CEO MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

In a matter of days, I will be joining many of you at Sydney Olympic Park for the annual SIA National Safety Convention.

This year, we have assembled some of the sharpest minds in the field, and a
wonderful group of people who are NOT in the field, all under one roof to share their vision, insight and expertise with you in a dynamic, interactive forum. The agenda for this year’s event explores the idea of disruption in many forms – issues like technological disruption, rapid change in all its other forms, and how this will affect our futures.

After sitting in on some of the speaker briefings this week, I can tell you that you are in for a treat with this year’s convention program. Bernard Salt is certain to ignite some exciting discussion. And Dr Jason Fox will stir the pot with his ideas about disruptive leadership. They are on the outside, looking in, with important ideas.

The health and safety profession depends on gatherings like this; not just to keep abreast of industry developments, but also to broaden our horizons and explore how we can use disruptive forces of change in a constructive way. For anyone who takes an interest in workplace health and safety, this event is a must..

If you have not yet registered for the health and safety event of the year, we are taking last-minute registrations HERE.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

Dave Clarke

NEWS & UPDATES

3 unique ways OHS professionals can add value

OHS professionals need to think more holistically about their role and how they can add value as a business function as well as a broader profession, according to global safety educator, researcher and consultant Dr David Borys.

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A simple 4-step process for helping employees stay safe

A simple 4-step process can play a critical role in helping employees stay safe and OHS professionals improve practical safety outcomes, according to a long-standing safety professional.

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Labourers and tradesmen more likely to suffer eye injuries

Men are almost five times more likely than women to need a foreign body embedded in their eye removed by an optometrist.
VIC: Construction sites batten down over strong winds

WorkSafe Victoria recently advised builders across Victoria to ensure their construction sites were appropriately secured following a warning that strong winds were forecast to hit the state.

POLICY NEWS

SafeWork NSW releases workplace safety guide

SafeWork NSW recently launched a new work health and safety Roadmap for NSW which sets a number of ambitious targets to reduce the rate of injury, illness and fatalities in NSW workplaces.

VIC: More details on quad bike safety rebate program

WorkSafe Victoria and the Victorian Farmers Federation recently released further details on the Victorian Government’s $6 million quad bike safety rebate scheme.

Consultation open on model work health and safety regulations for diving work

Safe Work Australia is seeking feedback on how the model Work Health and Safety (WHS) Regulations for diving work could be improved.

WA: Inspection program finds continuing problems with vehicle hoists

A second WorkSafe WA proactive inspection program looking at safety issues in workplaces with vehicle hoists has resulted in continuing concerns.

WA: Mine ventilation code released for comment

A draft code of practice for Ventilation in Western Australian mining operations has been released for public comment by the Department of Mines and Petroleum.
INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

NSW: Macmahon Mining Services ordered to pay $75,000 and costs for WHS failures

The NSW Department of Industry’s Resources Regulator recently prosecuted Macmahon Mining Services for a breach of sections 32 and 19(1) of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011.

SA: Cleanaway charged over Adelaide truck crash

Federal work health and safety regulator Comcare recently began legal proceedings against national waste management company Cleanaway over a truck crash that killed two people in Adelaide.

WA: Labour hire company fined $20,000 for failing to ensure a safe workplace

An O’Connor labour hire company in Western Australia has been fined $20,000 and ordered to pay $517.50 in costs for failing to ensure the safety of workers it supplied to a waste recycling company.

QLD: Powerline electrocution deaths prompt safety warning

A spate of incidents involving overhead power lines has left two people dead and seven others seriously injured in Queensland.
Christine Nixon headlines program at Women in Leadership Forum

Former Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, Christine Nixon heads up an impressive line up of industry experts and thought-leaders at the inaugural SIA Women in Leadership Forum on Thursday 8th September. The forum will focus on the theme: *Leaning In: Leading & influencing health, safety and business performance*. Throughout the day, speakers will explore some of the critical issues surrounding women taking up senior HSE roles.

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SIA Member Appointed to WHO External Review Group

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has identified exposure to nanomaterials as a priority action, and the WHO Global Network of Collaborating Centres for Occupational Health has selected this field as a key focus area. To address occupational risks of nanomaterials, WHO is developing Guidelines to protect workers from potential risks of manufactured nanomaterials.

In order to progress this work, an External Review Group has been established. Our representative on the Australian Nanotechnologies Standards Committee (NT001) Stephen Thomas ChOHSP, CFSIA has been appointed by Standards Australia to the External Review Group.

Read more...
LAST CHANCE to register for Perth Safety Symposium

The Safety Institute of Australia invites you to the *2016 Perth Safety Symposium* on Friday 9th September. This highly anticipated event is an excellent opportunity to discover the latest industry insights and network with peers, colleagues and industry professionals.

The 2016 program highlights include a keynote presentation from prominent health and safety thought-leader Dr David Borys and a series of four practical workshops, exploring Safety Leadership; Risk; Incident Emergency; and OHS Standards. See the full program [HERE](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-275-ohs-professional).


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](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-275-ohs-professional).

To find out more about OHS Professional Certification and how it might benefit you in your career, [visit our website](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-275-ohs-professional) or contact Marija at certification@sia.org.au.

SIA WA Files Submission on WA WHS Regulations

Following WorkSafe WA Commissioner Lex McCulloch’s announcement of a review of Work Health & Safety (WHS) Regulations in Western Australia, the Safety Institute of Australia (WA Branch) has filed a submission for the proposed amendments.

Psychosocial Priorities Study

Representatives from medium to large organisations across Australia and New Zealand are encouraged to participate in a new study into psychosocial priorities across Australian and New Zealand organisations.

The CommuniCorp survey explores a subset of psychosocial factors known to influence mental health in the workplace and is based on CommuniCorp’s evidence-based Psychologically Safe and Healthy Workplaces (PS&HW) framework.

Your participation will help create an industry-wide snapshot of workplace mental health priorities. The online study takes 15 minutes to complete. You can complete the survey [here](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-275-ohs-professional).

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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](tel:03%208336%201995) or [membership@sia.org.au](mailto:membership@sia.org.au) to discuss the different options available, or [click here](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-275-ohs-professional) 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](mailto:communications@sia.org.au) for further details. To view our current Corporate Members please [click here](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-275-ohs-professional).
Seminar Series in SA Retraces OHS History

The Safety Institute of Australia (SA Branch) is proud to present a series of afternoon seminars based on the topic areas presented in 1946 – but with a 2016 relevance.

August 2016 marked the 70th Anniversary of the FIRST ever Australian Safety Conference, which was held in Adelaide. In 1946 there were no workplace safety laws as we know them today, there were limited Australian Standards to provide direction and guidance and a safety advisor/coordinator/manager was unheard of. The 1946 conference was a “call to arms” to address the rising toll of safety-related injuries and fatalities.

How far have we really progressed in 70 years? Are we still concerned about the same issues? Come along and find out on September 16th.

Read more...

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

5 Sept  NSW: Wigglesworth Lecture
5 Sept  NSW: SIA AGM
6 Sept  NSW: National Safety Convention
7 Sept  NSW: National Safety Convention
8 Sept  NSW: Women in Leadership Forum
9 Sept  WA: Perth Safety Symposium
15 Sept  TAS: Legal insights into WHS laws
16 Sept  SA: Safety Seminar Series: OHS 70 years on

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