The Boland review of WHS harmonised law: An overview for the health and safety profession

Most of you will know that around 18 months ago former Executive Director of SafeWork SA, Marie Boland commenced the first independent review of the model Work Health and Safety laws.

Ms Boland’s report was released late last month and for those wanting to read it in full, you can find it here. For a brief overview of the report, please click here.

Kym Bills (the incoming Chair of the SIA College of Fellows) and I have also put together a review of what we see as issues of most interest to the health and safety profession.

Click here to read this overview.

Have a great week and enjoy this edition of the eNews.

David Clarke, CEO
Spotlight on OHS salaries: what roles are in demand and pay the most money?

There has been an across-the-board softening in total take home remuneration of health, safety and environment professionals, according to a recent remuneration survey conducted by safesearch.

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Independent review recommends 34 changes to model WHS laws

An independent review of national Work Health and Safety Laws has recommended 34 changes to provide clarity and to drive greater consistency in the application and enforcement of the laws across jurisdictions.

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WorkSafe Victoria to target falling object dangers

The risks of falling objects at building sites will be the focus of WorkSafe inspectors when they visit Victorian construction sites in the coming weeks.

FIFO workers psychologically distressed and at greater risk of suicide

One-third of fly in fly out workers experience high or very high levels of psychological distress, compared to only 17 per cent of non-FIFO workers, according to a recent research
report which examines the mental health and wellbeing of FIFO workers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Northern Connector site visit

The SIA South Australian Branch invites you to join us on **Wednesday 20 March** for a guided tour of the new **Northern Connector Road Extension Project** construction site.

SIA Webinar: OHS Certification Program

Join us for this **free** webinar on **Wednesday 20 March 2:30-3:30 AEST**.

The aim is to provide information on the SIA’s OHS Certification Program, its purpose and
KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Become familiar with big plant and equipment on a large construction site
- Develop an understanding of the hazards and risks associated with road building
- Appreciate the logistics of long-term infrastructure
- Understanding the safety culture of the contractor’s workforce

EVENT DETAILS

**Date:** Wednesday 20 March 2019  
**Time:** 1:30pm - 4:30pm (ACDT)  
**Cost:** SIA Members $30+GST | Non Members $30+GST

*Please note the site access requirements as listed on the website.


assess first aid and safety assessment processes. There will be a particular focus on the demonstrated capability assessment and pathways to OHS Professional Certification.

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

- The SIA’s OHS Certification Program, its purpose and assessment processes
- How demonstrated capability is assessed
- Pathways to OHS Professional Certification
- Provide an opportunity for Q & A

EVENT DETAILS

**Date:** Wednesday 20 March 2019  
**Time:** 2.30 - 3.30 pm (AEDT)  
**Format:** Webinar Format - Login details will be emailed to registered attendees 1-2 days prior to the webinar.

*Registrations close 10.30am Tuesday 19 March.


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POLICY NEWS
NT: safety alert issued over safe use of tractors fitted with a trailing turf mower

NT WorkSafe recently issued a safety alert highlighting the danger of exiting a moving tractor fitted with a trailing turf mower, following an incident in which a 35-year-old male had both legs amputated as a result of a workplace incident.

NSW announces support for national First Aid Code of Practice

SafeWork NSW recently announced that it is supporting national amendments to the model Code of Practice for the provision of first aid in the workplace, to help ensure workers have access to immediate care and treatment.

SA: safety warning issued over motor vehicle lift benches

SafeWork SA recently issued a safety alert about the safe use of motor vehicle lift benches following an incident in which a motor vehicle lift bench partially collapsed as a result of being raised beyond its maximum lift height.

VIC: safety alert issued following workers engulfed in trench collapse

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert warning employers and workers in the construction and utilities industries to take trench safety seriously, after two plumbers were engulfed in a trench collapse.

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INCIDENTS AND PROSECUTIONS
WA: scaffolding company fined $90,000 over worker fall death

A scaffolding company has been fined $90,000 and ordered to pay $2100 in costs over the death of a worker who fell through a skylight in the roof of the stadium.

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VIC: farm fined $80,000 following forklift incident

A vegetable farm in Gippsland, Victoria, has been convicted and fined $80,000 after a contractor was struck by a forklift.

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QLD: two people electrocuted on a rural property

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) recently issued a safety warning after an incident in which two people were electrocuted on a rural Queensland property.

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VIC: handyman ordered to pay more than $150,000 for workers compensation fraud

A handyman in Frankston Victoria has been ordered to pay back more than $150,000 and handed a one-year suspended jail sentence for defrauding Victoria’s workers compensation scheme.

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