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2019 National Health and Safety Conference: **Back to the Future**

Our annual **National Health and Safety Conference**, which this year is being held at the International Convention Centre Sydney, is about taking a look back at the wheels we keep re-inventing and the initiatives that have really generated change.

Sitting as part of the **#SAFETYSCAPE Convention**, this Conference along with the **Workplace Health and Safety Show** and other events, make up an important part of the way we bring together the wider community of health and safety people each year. Keep an ear to our **Facebook**, **LinkedIn** and **Twitter** accounts to keep up to date as we release the speakers and events that will feature as part of this year’s conference.

Organisations like the **Human Factors & Ergonomics Society of Australia**, **Working at Height Association**, **National Road Safety Partnership Program**, **Safe Work NSW** and many others are now part of **#SAFETYSCAPE** as well.

We have an exciting list of national and international speakers from varying sectors of health and safety that will be joining us to share their experience and expertise. They include **Sarah Gregson**, **Louise Howard**, **Michael Plowright**, **Nicole Meacock**, **Mike O'Brien**, **Penni Lamprey** and plenty more.

We’re proud of the fact that this is the only national conference in this field, which is created by the profession for the profession, and any proceeds go back into our work for the profession. I invite you to be proud of that too and register today at **Early Bird** ticket prices to listen, question and exchange ideas with your peers in May. (If you need to travel to get there, discounts apply!)

Have a great week.

**David Clarke, CEO**
LATEST NEWS

Where OHS can get the most benefit out of digital technology

Most organisations are finding it challenging to effectively use digital technologies to improve OHS outcomes and many examples of digital technology initiatives are not owned, driven and achieved by OHS functions, according to EY.

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Bridging return-to-work gaps for those with ill-health or disabilities

The past experience of organisations in hiring people with serious health conditions or disability drives a greater openness to recruiting people experiencing similar conditions in the future, according to a recent research report.

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Vehicles involved in multiple fatalities in WA mining industry

Vehicle-related hazards were responsible for 16 of the 67 fatalities in Western Australia’s

Safe Work Australia issues safety warning over working in heat

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland recently urged employers to plan ahead and
mining industry, or almost one in four fatalities, according to a new Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety report which looks at all vehicle collisions reported to the department by the mining industry across a two-year period.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

H.O.P & Learning Teams - Masterclass with Bob Edwards
Monday 4 - Tuesday 5, February 2019

The Masterclass Tour is a series of events led by thought leaders from across the globe who have collaborated with H.O.P (Human Organisational Performance) to share ideas, practice and experiences about topics related to HOP.

This engaging and practical course develops a working knowledge of the H.O.P principles, terminology and methods. H.O.P, also known as Safety Differently, moves organisations away from a 'compliance only' mindset, to asking better questions, seeking understanding and enhancing the performance of everyday work.

The basic H.O.P principles explained in this course are: Error is Normal, Blame Fixes Nothing, Systems Drive Behaviours, Learning is Vital & Response Matters.

EVENT DETAILS:
Date: Monday 4 - Tuesday 5, February 2019
Cost: $1,695 per person (includes GST)

Scholarship funding of up to $7,000 for women in the health and safety sector

Building on the success of last year's ‘100 Days for Change’ campaign, Women & Leadership Australia is administering an initiative to support the development of female leaders across Australia’s workplace health and safety sector.

The campaign is providing women with grants of between $3,000 and $7,000 to enable participation in a range of leadership development programs.

The scholarship funding is provided with the specific intent of providing powerful and effective development opportunities for women in the workplace health and safety sector, however the funding is strictly limited and has to be allocated prior to the end of March.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

Find out more and register your interest by completing the Expressions of Interest form.
Register to join us [here](https://www.wla.edu.au/register) prior to Friday, March 15.

FOR MORE EVENTS [CLICK HERE](https://www.sia.org.au/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=886)

INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

**VIC: Company charged over trench collapse deaths**

A civil construction company has been charged by WorkSafe Victoria following the death of two workers after a trench collapsed in Ballarat in March 2018.

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**NSW: Fuel service truck catches fire at coal mine**

A fuel service truck recently caught fire at the open cut coal Maules Creek coal mine in Boggabri, NSW, after diesel fuel from a breather assembly on top of the fuel tank flowed directly onto hot engine surfaces.

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**QLD: Older male dies in snorkeling incident**

An older male tourist was pulled from the water unconscious and later died at a snorkelling site in an incident which occurred late last year.

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**WA: Sinkhole in open pit floor engulfs mine vehicles after collapse of backfilled stope**

WA’s Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety recently issued a significant incident report about a working pit floor, which subsided into a backfilled stope, forming a 13-metre deep sinkhole.

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**POLICY NEWS**

**WA: New WorkSafe Commissioner**

**VIC: Agencies take action to remove**
Darren Kavanagh was recently appointed the WorkSafe Western Australia Commissioner.

WorkSafe, Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) and other government agencies recently took action to remove stored chemicals discovered at a number of sites in Epping and Campbellfield.

SafeWork NSW recently issued a further two-year exemption for the audiometric testing requirements of clause 58(2) of the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011.

Recent regulatory inspections in WA have identified that workers are exposed to hazardous gas, fumes and dust from gold room exhausts discharging to walkways, accessways, air-conditioning intakes and adjacent buildings.

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