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It's your turn: You speak, we listen.

Dear Colleagues,

Last year, as part of a new initiative, we issued our first annual survey for members. Many changes have been made at the Institute over the past twelve months as a result of this survey including: increased webinars and online services for regional members, a review and change to certification and also a reduction in the costs of events.

You received an email on Tuesday last week from *Survey Matters* inviting you to participate in our annual member survey. SIA is your professional association. Tell us what you think so we can keep working on shaping the institute to meet your needs.

The survey takes around ten minutes to complete. In return, my promise is that we will read and consider every comment you make and actively respond to the overall data we get.

Please take just ten minutes from your day to complete. Thanks to you all!

Have a great Easter!

Dave



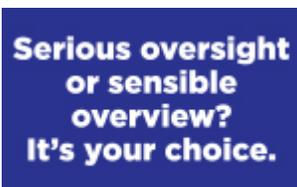
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TASMANIAN SAFETY SYMPOSIUM
Thursday 18 May 2017



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NEWS & UPDATES

How OHS leaders can increase their influence and authority

While OHS leaders have traditionally focused on formal hierarchies and processes to enable safety decision making, a greater opportunity to influence safety outcomes lies within organisations' informal social systems, according to David Provan, general manager health, safety and environment for Origin Energy.

[Read more...](#)

Making the shift from traditional OHS to appreciative safety

While many organisations have seen safety records improve in a bid to reduce and eliminate injuries, incidents and illnesses in the workplace, there are several problematic side effects with traditional approaches to safety, according to an expert in "appreciative safety".

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How to reduce muscle strains through minimising stress

Exposure to both physical and psychosocial work risk factors increase the risk of a worker reporting musculoskeletal symptoms, according to Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, which said that effective prevention and management of musculoskeletal disorders involves exploring work tasks and how they are performed.

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POLICY NEWS

Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy review launched

Safe Work Australia recently commenced the mid-term review of the Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012–2022, due to be completed by the end of 2017.

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NEW

**Process
Safety
Chapters**

Webinar

April 26 | 2:30pm

Register Now



QLD: Audit of work health and safety laws underway

The Queensland Government recently launched an audit of work health and safety laws, procedures and policing, following the appointment of Tim Lyons as the independent reviewer.

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NSW: Asbestos assessments on flood damaged properties fast-tracked

SafeWork NSW is waiving the five-day asbestos removal work notification period to allow immediate clean-up of asbestos debris from storm-damaged properties in northeast NSW.

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QLD: Campaign to install safety switches for circuits

The Queensland Government recently launched a safety campaign to encourage the installation of safety switches on all electrical circuits.

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SA: Safety campaign to reduce injuries in agriculture

SafeWork SA recently conducted a safety campaign with Primary Producers SA to reduce injuries in the agriculture sector through a series of farm safety workshops designed to address key work safety concerns.

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WA: Safety warning issued for scaffolding shortfalls

WorkSafe WA recently issued a safety warning after it has seen scaffolding where damaged components and unsafe practices were used in the erection of the scaffold.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

NSW: \$250,000 fine for work experience injury

A Coffs Harbour manufacturing business has been fined \$250,000 after a 17-year-old work experience student was injured in August 2014.

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VIC: Farmer crushed in tip truck incident

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A farmer in Victoria has recently died after the tipper trailer he was operating collapsed and crushed the cabin of his prime mover.

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QLD: Warning to avoid Brisbane asbestos testing company

Businesses which need asbestos testing services have been told to avoid using Brisbane company Asbestos Audit Pty Ltd, which is being investigated by the Queensland Office of Fair Trading.

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OHS Body of Knowledge - New Chapter Launch

We are pleased to announce the upcoming launch of newly developed OHS Body of Knowledge Chapters which will focus on Process Safety. To introduce the OH&S community to the newly developed content, we are hosting a one hour webinar titled, "Introduction to Process Safety".

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar and find out more about the BoK Process Safety Chapter.

Update Your Profile Today!

When was the last time you logged in to your SIA Member profile online? If it's been a while, or if you have never accessed your profile, you are missing out on some very valuable Members-only resources.

Update your SIA profile today to enjoy unlimited access to the many benefits of SIA Membership.



Two Months FREE Membership!

Do you know a friend or colleague who would like to join SIA?

Any new signups in April and June this year will receive free membership for the first two months in addition to their annual

membership entitlements for
the 2017/2018 financial year.

Victorian Members - EOI's

Thanks to all those who submitted their interest to do some work in the national office.

We had a great response and are pleased to announce the position has now been filled.

Thanks to everyone who responded.



TASMANIAN SAFETY SYMPOSIUM



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TODAY

TUESDAY 18 MAY 2017 | TASMANIAN HOCKEY CENTRE

Tasmanian Safety Symposium

The Tasmanian Symposium speakers have been confirmed! Register [HERE](#) now to secure your place.

Speakers will include:

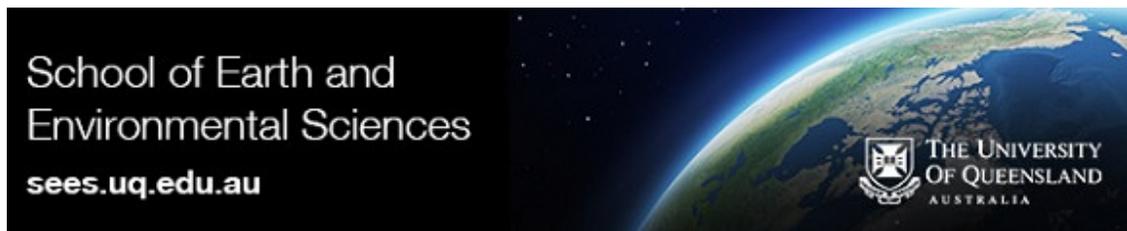
Michael Tooma - Michael is the Global Head of Clyde & Co's OHS practice. He has written and lectured extensively on OHS law and is the author or co-author of over 20 books.

Marissa Dreher - Director of Dreher Legal, Marissa has acted for local, national and international companies at both state and federal levels regarding OHS matters.

Peter Wilkinson - With over 27 years OHS working experience under his belt, Peter now works as a consultant in enterprise risk management for high risk industries.

David Dilger - David combines his technical legal expertise in industrial relations and safety with a wealth of practical general workplace relations experience achieved in a number of senior executive management roles.

Read more [HERE](#)



Are you interested in having a University of Queensland OHS student tackle an industry based research project?

Masters of Occupational Health and Safety Science students from the University of Queensland undertake a significant industry based OHS project (240 hours). The research can be either practical or systems based, whichever is more beneficial to your organisation. Students are guided by an academic supervisor and insurance is covered by the University, when the student is working in an unpaid capacity.

If you are interested in hosting a student commencing in July 2017, please contact:

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Senior Lecturer
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Email: c.madigan1@uq.edu.au

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

19 April	Art of Work - Safety Differently - Sydney
20 April	Art of Work - Appreciative Investigation Masterclass
26 April	SIA QLD - Young Safety Professionals Network 2017
26 April	SIA - Introduction to Process Safety
28 April	SIA - WA - Injury Alarm Workshop
2 May	Communication Excellence Workshop 2017
3 May	SIA NT - OHS Breakfast Seminar
4 May	SIA VIC - Young Safety Professionals Meet Up
12 May	SIA Sunshine Coast - OHS Seminar
18 May	SIA Brisbane - May OHS Seminar
18 May	Tasmanian Safety Symposium and Trade Show 2017
19 May	SIA Gold Coast - May OHS Seminar
21 May	Visions Conference 2017

Click [HERE](#) for a full list of events being held near you.

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**.



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