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Plenty to Choose From

Dear Colleagues

The way that the Institute works is always changing, just as people's expectations and society changes.

Our basic purpose of working to improve the quality of health and safety knowledge and expertise doesn't alter, but the way we go about it is something we always reflect on.

[Membership](#) isn't just about the things we offer members. We also spend a lot of effort *on their behalf* like our policy work, building and improving the [OHS Body of Knowledge](#), our work to improve the quality of OHS education, our work to engage regulators, our work on Australian Standards, and much more.

Even so there's still plenty to choose from when it comes to products. As our revenue grows by drawing from sources other than membership fees, we are constantly investing in building more things that we make affordable or free for members - like [EBSCOHost](#) (login) our research database, our [mentorship program](#), our [CPD planning tool](#), our expanding [events](#) program and very soon, a growing library of recorded webinars and presentations.

Choose the things that will serve you in your own work, and let us know if there is something we don't do, that you think we should. At the same time, we're also working on your behalf to improve health and safety.

Have a great week.

David Clarke, CEO

LATEST NEWS



[4 steps OHS professionals can take to improve mental health](#)

There are four important steps OHS functions need to adopt to improve organisational management of mental health, according to EY...

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[Safety warning issued to tradies over silica dust cancer risks](#)

With new estimates showing that over 230 lung cancer cases in Australia each year are caused by exposure to silica dust in the workplace...

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[Quad bikes continue to dominate farm deaths](#)

45 people have lost their lives in on-farm incidents and a further 144 have been involved in non-fatal incidents in the first nine months of 2017...

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[Research highlights significant gaps in small business OHS](#)

81% of Australian small businesses don't fully understand their workplace safety obligations while only half are confident that they meet their obligations across all areas of workplace safety, according to recent research...

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#SAFETYSCAPE

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21-25 May 2018 | Melbourne Convention Centre



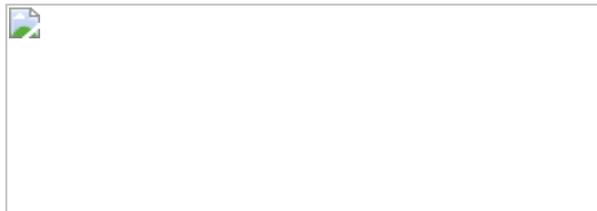
#Safetyscape

#SAFETYSCAPE provides an opportunity for all industries working across the wider health and safety profession to come together, exchange ideas and explore industry trends.

The inaugural 2018 #SAFETYSCAPE Convention will enable an array of organisations to assemble as Victoria's largest gathering of Health & Safety Industry professionals across a week long program of events, workshops, forums, seminars and conferences.

View the [program outline](#)

[Register](#) your attendance



26th Vision Conference - Call for Speakers

The Visions Organising Committee is pleased to invite papers from interested professionals, academics, researchers and practitioners, in the field of health and safety for inclusion in the conference program. Paper abstracts are invited on topics relevant to the field of Occupational Health and Safety and associated disciplines, and particularly this year, papers addressing "what works!"



Risk Leadership Workshop

Participants attending the Two Day Risk Leadership Workshop will understand the barriers that prevent 'Safety First' becoming an operational reality, particularly within a production driven work environment.

During the session, participants will be challenged to undertake a transformation from safety-based thinking to risk-based thinking by which production/productivity, quality work outcomes and EHS incident mitigation are

[Click here](#) for more information about the conference & the call for papers.

Submission of abstracts is required by **3 March 2018**, and can be emailed to visions@sia.org.au

pursued concurrently using a multi-disciplinary approach.

Date: 14 - 15 November 2017

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: Ibis Melbourne, Elizabeth Room, 15 -21 Therry St, Melbourne

[Click here](#) to register

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS



[**VIC: Recycling company fined \\$175,000 after worker crushed under skid steer loader**](#)

A Geelong recycling company has been convicted and fined \$175,000 following the death of a worker who was struck and run over by a skid steer loader at its Grovedale transfer station...

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[**SA: Company convicted and fined \\$99,000 over finger amputation**](#)

A South Australian Para Hills West business involved in an accident that saw a worker lose part of four fingers has been convicted and fined \$99,000 in the South Australian...

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[NSW: Fines issued following long weekend fireworks crackdown](#)

The Allworth resident was fined \$3,000 for illegally selling fireworks on social media...

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[VIC: Construction company fined \\$24,000 for working too close to powerlines](#)

A Preston construction company which allowed a crane to operate near high voltage powerlines without carrying out the proper pre-work safety assessment...

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POLICY NEWS



[QLD: New industrial manslaughter laws passed](#)

New industrial manslaughter laws have been passed by Queensland's Parliament, and under the laws individuals guilty of industrial manslaughter will face 20 years imprisonment, with corporate offenders liable for fines of up to \$10 million...

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[NSW: Safety warning over faulty breathing apparatus](#)

NSW Minister for Better Regulation Matt Kean recently issued a warning to workplaces about an emergency escape breathing device (EEBD), due to serious safety concerns...

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[WA: Inspection program into cleaning at schools](#)

WorkSafe WA recently launched a proactive inspection program looking at safety issues with cleaners in WA schools..



[NT: Safety alert issued over burn out competitions](#)

NT WorkSafe recently issued a safety alert to highlight steps stakeholders can take in reducing the risks to competitors, event

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personnel, spectators and others while
conducting burn out competitions...

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