Dear Colleagues,

As the end of year draws near, I would like to thank you all for your participation and contributions to the profession throughout the year, and to the health, safety and wellbeing of our community. It makes a real difference.

Here is a micro report on a few things in the works at the Institute:

**EVENTS:** In the last five months, the Institute has delivered 44 events and conferences across all states and territories, involving nearly 3000 health & safety people nationwide. In 2017, we will continue to expand our events program with an even wider range of workshops, conferences and webinars, all designed to support your continuing professional development, no matter where you are in Australia. If you have suggestions, let us know.

**MENTORSHIP:** Thanks to those of you who are already participating in our new **SIA Mentorship program**. During its initial pilot phase, we received more than 40 applications from prospective Mentors. We are now fully underway with at least 20 active mentoring relationships established and many more in the works. I look forward to seeing the further growth in this program in 2017.

**INSURANCE:** I am pleased to report that we are currently negotiating new PI/PL insurance rates for both general and certified SIA Members who work as consultants. This will translate into large savings for those Members. We will...
announce the official details in the New Year.

**BoK:** Having just launched the *Process Safety* chapter of the *OHS Body of Knowledge*, there is more to do in our work to continuously improve and update the BoK. Numerous chapters will be under review in 2017.

**POLICY:** The SIA board has just completed extensive work on our policy agenda. You will hear more about this from our Chairman Patrick Murphy when we publish the initial materials in the New Year.

And that’s only a small part of the story.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

David Clarke

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**NEWS & UPDATES**

**Poor psychosocial safety climates cost employers $6 billion**

Productivity losses associated with low levels of management commitment to psychological health and safety in the workplace cost employers an estimated $6 billion per annum, according to SafeWork Australia research.

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**Regulator issues OHS warning on end-of-year parties**

As many businesses and employees throughout NSW prepare to hold end-of-year celebrations, SafeWork NSW reminded employers that their health and safety responsibilities at work functions are the same as in the workplace.

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**Work-related road fatalities double that of the workplace**

Work-related road crashes account for one in three occupational fatalities in Australia and 15 per cent of the national road toll, according to SafeWork SA.

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**Melanoma rates higher among working farmers**

Workers in the agricultural sector have higher melanoma...
rates than their rural, non-farming counterparts, according to new research.

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POLICY NEWS

WA: Multiple warnings on falsified high risk work licences

WorkSafe WA recently issued a warning to employers to carefully check high risk work licences after discovering another falsified licence.

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QLD: Safety alert over falling trailer ramps

WorkCover Queensland recently issued a safety alert following incidents in which two people have died as a result of crush injuries from falling trailer ramps.

Read more..

VIC: Safety blitz targets demolition sites

WorkSafe Victoria inspectors have begun a safety blitz targeting dangerous and sub-standard demolition work across the state.

Read more..

NSW: Consultation sought on harmonised WHS laws

The public consultation period for the NSW review into nationally harmonised work health and safety laws has recently opened.

Read more..

INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

NSW: Worker sustains broken arm while operating high pressure hose

In a recent incident at a coal handling and preparation plant near Newcastle, a contract operator’s forearm was broken when he was struck by a pressurised 25 mm hose while unclogging a drainage pipeline.

Read more...

WA: Person drowns in plastic lined liquid waste pond
A person engaged to assist with the day-to-day activities at a septic liquid waste pond facility recently drowned when he slipped into one of the ponds.

NSW: Spate of tradie incidents and injuries

There has been a spate of incidents involving tradies in NSW, according to SafeWork NSW, which cautioned local tradies about safe approaches to work.

AOHSEAB welcomes new Board Members

The Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board has announced Genevieve Hawkins and Graham Jackson as new members. Genevieve and Graham join Angela Seidel as independent OHS professionals on the Board.

HFESA nominates new member for AOHSEAB board

With the retirement of Dr Margaret Cook, who is taking up the Presidency of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia, HFESA has nominated Dr Alison Bell as their representative on the Australian OHS
Tell us what you think of OHS Professional magazine

Our quarterly magazine OHS Professional is an important benefit for SIA Members. To help us better understand how we can improve our member value proposition and deliver you the best possible OHS magazine, please complete the following survey:

START THE SURVEY

SIA Holiday Hours

The SIA National Office will be closed from 2pm on Friday 16th December for our annual staff Christmas event.

The National Office will also close for the holidays, from COB Friday 23rd December 2016 until Monday 2nd January 2017 inclusive.

Register now for AOG Conference

All SIA Members are invited to the annual Australasian Oil & Gas Exhibition & Conference (AOG) in Perth from 22 – 24 February, 2017.

This event will showcase the oil and gas industry over three days with Australia’s leading exhibition, a free conference program and premium industry networking opportunities. Free conference sessions held on the exhibition floor will feature three streams, focusing on the opportunities and challenges in times of transformational change:
1. COLLABORATION FORUM
Partnering with Woodside, NERA and the Western Australia Department of Commerce, the AOG Collaboration Forum will focus on enhancing collaboration between operators, contractors and the supply chain to drive a greater understanding of challenges and access to opportunities.

2. SUBSEA FORUM
Partnering with the Society for Underwater Technology (SUT), Subsea Energy Australia (SEA) and Subsea UK, the AOG Subsea Forum will focus on how the Australian Subsea industry can adjust to the evolving market.

3. KNOWLEDGE FORUM
The AOG Knowledge Forum aims to educate, inspire and inform by bringing specialised industry sectors together to discuss the latest techniques and technology that will enable the industry to overcome both current and future challenges.

View the full conference program HERE.

REGISTER HERE

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 to view the information on the website.

If your company is already a Corporate Member and you would like to be featured in
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

21-23 May 2017 | City Golf Club, Toowoomba

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN:

25th Annual OHS Visions Conference

SIA Members and friends are advised to get in early to enjoy generous early bird discounts for the 25th silver anniversary edition of Visions Conference, Queensland’s premiere health and safety event.

Visions 2017 will feature high level, contemporary keynote speakers who are experts in their field of study and research, along with WHS Regulators and industry experts discussing current industry topics. The conference provides the perfect opportunity to network with your peer group while experiencing contemporary and best-practice OHS solutions showcased by fellow safety professionals.

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.

As the holiday season arrives, the SIA branches around the country are planning to celebrate Christmas in the days ahead with a variety of festive events. These gatherings are a great opportunity to get together with the health and safety community and toast the professional achievements we have collectively made throughout the year.

Find all event details HERE.

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

8 Dec    SA: SIA Christmas Function
13 Dec   QLD: SIA Brisbane Christmas Function
14 Dec   WA: SIA Perth Christmas Function
22-4 Feb WA: AOG Conference