Dear Colleagues,

Many of you will still be returning to work and getting into gear for the year ahead. As you settle into your work routines and start tackling new projects and challenges, I hope that you will look to the Safety Institute for ongoing support and professional development opportunities. Remember that, as an SIA Member, you are part of a professional community. Make sure that you stay connected to the broader health and safety community by participating in SIA events, networking and training opportunities.

It’s only January and already we have several interesting events coming up and exciting professional development opportunities in the works for you. Our
NEWS & UPDATES

Business case lessons in process safety from Deepwater Horizon

OHS professionals need to be able to build strong business cases and improve their change management skills in order to secure support for process safety improvements and operationalise these through an organisation, according to an adviser to the investigation into the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

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What SHEQ skills do employers want?

There is growing demand for SHEQ (safety, health, environment and quality) systems managers, workers compensation/RTW specialists and injury management advisors, according to a recent survey.

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Victoria urges employers to do more after "Horror 2016"

Victorian workplaces must do more in 2017 to prioritise safety following a “horror year” in which 26 people lost their lives at work, according to WorkSafe Victoria.

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Call to fast track improvements to OHS in farming

There were 63 on-farm injury deaths in Australia in 2016, and the main causes were tractors (9), other farm machinery (9) and quads bikes (6) – and these three factors accounted for almost 40 per cent of all cases.

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POLICY NEWS

NSW: Safety warning issued over truck rollovers

The NSW Resources Regulator recently issued a warning about truck rollover incidents following a rise in the number of rollovers over the past three years.

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WA: Inspection program into warehousing

WorkSafe WA recently announced that it will soon begin a proactive inspection program to look at safety issues in warehouses.

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NSW: Safety warning over caustic chemical skin burns

SafeWork NSW recently issued a safety alert highlighting the risk of severe skin burns that can be caused by caustic chemicals used in restaurants and cafés.

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WA: Renewed focus on recycling industry

WorkSafe WA has renewed calls for safety in the waste recycling industry after several recent serious incidents.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

WA: FQM Australia Nickel fined $40,000 following tank rupture

First Quantum Minerals (FQM) Australia Nickel has been fined $40,000 in Kalgoorlie Magistrates Court in relation to an incident on 14 December 2014 when a ruptured tank spilled approximately two million litres of sulphuric acid slurry at the company’s Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation.

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VIC: Labour hire company convicted after backpacker scalped

A labour hire company that specialises in providing backpacker workers to the fruit packing industry was recently convicted and fined $60,000 over an incident in which a worker was scalped by a conveyor belt.
NSW: Workers exposed to elevated levels of methane

A disruption to the ventilation system in a NSW underground coal mine resulted in potentially explosive levels of methane gas migrating into the longwall return airway while workers remained underground.

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

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INDIVIDUAL SIA MEMBER LOGO – BE A PROUD MEMBER!

You asked for it and we’ve responded! You can now access a digital SIA member logo that can be used as part of your e-signature. Please note that this is the only approved SIA member logo for use by individual members. Click HERE to download the logo (you will need to log in).
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.

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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.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPEAKERS:
25th Annual OHS Visions Conference

The Safety Institute of Australia is pleased to announce the speaking line up for 25th Anniversary Visions Conference, which will be held on 21 – 23 May, 2017 at the Toowoomba City Golf Club.

The two-day conference program will feature a Safety Leadership Masterclass presented by Dr Drew Rae of Griffith University. The program will also showcase some of the Australia’s Health & Safety Industry leaders. Keynote presenters will include:

- Peter Marshall, Central Queensland University
- Keir Beck, Owner & Director of AP8 Action pact Stunts & Rigging, CEO of Live Action Training
- Associate Prof. Geoff Dell, Central Queensland University
- Allan Girle, Partner, HWL Ebsworth
- Tim Gilchrist, Client Partner at GCG Health Safety & Hygiene
- Michelle Oberg, Griffith University
- Jamie McPherson, Workplace Health and Safety Partner at Kaden Boriss Brisbane
- Aaron Anderson, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright Lawyers

Register today for Early Bird Pricing and join us in celebrating the 25th Annual Visions Conference.

For more information about the 2017 Visions Conference Program please visit the conference website.

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,
If your company is already a Corporate Member and you would like to be featured in the e-news, please contact Membership Services for further details. To view our current Corporate Members please click here.

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.
Find Sydney event details HERE.
Find Melbourne event details HERE.
Find Adelaide event details HERE.
Find Brisbane event details 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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