practitioners and explore the impacts these have on the OHS profession, as well as new ideas, innovation, research and leadership.

**Date:** 22-23 May 2019  
**Venue:** International Sydney Convention Centre  
**Tickets:** Super Early Bird Ticket Prices: Offer ends 31st December 2018

- SIA Member: $590 ex GST  
- SIA Corporate Member: $590 ex GST  
- Non Member: $790 ex GST  
- Non Member & Join: $790 ex GST  
- Student: $495 ex GST *(standard rate)*  

(Note: prices do not include conference dinner or CEO breakfast)


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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS
NT: $200,000 enforceable undertaking for illegal asbestos removal

Darwin-based manufacturing and building company Northern Transportables has committed to spend more than $200,000 to improve asbestos awareness and safety in the Northern Territory after being charged with illegal asbestos removal.

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WA: Department of Justice fined $100,000 over prisoner death

A West Australian state government agency has been fined $100,000 and ordered to pay costs over the death of a remand prisoner crushed between a truck and a wall at Hakea Prison in 2015.

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QLD: Recruitment company fined $90,000 over showground death

A regional employment services provider in Queensland has been fined $90,000 after a 2016 incident at the Toowoomba

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WA: AMEC Services fined $40,000 over caustic burns at aluminum refinery

AMEC Services Pty Ltd (AMEC) has been fined $40,000 in the Rockingham Magistrates Court after an incident where one of the
Showgrounds in which a worker died after falling from the back of a flat-bed trailer towed by a tractor.

company’s employees was injured while working at Alcoa’s Kwinana Alumina Refinery.

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POLICY NEWS

WA: Inspection program looks at safety in childcare centres

WorkSafe WA is conducting a proactive inspection program to look at safety issues in the state’s childcare centres.

VIC: New asbestos and prevention of falls compliance codes now available

WorkSafe Victoria recently announced that four new compliance codes that align to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 are available.
NSW: $55 million workplace mental health strategy kicks off

The NSW Government recently launched a “mentally healthy workplaces” strategy which is designed to provide better support to employees at work while overcoming mental health challenges.

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VIC: New Dangerous Goods (Transport by Road or Rail) Regulations 2018 in force

New Dangerous Goods (Transport by Road or Rail) Regulations for Victoria commenced on 25 October 2018.

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