Dear Colleagues,

The Safety Institute of Australia is actively committed to representing the profession at a policy level, to give the profession a say in shaping national policies which impact on health and safety in the workplace. We know how important good health and safety policy and regulation is. We understand both employer and union perspectives, and add the practical knowledge and experience of the profession, to create a unique voice. This is a voice which is measured and focused on practice rather than politics.

We are now in the final stages of developing our policy agenda as a foundation document on which we will build a series of position statements on a range of issues. The SIA Board will be finalising its work on this agenda in the next 2-3 weeks. Meanwhile, we continue our ongoing work in this area.

Here are just two examples:
* We recently made a submission to the Victorian Inquiry into the Labour Hire Industry. The final report from that Inquiry has now been released. You can find out more [here](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-280-ohs-professional) about the impact that the SIA made through its participation in this discussion.
* In the last year, we undertook significant advocacy as part of the review of the VET sector, with a focus on the need for significant reforms to health and
safety VET training, both in content and delivery. In the year ahead, this work will continue.

Over the next year, you will see the SIA being an even stronger voice for the profession - in a positive way.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

David Clarke

NEWS & UPDATES

Why more science needs to be applied to the practise of OHS

Over the past few decades, OHS has avoided elevating itself to a truly professional activity because it has shied away from "hard choices of engaging with its science" which has led to a "comfortable slide sideways into an enhanced version the 1940s safety officer", according to a risk control expert.

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Safety key to regaining public trust in Dreamworld

Ardent Leisure needs to demonstrate that safety is its most important priority if Dreamworld is to regain the trust of the public, according to Deakin University.

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How Sodexo improves mental health and resilience

There are a number of steps OHS leaders should implement and follow in building a successful mental health program and improving workforce resilience, according to Ria Smith, HSE director Australia for food services and facilities management multinational Sodexo.

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Warning issued over safety in lead up to Christmas

Workers are more likely to die in November and December than any other time of the year, according to WorkSafe Victoria.

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POLICY NEWS

Safety Institute of Australia makes impact at Victorian Inquiry into Labour Hire Industry

Kevin Jones FSIA reports on the Victorian Government’s final report from the recent Inquiry into the Labour Hire Industry.

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WA: Safety concerns over vehicles in manufacturing and wholesale sectors

A proactive inspection program by WorkSafe WA looking at the safe movement of vehicles in manufacturing and wholesale workplaces has uncovered a number of significant safety issues.

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QLD: Warning over electrical installations in ceiling spaces

It is important that electrical contractors and electrical workers ensure compliance with the wiring rules, AS/NZS 3000 when installing electrical equipment and wiring in an accessible ceiling space, according to WorkCover Queensland.

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WA: Inspection program finds improvements in powder coating industry

An inspection program looking at safety issues in powder coating and abrasive blasting in West Australian workplaces has found a noticeable improvement in safety practices.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

VIC: Demolition company fined $45,000 after driver’s leg crushed

A Prahran demolition company was recently fined $45,000 over an incident in which a worker had his right leg crushed and later amputated when the overloaded skid steer loader he was operating tipped.

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NSW: Opal miner injured by falling material

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An opal miner working in NSW recently suffered a spinal injury when he tried to close a hopper door with a star picket and was struck by falling mullock.

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Meet the SIA’s newest Diamond Corporate Member: Boral

The SIA welcomes Australia’s largest building and construction materials supplier Boral as its newest Diamond Corporate Member. SIA CEO David Clarke says, “The Institute is all about coming together with key stakeholders to pursue our vision, and Boral is an industry leader with an important health and safety story to tell.”

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A treat from the SIA archives

From 2005 to 2009, the SIA published a weekly bulletin, entitled SafetyWeek and SIA Safety at Work, For those with an interest in the history and evolution of workplace health and safety, the Institute has now published an archive of the bulletin.

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OUT NOW: New Journal of Health & Safety Research & Practice

Volume 8, Issue 1 of the JSHRP is now available online for WHS practitioners, researchers and students. In this edition, learn about:
* Human-centred design in civil road construction: Methods to inform procurement and improve performance
* Hendra Virus Infection in Animal...
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?

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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.

REGISTER NOW: Hazards Process Safety Conference

Since 2013, falling oil and iron ore prices have put pressure on those sectors, causing
companies to reduce expenditure and staffing levels, and in turn compromise safety. Reducing maintenance can seem like a great way to cut expenses, but this can lead to longer term safety issues. History is littered with facilities that reduced maintenance to unsustainable levels and subsequently suffered major incidents.

The organisers of Hazards Conference believe that we need to change our thinking about the cost of process safety. At Hazards Australasia on November 23-24, learn how to add value to your business, not cost.

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

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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).

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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.

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.

**CONFERENCES & EVENTS**

16 Nov  
WA: Deepwater Horizon: A process safety conversation

18 Nov  
QLD: Safety lessons learned and shared

23-4 Nov  
VIC: Hazards Conference

24 Nov  
WA: Resilience Conference

25 Nov  
NSW: Hawaiian Christmas Party

30 Nov  
NSW: UNSW Biotech Site Tour

30 Nov  
ACT: SIA Branch Dinner & Xmas Function

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