~ MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR ~

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Safety Institute of Australia’s Board, I would like to share with you some of the major developments that have taken place within the Institute in recent weeks.

As you know, our Annual General Meeting was held in Sydney earlier this month in conjunction with the 2016 National Safety Convention. At the AGM, we celebrated a range of achievements, including the delivery of a second annual financial surplus and the launch of several important new SIA initiatives. The results of the Director Elections were also announced at the AGM and I am thrilled to report that Nathan Winter and I are returning to the board, along with newcomer Loren Murray. We welcome Loren to the board and thank outgoing Director, Amanda Benson for her efforts and dedication to this great Institute.

I’m also delighted to report that CEO David Clarke and I recently represented the Institute at the annual meeting of the International Network of Safety & Health Practitioner Organisations (INSHPO) in Canada. Together with INSHPO...
members from Europe, USA, Canada, South Korea, Russia, and Singapore, we discussed the launch of the Global OHS Capability Framework, which articulates the core capabilities of OHS practitioners and professionals. This is already aligned with our certification program and will be pivotal in bringing global alignment so that OHS professionals and practitioners can move seamlessly across borders.

We have also been involved in dialogues with the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and the Singapore Institute of Safety Officers (SISO). As a result of these talks, we are identifying new ways to share knowledge among our respective members, through mutual access to events, professional development activities and support. I look forward to sharing the details of those arrangements with you in due course.

Find more in-depth information in my Chairman’s report HERE.

Yours Sincerely,

Patrick Murphy
Chairman

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**NEWS & UPDATES**

**Why OHS needs to be more proactive on mental health in the workplace**

Most organisations don’t have proactive approaches to improving mental health in the workplace and need an evidence-based approach to systematically improving mental health, according to an expert in the area.

*Read more...*

**How OHS professionals can take the lead on safety**

Safety professionals need to work on developing their leadership skills in order to better connect with key stakeholders and provide more confidence in their ability to not just advise or regulate, but guide others towards a safe work environment, according to Edith Cowan University.

*Read more...*

**VIC: Warning over younger workers and workplace injuries**

Young workers in Victoria are particularly vulnerable to workplace injuries and employers should prioritise safety discussions and training to reduce their risk of injury, according to WorkSafe Victoria.
SWA urges business leaders to set right “tone at the top”

Leaders need to set the right tone at the top of an organisation to embed a positive safety culture in the workplace, according to Chair of Safe Work Australia (SWA), Diane Smith-Gander.

POLICY NEWS

SWA to evaluate 644 workplace exposure standards

Safe Work Australia will evaluate the workplace exposure standards for more than 600 chemicals to ensure worker health and safety in Australia is comparable with latest evidence and international best practice.

WA: Inspection program slated for accommodation industry

WorkSafe WA is undertaking a proactive inspection program looking at safety issues in the accommodation industry.

NSW: Safety alert issued after frontend loader incident

A safety alert was recently issued following an incident in which a 23kg rock fell 17 metres from a blasted quarry face, smashing through the windscreen of a frontend loader and injuring the operator.

SA: GHS classification and labelling of chemicals to take effect

South Australia will fully implement the globally harmonised system of classification and labelling of chemicals (GHS) – the international system for classifying chemicals with new labelling and warning information, from 1 January 2017.
INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

QLD: 3 prosecutions for unsafe electrical work

The Queensland’s Industrial Magistrates Court recently prosecuted three companies over unsafe work practices, which should serve as a reminder to those putting lives at risk by not working within the law, according to the state’s Electrical Safety Office.

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VIC: Paper recycling company fined over workplace incident

Victoria’s Sunshine Magistrates’ Court recently convicted and fined a paper recycling company $20,000 plus $3,386 in costs following an incident in which a worker suffered an injury.

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SA: Business gets a sixth conviction over crush injury

South Australia’s Industrial Court recently handed down a sixth conviction to a local packaging business for a crush injury to a worker’s hand.

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SIA Mentorship Program: Call for Mentees

SIA Members are invited to register as Mentees in new Mentorship initiative, to receive free career advice, guidance and support. Are you ready to hone your skills or develop your professional capability? Guidance from an experienced SIA Mentor may give your career just the boost that it needs.

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SIA Member Offer: Hazards
Australasia 2016 Conference

SIA Members are invited to receive discounted Member rates for the 3rd edition of globally recognised process safety conference, Hazards Australasia.

To receive discounted registration, simply check "I am a member of IChemE" and enter your SIA Member number (prefaced with SIA) in the field marked "IChemE Membership number".

Register here...

Register now for ISO 45001 Discussion Forum

The SIA College of Fellows invites you to join us for a webinar based discussion forum on Thursday 13th October 2016. The free webinar will explore the current ISO 45001 Standard and identify suggested changes to the standard.

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.
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.

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.

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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**.

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**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.

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CONFERENCES & EVENTS

6 Oct    NSW: Asbestos Waste Management Seminar
12 Oct   QLD: Mindful Employer Workshop
13 Oct   Webinar: ISO 45001 Discussion Forum
14 Oct   NT: Symposium - Workplace Body, Mind & Safety
19 Oct   Webinar: Doing Safety Differently
21 Oct   VIC: Mindful Employer Workshop

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