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CEO MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

The SIA Board met recently in Queensland and I reported our progress on many of our programs and activities. One of these was our certification program.

After some recent queries, I decided to bundle together some public feedback which gives an overview of the program, responds to some frequently asked questions, and provides some program statistics since we launched in February last year.

In the last 18 months, I've heard a lot of myth and fiction circulating about the OHS Profession Certification program. [Here are some of the facts.](#)

The Institute's 5 year strategic plan outlines 22 objectives, and the Certification program is just one of them. They are all interrelated, each making some contribution to our larger goals to advance the health and safety profession, and be a voice for its unique perspectives.

If you have any queries about the program, please feel free to contact me.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

Dave Clarke



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NEWS & UPDATES

How to apply design thinking to safety

There has been a reintegration of design-based and human-based approaches to safety improvement in recent times, according to Griffith University .

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Safe Work Australia urges caution over vehicle safety

All those who work with vehicles should consider WHS practices in their workplace and measures to improve safer work outcomes in their lives, according to Safe Work Australia .

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QLD Manufacturing employers prompted to reduce claims spike

Employers in the manufacturing industry must focus on injury prevention and workers need to stay safe as the industry gears up to take an anticipated 10–15 per cent hike in workers' compensation claims, according to WorkCover Queensland .

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POLICY NEWS

Call for public comment on WA's workplace safety regulations



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WorkSafe WA recently called for public comment on the state's model Work Health and Safety Regulations.

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Heavy vehicle driver fatigue data final report released

The National Transport Commission (NTC) today released the Heavy Vehicle Driver Fatigue Data final report which was recently endorsed by the Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials Committee (TISOC) .

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WA: Warning over transport and delivery of concrete panels

WorkSafe WA has issued a reminder to anyone involved in the transportation and delivery of precast concrete wall panels to ensure that strict safe work procedures are in place.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

VIC: Caution urged after three farm deaths in three days

WorkSafe Victoria recently called on farmers across the state to make safety their absolute priority following a horror period in which three men died in separate farming incidents .

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WA: Chemical supply company fined for failing to report incident

A chemical supply company in Western Australia was fined \$5000 last week for failing to report a dangerous goods incident which caused significant burns to one of its workers .

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QLD: Enforceable undertaking issued for hire company

A temporary fencing hire company in Queensland has undertaken an enforceable undertaking following an

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incident in which two workers were injured on a construction site .

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First raft of speakers announced for 2016 National Safety Convention

In the lead up to the **SIA National Safety Convention** on September 5-8, the Safety Institute of Australia announces the first raft of keynote speakers for the annual conference. The [SIA National Safety Convention](#) brings together stakeholders in the health and safety profession, including the profession, regulators, business and unions, to talk about what's working with existing approaches, as well as new ideas and leadership. This year, some of the best national and international speakers have been invited to explore the theme of **Disruptive Safety**.

The SIA is thrilled to announce exclusive details of the Convention program. The first plenary session at **#SIAConvention16** will explore a topic that is crucial to the health and safety field: **Innovation**. Featuring thought-provoking presentations from [Dr Drew Rae](#) and [Andrew Harris](#), the session promises to fuel much debate and discussion.

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Find out more about the program [HERE](#) .

To take advantage of generous Early Bird discounts, [REGISTER NOW](#) .

Have you considered OHS Professional Certification?

Ongoing professional development is a cornerstone of every long, rewarding career. Are you ready to take the next step on your career path? Have you considered Certification?

Our OHS Professional Certification program is offered to Members of the Safety Institute of Australia. SIA Certification sets rigorous standards of education, experience, demonstrated knowledge and skills, and evaluates applicants against those standards. It gives increased confidence and guidance to employers, clients, workers and the community as to the competence and standing of the person providing professional advice.

The assessment is based on a combination of formal qualifications, experience & capability. There are 5 categories of certification and each category contains **specific criteria and requirements**. To apply for certification, please follow the instructions outlined **HERE**.

To find out more about OHS Professional Certification and how it might benefit you in your career, **visit our website** or contact Marija at **certification@sia.org.au**.

SIA & SafeWork NSW Announce Strategic Partnership

The Safety Institute of AUstralia and SafeWork NSW have announced a strategic partnership, designed to combine the efforts of both organisations to improve work health and safety outcomes across New South Wales.

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The Safety Institute of Australia Ltd has established a list of Corporate Membership categories with associated meaningful benefits to attract an expanded range of Corporate Members (Government and Private Sector corporations, organisations, companies and associations).

If your company is considering joining as a Corporate Member, please contact Membership Services on **03 8336 1995** or **membership@sia.org.au** to discuss the different options available, or **click here** to view the information on the website.

If your company is already a Corporate Member and you would like to be featured in the e-news, please **contact Membership Services** or **communications@sia.org.au** for further details. To view our current Corporate Members please **click here**.

Dr Mike Capra re-appointed as Chair of AOHSEAB

The Safety Institute of Australia (SIA) is pleased to announce that Emeritus Professor Mike Capra has been re-appointed as the Chair of the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board (AOHSEAB), for a further 3 year term.

In announcing the re-appointment, the SIA Chair Patrick Murphy said, "We're thrilled that Mike has agreed to stay on and continue the great work that AOHSEAB has been doing, moving from its establishment phase to consolidating its work in the review and re-accreditations of university based OHS education."

Although closely aligned with the Safety Institute of Australia, the OHS Education Accreditation board functions independently in strategy and implementation of Accreditation. The SIA continues to actively support and invest in its work, as well as investing in the OHS Body of Knowledge, funding reviews of existing chapters and the creation of new chapters.

[Read more...](#)

Emeritus Professor Mike Capra



**Australian OHS Education
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CONFERENCES & EVENTS

16 Jun	QLD: Emergency & Crisis Management Forum
22 Jun	WEBINAR: Doing Safety Differently
14-15 Jul	QLD: Visions Conference 2016
20 Jul	WEBINAR: Doing Safety Differently
21 Jul	TAS: Safety Symposium & Trade Show 2016
27 Jul	SA: Mindful Employer Workshop
28 Jul	NSW: Mindful Employer Workshop



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