Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you have been making the most of the break which the Christmas/New Year period presents. As for me, my family and I baked as we ate Christmas dinner under a canvas awning on a notoriously sweltering day. For those who know Paul Kelly’s song How to Make Gravy, you’ll be pleased to
know it was more than 100 degrees - but that didn’t stop the roast. There’s nothing like bonding under a canvas awning, in great adversity, with the people that you love.

Meanwhile, at the SIA, we’re back on the job and working for our Members, and for better health and safety outcomes in Australia.

What would you like to see more of this year from the SIA? We are already diving into our long list of intentions for 2017, and it’s all about finding more and better ways to make a difference in our Members’ working lives. We are focused on supporting you to be the best you can be in your health and safety roles, by delivering more events, more professional networking opportunities, and more opportunity for continuing professional development. Expect to see more active SIA engagement on policy and standards in 2017, and more support for those who wish to lead by creating things.

Good luck to you all with 2017 - we look forward to sharing it with you!

Kind Regards,

David Clarke

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**NEWS & UPDATES**

**Safe Work Australia’s 5 steps for safety in 2017**

Safe Work Australia recently called on employers to prioritise safety in the New Year and for everyone to take five steps to reduce injuries and fatalities in the workplace.

[Read more...]

**How to improve gender diversity in OHS**

A multipronged approach is required to increase gender diversity in the OHS profession, according to HSE partner at EY, Andi Csontos, who said this approach needs to include up-skilling and mentoring women in their roles, particularly before, during and after maternity leave.

[Read more...]

**CFA, MFB and WorkSafe issue illegal fireworks warning**

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a warning about setting off illegal fireworks, after seizing almost 4 tonnes of illegal fireworks since 2012 (and more than 511kg this year) through its powers under the Dangerous Goods Act.

[Read more...]
SA: Reminder issued on quad bike safety

Quad bikes are the leading cause of fatalities on Australian farms, according to SafeWork SA, which recently issued a reminder about the risks they pose to riders’ safety, especially children.

Read more...

WA: Workers urged to take care to avoid skin cancer risk

WorkSafe WA has urged workers – particularly those who work outside on a regular basis – to take care to avoid the risk of skin cancer.

Read more...

POLICY NEWS

New GHS system for labelling of hazardous chemicals

The Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals has come into full effect across Australia as of 1 January 2017.

Read more...

NOPSEMA issues safety alert over diving system audits

The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) recently issued a safety alert after a number of inspections identified a trend in the standard of audits conducted on diving systems and equipment.

Read more...

SafeWork NSW launches winery safety guide

SafeWork NSW and the NSW Wine Industry Association recently launched a new safety guide for the NSW wine industry to help improve safety standards.

Read more...

Safety alert issued over commercial transport of Samsung Galaxy Note 7

NT WorkSafe has issued a safety alert highlighting the potential risks associated with the commercial transport of recalled Samsung Galaxy Note7 mobile phones containing defective lithium ion batteries.
INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

QLD: Transport company fined $60,000 after driver killed by faulty truck

A Wynnum-Manly based transport company recently pleaded guilty in the Cleveland Magistrates Court to failing meet its work health and safety obligations following the death of a truck driver in 2012.

WA: Company fined $65,000 after worker crushed at goldmine

WA-based company DKMSPP, formerly operating as TME, was recently fined $65,000 in Perth Magistrates Court following an incident that seriously injured a worker at Newmont's Boddington Gold Mine in 2012.

VIC: company convicted after worker maimed

A Geelong packing and supply business was recently convicted and fined $26,000 in the Geelong Magistrates Court following an incident in which a worker had all of the skin from his right hand ripped off by a machine.

JHSRP call for submissions

Do you have unique practical or academic insights that may be of value to the health & safety community? The Journal of Health & Safety Research & Practice is an S.I.A. publication that promotes evidence & knowledge-based OHS practice. The JHSRP is now accepting submissions for the next edition.

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

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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

‘Celebrating 25 Years of Safety, Learning and Friendship’

21-23 May 2017 | City Golf Club, Toowoomba

EARLY BIRD RATES AVAILABLE UNTIL 31 MARCH 2017

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

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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 to discuss the different options available,
BOOK NOW for Deepwater Horizon film screening & workshop:

*Investigative insights from BP’s Gulf of Mexico disaster*

The Safety Institute of Australia invites you to attend one of a series of Professional Development Workshops in February 2017. Hosted in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane, each event features a screening of the movie *Deepwater Horizon*, followed by insightful presentations about the Gulf of Mexico oil rig incident, and its aftermath.

Guest speakers include:

- **Cheryl Mackenzie**, Investigator, *US Chemical Safety & Hazard Investigation Board*
  Cheryl was the Lead Investigator of the team which investigated the incident.

- **Peter Wilkinson**, General Manager, Risk, *Noetic Group*
  Peter was adviser to the investigation of the BP disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

This Workshop is designed to:

- Identify key human errors and why they occurred;
- Describe the most significant cognitive biases that affected the decisions of those on the Deepwater Horizon rig and delayed the diagnosis of an incipient well event;
- Discuss how hindsight bias affects our view of incident causation;
- Explain the concept of the gap between ‘Work as imagined’ versus ‘Work as it is actually done’, and why this poses a significant threat to safe operations;
- Describe how “active monitoring” by supervisors at all levels is an essential tool in barrier management;
- Identify how organisations can move from identifying lessons to be learnt to implementing lessons in practice;
- Describe how BP’s priorities in workplace health and safety affected process safety management;
- Summarise the prevailing theories which underpin a good organisational culture.
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 on 03 8336 1995.

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

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

22 Jan  NSW: Branch Planning Day
20 Feb  NSW: Deepwater Horizon Screening & Workshop
21 Feb  VIC: Deepwater Horizon Screening & Workshop
22-24 Feb WA: AOG Conference
23 Feb  SA: Deepwater Horizon Screening & Workshop
24 Feb  QLD: Deepwater Horizon Screening & Workshop

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