Dear Colleagues,

Do you have a story to tell or expertise you want to share? Any work based research or evaluation which has unearthed new knowledge or ideas? Are you a good public speaker?

We are building a register of people who have subject matter expertise, and who would be interested in presenting at our events. Nationwide, we host over 100 successful events, webinars and conferences each year and this is increasing. Our goal is to ensure that no matter what your role is in health and
safety, there is something for everybody.

If you have expertise you want to share combined with public speaking capability, we’d like to hear from you so that we can assist you to share your knowledge with industry colleagues. I can’t guarantee we can fit everybody in, and certainly not all at once, but we will do our best to look at ways to enable your participation in conferences, webinars, networking events or one of the many other types of events we run. You just might have the knowledge we are looking for!

Click here to register your interest.

Best wishes
Penny Toth
Events Coordinator - Safety Institute of Australia

NEWS & UPDATES

How OHS professionals can stay ahead of the disruption curve

As technology plays a more significant role in disrupting OHS, the challenge for health and safety professionals is to strike a balance between focusing on real OHS issues while benefiting from the efficiencies that that new and improved technologies can bring.

Read more...

Transport, postal and warehousing sector leads workplace fatality list

28 Australian workers have been killed at work in 2017 as of 27 February, according to Safe Work Australia, which found that the transport, postal and warehousing sector has experienced the highest number of work-based fatalities.

Read more...

Call for quad bikes to be banned for anyone under age 16

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) recently called on the NSW Government to ban the use of quad bikes by children, following the latest death of a six year old girl in country NSW.

Read more...

POLICY NEWS
**NSW: Safety focus on Hunter residential construction sector**

SafeWork NSW recently launched a new “TradieSafe” project to help reduce injuries in the Hunter region’s residential construction industry.

*Read more...*

**QLD: Update for recreational diving and snorkelling code of practice**

Queensland’s recreational diving and snorkelling code of practice will be updated by July, following a recent reef safety roundtable in Cairns which was convened following a number of incidents on the reef.

*Read more...*

**WA: Reminder issued over cyanide hazards**

WorkSafe WA recently issued a reminder to employers about the safe handling, storage, disposal, health effects, first aid and safety issues relating to fires involving cyanide.

*Read more...*

**NSW: Quad bike safety rebates doubled**

The NSW Government has doubled the value of rebates available to farmers for quad bike safety measures.

*Read more...*

**INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS**

**QLD: First category 1 prosecution under work safety laws**

Two family-owned businesses and their respective directors have been committed to stand trial following a Workplace Health and Safety Queensland investigation into the death of a 62-year-old roofer.

*Read more...*

**NSW: Transport company fined $220,000 after worker suffers head injuries**

NSW transport company, Tamex Transport Services has been fined $220,000 after a truck driver suffered head and back injuries in an incident at its Beresfield depot in 2014.

*Read more...*

**QLD: 3 prosecutions for WHS Act breaches**

A company was recently fined $120,000 in the Townsville Magistrates Court after a worker sustained fatal head injuries when he was crushed between a tank and a forklift.

**OHS Professional Knowledge Assessment**

SIA have collaborated with the University of Newcastle to offer an assessment in May 2017 to enable OHS professionals to demonstrate their capability. Candidates will undergo an online exam, written assignment and VIVA interview. For more information contact marija@sia.org.au or click HERE.

**Call out to all OHS Speakers!**

Are you an experienced OHS speaker? Do you have specialised knowledge to share with your industry colleagues? Ever thought of participating in an SIA event?

If you have expertise you want to share combined with public speaking capability, we’d like to hear from you so we can assist you to share your knowledge with industry colleagues.

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

**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).

**EARLY BIRD RATES ENDING!**

Early bird rates for Visions 2017 are ending on 31 March! The conference features high level, contemporary keynote speakers who are experts in their field of study,
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. 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.

Call for public comment – live electrical work and work in roof spaces

The WA branch of the SIA is formulating a response, on behalf of its members, to a call for public comment on proposals to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996 and the Electricity (Licensing) Regulations 1991 to prohibit work on energised electrical installations.

Key features of the proposals include:
- a prohibition on conducting electrical installing work on or near an energised electrical installation;
- a general exception where a risk assessment determines there is no reasonable alternative to carrying out the work (e.g. testing the installation, or where there is no alternative means of providing power to life support equipment);
- if work is to be carried out on or near an energised electrical installation, a requirement to complete a safe work method statement and use appropriate personal protective equipment; and
- for any work to be conducted in a roof space of certain domestic dwellings, a requirement for the electrical installation to be de-energised and isolated before entering the roof space.

A draft Code of practice: Work on or near energised electrical Installations & In roof spaces of certain buildings has been prepared to assist people to comply with the proposed new regulations. Anyone with an interest in electrical safety is invited to comment on the proposed amendments to the regulations, or the draft code of practice.

Click [HERE](https://sia.org.au/news/newsletters/issue-289-ohs-professional) for more information

**MEMBERS MUST SEND THEIR COMMENTS TO wabranch@sia.org.au BY NO LATER THAN COB TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017 (WA TIME).** Please do not send your comments to the email in the link above as the WA branch will not receive them.

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