Dear Colleagues,

Last year, our members in regional, rural and remote areas told us we need to create ways to give them more access to CPD and events. To start the ball rolling we created a webinar program. Last year we ran a dozen webinars, and this year we have 28 scheduled already. It will keep growing.

We’re also looking at live streaming of workshops for online participation and we’re...
starting the ball rolling (inspired by a similar event in Perth last year) with a film screening followed by a workshop, entitled Deepwater Horizon Revisited: Investigative Insights, presented with our partners the University of Sydney. Next week these events are on in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Canberra.

We’re thrilled to have Cheryl MacKenzie, The Lead Investigator from the United States Chemical Safety Board and Peter Wilkinson, who provided support to the CSB during the investigation, to shed light on what went wrong in the Gulf of Mexico, and what can be learnt.

To make sure that everyone who wants to will get to see this workshop, we are live-streaming the Adelaide event on 23rd February at 3.00pm ACDT, so that no matter where you are you can join in. (Don’t forget to watch the film first!)

The demand for this event has been extremely high and is booking out in some states. The workshops are almost sold out, so to secure your tickets and attend the event book HERE now.

Or you can simply join us for a live stream of the event on Thursday 23 February 2017. Book HERE.

**AND PS:** Remember, if you’re interested in being part of the SIA and designing what we do, click here to express interest.

Have a great week!

Regards,

David Clarke

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**NEWS & UPDATES**

**What are the 3 big problems with current safety practice?**

There are three big problems with safety practice as it is conducted today, according to Dr Drew Rae, an expert on safety theory and safety engineering practice and manager of Griffith University’s safety science innovation lab.

*Read more...*

**Where companies fall down on mental health in the workplace**

OHS professionals play a key role in the implementation of safety systems, including psychologically safe initiatives, according to a mental health expert, who said OHS needs to take a proactive approach to the issues rather than “waiting for a crisis”.

*Read more...*
Regulator urges stronger focus on intergenerational OHS

Complacency among experienced workers and over-enthusiasm by young workers are major factors in many workplace incidents at this time of year, according to executive director of SafeWork NSW, Peter Dunphy.  

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Working more than 39 hours per week a health risk

Employees who work more than 39 hours a week are putting their health at risk, according to research from The Australian National University (ANU).

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POLICY NEWS

SWA publishes statement on lead in the workplace

Safe Work Australia has published a Decision Regulation Impact Statement (DRIS) on managing risks associated with lead in the workplace: blood lead removal levels and workplace exposure standard.

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NSW: Safety alert issued over unpacking glass and heavy materials

SafeWork NSW recently issued a safety alert reminding workers who unpack glass and heavy materials not to rely on the packaging to support the contents.

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Awareness campaign urges farmers to take up quad bike rebates

SafeWork NSW recently launched an awareness campaign across regional NSW urging farmers to participate in the NSW quad bike safety improvement program.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

Farm business fined $125,000 following quad bike death
A North Queensland farm business which used quad bikes to muster cattle has been fined $125,000 following the 2013 death of a 21-year-old female worker.

Company charged over Southbank crane collapse

WorkSafe Victoria recently charged GC Crane Hire Pty Ltd, trading as General Cranes, with two breaches of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004, following a comprehensive investigation into the crane collapse at 42 Balston St, Southbank in August 2015.

Steel company fined after semi-trailer driver falls while unloading

A steel company has been fined $40,000 for failing to ensure safety after a truck driver fell from his trailer while unloading steel at Pinkenba in 2014.

Plumbing company fined $40,000 for failure to supervise young worker

A plumbing contractor in Brisbane recently pleaded guilty to breaching work health and safety laws after a 15-year-old plumbing apprentice was injured on the job.

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:
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.

Read more...

VISIONS 2017 - CALL FOR SPONSORS

The Safety Institute of Australia invites you to become a sponsor for our 25th Annual Visions Conference, which will be held at the Toowoomba City Golf Club from 21 – 23 May 2017.

The 2017 conference focuses on new ideas and developing trends in work health and safety, and is very much designed to assist in the professional development of OHS professionals. Visions is a unique and important annual event forming part of the broader national conference and events program at the SIA.

Visions 2017 features 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.
The funds provided by this event will be used to extend upon these activities, ensuring that we can all work towards safer and fatality free workplaces.

Your sponsorship will help assure the success of the 2017 Visions Conference. For more information about this exciting event go to www.visions.org.au or download sponsorship prospectus here.

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.

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 Melbourne event details [HERE](#).
Find Adelaide event details [HERE](#).
Find Canberra event details [HERE](#).
Find LIVE stream details [HERE](#).

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