CEO MESSAGE

Its zero hour.

This is it. It’s time. The team at the Safety Institute have spent the last year putting together an amazing program of activities from 5-8th September in Sydney, starting with our AGM, education awards and Eric Wigglesworth Lecture on Monday 5th September, followed by two exceptional days of speakers at our national convention on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th September.

The week also includes our annual dinner on Tuesday 6th September and CEO’s breakfast on Wednesday 7th September. On 8th September, we’re talking about gender issues in health and safety, and that’s a conversation for men as well.

Join me at these events. It’s your presence that makes them, discussing emerging issues and ideas in health and safety, at a national event for
everyone with an interest in health and safety.

Register [here](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-274-ohs-professional) for the conference and/or associated events.

Have a great week.

Regards

Dave Clarke  
CEO  
Safety Institute of Australia

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**NEWS & UPDATES**

**Asbestos importation controls found wanting**

Detection of asbestos containing material in imported goods have continued to occur in Australia, and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and other stakeholders need to do more in order to improve compliance and reduce importation levels.


**SWA: workers commonly exposed to asthmagens**

A recent Safe Work Australia report has found that 47 per cent of male workers and 40 per cent of female workers were exposed to one or more asthmagens in their workplace.


**Warning over Pokémon Go on construction sites**

WorkSafe WA recently issued a warning to Pokémon Go players to stay clear of construction sites, following reports that players had been accessing construction sites to pursue Pokémon characters.


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**POLICY NEWS**

**WA: final chance to comment on safety reforms**

The Western Australian Government recently invited stakeholders to comment on safety legislation reforms covering mining, petroleum and major hazard facilities in the final stage of a three-part consultation process.
VIC: public comment sought on OHS regulation changes

WorkSafe Victoria recently encouraged employers and other stakeholders to comment on proposed changes to Victoria’s OHS regulations.

WA: inspections for community-based disability and aged care assistance services

WorkSafe WA has commenced an inspection program examining the management of OHS risks in community-based disability and aged care assistance services.

SWA encourages participation in National Safe Work Month

Safe Work Australia recently invited workplaces around Australia to submit entries to the Workplace Participation Reward as part of National Safe Work Month in October.

WA: safety warning for waste recycling industry

An inspection program looking at safety standards and issues in Western Australia’s waste recycling industry has raised some areas of concern, according to WorkSafe WA.

INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

VIC: record court fines for failing to keep workplaces safe

Almost 130 businesses and individuals were fined a record amount by the Victorian courts in 2015-16 for breaching OHS laws.

SafeWork NSW issues ladder safety warning following fatality

SafeWork NSW has issued a reminder to NSW businesses to work safely with ladders after one
worker was killed and four were seriously injured in falls over the past two months.

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**VIC: company fined $25,000 over subcontractor’s fall**

An Ocean Grove plastering company in Victoria was recently convicted and fined $25,000 over an incident in which a subcontractor suffered severe spinal injuries after falling from a work platform.

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**SA: two workplace fatalities confirmed**

There have been two workplace-related fatalities in South Australia recently, according to SafeWork SA.

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**Reminder: SIA Board Directors Voting Closes 5pm Monday 29 August 2016**

Voting has now commenced to fill three vacancies on the SIA Board of Directors. All financial SIA Members can vote on their preferred candidates in the following ways:

- **Vote online** by clicking here by 17:00 hours (5:00pm) (AEST) on Monday 29 August 2016; or
- **Download the direct voting form** Please note this form must be submitted to the SIA national office in person, or by post prior to 17:00 hours (5:00pm) (AEST) on Monday 29 August 2016.

**IMPORTANT:** For your vote to be valid you **MUST** provide the postcode listed in your online member profile OTHERWISE your vote will be invalid. You can check your member details at https://sia.org.au/members
How to enhance leadership through behavioral profiling

Understanding people is at the foundation of all relationships. Being able to read people through Rapid Trait Profiling and Behavioral Patterns leads to enhance communication and leadership.

A simple trait profiling system can help to understand a person’s needs, how they like to receive information and how they like to deliver information to enhance two-way communication in business, employment and personal relationships.

Alan Stevens, CEO, Human Pattern Recognition will discuss this concept at the upcoming Women in Leadership Forum which will be held on **Thursday 8 September 2016 at the Sydney Showgrounds**.

Alan will discuss how this method assists in being able to recognize the indicators of stress and depression at a glance and uses advanced communication skills to reduce workplace stress and bullying.

He will also explore how these skills impact on leadership potential through improved negotiations, finding the right people for the job and allocating the right people to different tasks, shortened sales cycles and building stronger teams.

The forum is an excellent opportunity for men and women working in the field of Health & Safety, to hear the latest in thought leadership and network with peers, colleagues and industry professionals.

Find more information about the leadership forum here

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**SIA Life Membership and SIA Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations Close Tomorrow**

The Safety Institute of Australia are currently calling for nominations for our Life Membership and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Nominations must reach the national office via email to execassistant@sia.org.au by **5pm Friday 19 August** so that they can be considered by the Board at their August meeting.

1. **Life Membership**: Awarded once annually to an SIA member who has at least fifteen years of CONTINUOUS service as a member of the Institute and has given ten years of outstanding service.

2. **Lifetime Achievement Award (NEW)**:
Awarded to a candidate whose exemplary, long-term and influential contribution to the OHS profession has seen tangible outcomes in workplaces.

As it is intended to present successful candidates their awards at the annual dinner of the national convention on Tuesday 6 September, it is important to get started on nominations as soon as possible.

Information about both awards and the nomination process can be accessed by clicking on the respective links above.

It is expected that successful candidates will be notified by Friday 26 August 2016.

Registrations Closing Soon...

The Safety Institute of Australia (Western Australian Branch) invites you to join us for the Perth Safety Symposium which will be held on Friday 9 September 2016 at Brookfield Place, Perth.

The 2016 program will bring together international and local OHS professionals in a dynamic and interactive setting to examine a range of pertinent industry topics, challenges and opportunities.

In addition to a keynote presentation from prominent health and safety thought-leader Dr David Borys, the symposium will feature the following four practical workshops:

WORKSHOP 1: Using intelligent risk management to learn from work-as-done
WORKSHOP 2: “Up safety Creek” – Managing Emergency Response
WORKSHOP 3: Effective Safety Leadership
WORKSHOP 4: Managing Critical Risk and Compliance

The Perth Safety Symposium aims to promote collaboration and sharing of best practice across the Western Australian sector in an effort to harness the capabilities of the OHS profession and work toward the ultimate elimination of workplace injury, illness and death. This symposium promises to ignite important discussion around the future of the Australian OHS sector.

SIA invites you to take part in the conversation.

Follow the hashtag #WASafetySymp16 for updates and announcements about this highly anticipated event or click here to register your attendance

Safety on Tap Podcast: Richard Coleman on Disruptive Safety

Recognising the need to bring more and better professional development opportunities to our members, the SIA has collaborated with the Safety on Tap Podcast to bring you exclusive interviews with this year’s National Convention speakers, in the lead up to the 2016 gathering which will be held on 5-8
September 2016 at the Sydney Showgrounds.

Listen in as Richard, General Manager HSE, Asciano tells us about digital disruption that is already happening, and the potential opportunities, risks and trade-offs for health and safety. That includes the managers responsible for it and the professionals who advise in it....

Click here for Episode 12, Digital disruption to make your head explode, with Richard Coleman.

Whether you are getting along to the 2016 National Safety Convention or not, you'll enjoy hearing some of Richard's insights into Digital Disruption.

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

18 Aug  SA Safety Seminar: OHS 70 years on: Seminar 2
19 Aug  SIA Sunshine Coast - Even more back to basics
22 Aug  SIA TAS - Construction WHS Issues
23 Aug  Using Risk to Inform Safety Strategy
24 Aug  SIA Webinar: Planning for fire, evacuation & emergency
31 Aug  OHS Regulations Reform Project - Public comment information sessions
5 Sept  Wigglesworth Lecture
5 Sept  OHS Education Awards
8 Sept  SIA Women in Leadership Forum
9 Sept  SIA Perth Safety Symposium

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