Dear Colleagues,

The health and safety community came together in large numbers last week for our annual *SIA National Safety Convention* and a series of other events at Sydney Olympic Park.

Those who came along to hear more than sixty business leaders, academics and innovators unpack the idea of disruption, and its implications for the field
of health and safety, had a fantastic week. It was great to see so many familiar faces, and new ones too.

We were very ambitious with this year’s program, bringing in a truly diverse spread of thinkers and doers to share their insights. And from the feedback and praise that we have received so far, it seems that the conversation was much needed.

The event was trending on Twitter, and if you weren’t there to hear the talks in person, you’ll find a recap of the highlights at #SIAConvention16.

Many long months of planning, negotiation and collaboration go into creating an event of this scale. I would like to thank all of our sponsors and event partners for their support; the guest speakers for their insights; and the SIA team for their dedication. Special thanks are also due to the team of SIA Members who volunteered their time to help make the convention the success that it was.

While the convention might be over for another year, the conversation is far from finished. We have several upcoming events and webinars on the horizon, where you can join the discussion about some of the critical issues facing the health and safety profession.

Keep your eye on the SIA Event Calendar to find seminars, workshops and networking events near you.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

Dave Clarke

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**NEWS & UPDATES**

*How to achieve step-change safety improvements*

A step change improvement in safety and accompanying reduction in fatalities require an equivalent step change in thinking about how OHS risks are addressed within an organisation, according to The University of Queensland.


*SWA: Businesses need to improve OHS consultation and justice*

Up to one-quarter of employers do not frequently empower their workers through active consultation around safety and do not always treat their workers justly – especially when investigating accidents, according to Safe Work Australia research.

Employers found wanting on workplace mental health issues

Around two-thirds of employers do not currently measure the impact of staff mental health issues on their organisations, according to international law firm MinterEllison.

Read more...

POLICY NEWS

Safe Work Australia releases updated bullying guides

Workplace bullying is a risk to health and safety, and can occur in all types of workplaces, according to Safe Work Australia, which recently updated two publications on workplace bullying to provide greater guidance for managers and workers.

Read more...

NSW: New workers compensation regulation in force

NSW’s State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) recently announced the commencement of new workers’ compensation regulation across the state.

Read more...

QLD: Safety alert issued over mobile plant short legging risks

WorkCover Queensland recently issued a safety alert highlighting the risks associated with the practice of short legging mobile concrete placement booms, mobile cranes and truck mounted elevating work platforms.

Read more...

WA: Inspection spotlight on amusement centres and operators of inflatables

WorkSafe WA is undertaking an inspection program looking at safety issues at amusement centres and with operators of inflatable amusement devices.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

NSW: Hunter Quarries prosecuted over workplace fatality
The NSW Department of Industry’s Resources Regulator recently launched prosecution proceedings against Hunter Quarries for alleged contraventions of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* that resulted in the death of an employee at the Karuah Quarry.

**WA: Employee fined $7200 over death of truck driver**

A forklift operator has been fined $7200 (and ordered to pay costs of $800) over the death of a truck driver who died as the result of a fall while washing his truck at Harvey Fresh in 2014.

**NSW: Cudal Lime Products prosecuted over workplace fatality**

The NSW Department of Industry’s Resources Regulator recently commenced prosecution proceedings against Cudal Lime Products and two of its workers for alleged contraventions of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* resulting in the death of a local resident.

**WA: Worker fined $6000 over burns to fellow worker**

An employee of a civil contracting company in Western Australia has been fined $6000 (and ordered to pay $517.50 in costs) after a fellow employee suffered burns when brake cleaning chemical he had been sprayed with ignited.

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**2016 OHS Education Award Winners Announced**

The winners of the 2016 National OHS Education Awards were announced on Monday 5th September. Jayden Lim of the University of Queensland won the Undergraduate Award; Effie Eleftheriadis from RMIT University won the Post Graduate (Diploma) Award; and Suzanne Gilbey of Curtin University won the Post Graduate (Masters) Award. The prestigious *Eric Wigglesworth OHS Education (Research) Award* was presented to Dr Jianjun Xiang of the University of Adelaide, for his Doctor of
Philosophy thesis *Extreme heat and workers’ health in South Australia.*

Read more...

**Annual SIA Award Winners announced at Convention Dinner**

At the annual *SIA Conference Dinner* on 6th September 2016, longstanding SIA Members Roger Fairfax and Ciaran MacCarron were recognised for their active contributions to both the Safety Institute of Australia and to the broader profession.

Mr Fairfax received *Lifetime Membership* of the SIA, one the highest honours that can be bestowed on a member of the Institute. Mr MacCarron was awarded the *SIA Lifetime Achievement Award*, a prestigious award that celebrates OHS practitioners or professionals who have made an outstanding lifetime contribution to the practice of Occupational Health and Safety in Australian workplaces.

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

*Celebrating 25 Years of Safety, Learning and Friendship*

21-23 May 2017 | City Golf Club, Toowoomba

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 20 DECEMBER 2016

CALL FOR PAPERS: 25th Annual OHS Visions Conference

The Visions Organising Committee is pleased to invite papers from interested professionals, academics, researchers and practitioners in the field of health and safety for inclusion in the program for the 25th annual Visions OHS Conference on May 21-23, 2017.

Paper abstracts are invited on topics relevant to the field of Occupational Health and Safety and associated disciplines, and particularly this year, papers addressing the development of OHS over the last 25 years.

Have you considered OHS Professional Certification?

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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.

MINDFUL EMPLOYER WORKSHOP

Wed 12 OCTOBER 2016 | BRISBANE, QLD
Fri 21 OCTOBER 2016 | SOUTHBANK, VIC

Workplace mental health on the agenda in QLD & VIC
Coming up in October, our Members in Queensland and Victoria are invited to attend a 3 hour Mindful Employer workshop, run in partnership with Sane Australia. The workshops will provide participants with appropriate information on mental illness and training to recognise the early warning signs and the appropriate skills for early intervention.

The workshops cover:

- Prevalence of mental illness
- Understanding the different types and treatments for mental illness
- Understanding and recognising symptoms
- How to help within the boundaries of your role at work
- Common workplace situations and helpful responses
- How to stay well at work

Places for these workshops are strictly limited.

**REGISTER NOW** for the Brisbane workshop.  
**REGISTER NOW** for the Southbank workshop.

**Loren Murray joins SIA Board**

At the SIA AGM on Monday 5th September, Loren Murray was elected to the SIA Board of Directors. Ms Murray is the Director of safety consultancy CreativeWorks Group (CWG). She has worked in senior safety roles for more than a decade and now, as an SIA Board Member, she plans to champion technology, connectivity and young safety professionals.

**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 or membership@sia.org.au to discuss the different options available, or [click here](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-276-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](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-276-ohs-professional) or [communications@sia.org.au](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-276-ohs-professional) for further details. To view our current Corporate Members please [click here](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-276-ohs-professional).
SIA SA Annual Dinner & Awards

The SIA South Australian Branch will host the 2016 Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation on Friday 16th September at the West Adelaide Football Club.

This annual dinner provides the opportunity for SIA Members to network with peers and colleagues in an informal environment. The evening will also award and recognise South Australia's highest achieving university student in the field of OHS studies.

Read more...

Registrations now open for SIA NT Symposium

The Safety Institute of Australia invites you to join us for the SIA NT Symposium: Workplace Body, Mind & Safety on Friday 14th October, 2016.

The program will include engaging speakers with practical, real life and Territory relevant case studies to assist NT businesses with excellent ideas for safety solutions. Panel discussion will offer practical tips from industry leaders on mental health and technology for safety. Topics to be covered include:

* How to manage mental health?
* How to "sell safety" to all?
* Are you paying enough attention to NT-related topics?
* Are you abreast of all legal changes?

For our friends on the top end, this event is not to be missed. Secure your place today. Register NOW.
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