I’d like to refer you to two important matters relating to issues which have a direct impact on the health and safety of Australian workers.

**VET WHS training**

After a significant amount of advocacy by the Institute over an extended period, in an area which many felt was not able to be influenced, I’m pleased to report the government’s decision to fund a priority review of WHS training packages. The SIA and others including health and safety people within industry will be on the technical panel responsible for the review. See the press release here. This is an important step to building stronger quality education content, based on industry needs, to better prepare health and safety people for the demands of their roles.

**Quad Bikes**
I draw your attention to the release of an important piece of research on Quad bike safety, which explored whether quad bike roll bars actually cause injury – an assertion which has complicated the quad bike debate. You can read the report here. As the single greatest killer of people in Australian workplaces, the issue of quadbikes is both controversial and political, but the Institute believes that the health and safety profession has a positive and unique contribution to make to the discussion, and as a result I will soon be inviting members input to developing our message.

Our advocacy work is growing.

Have great week.

David Clarke
CEO - The Safety Institute of Australia

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Membership Renewals Due by End June!

Last week we told you about some new technology coming into place shortly. Just a reminder that we’ll be sending out an email to all members next week asking you to undertake two steps on the new platform:

1) Change your password to access the new Membership Portal; and
2) Renew your membership

The email you receive will explain this process in more detail. If you experience any difficulties, please feel free to give us a call on 03 8336 1995.

Health and Safety Sector Communique

A media release was issued on the 31st May from our CEO advising that the SIA is no longer associated with the conference/exhibition provider Informa, or with Safety in Action events.

As part of concluding of this agreement, Informa retains the Safety in Action brand, and continues to use it for its own conferences and exhibitions. Please note these are not SIA events.
Edith Cowan University
OHS Research Day

Edith Cowan University (ECU) are planning a research day on 27 July. Several of the research teams will be presenting short summaries of their research into Occupational Health and Safety, and Environmental Health. All welcome!

Click here for the Presentation Schedule

Please RSVP to Kaye Bell kaye.bell@ecu.edu.au if you'd like to attend.

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Featured Events

- **8 June Thur**: SIA Webinar
  Injury Management - Online

- **13 June Tues**: The Great Debate
  Bar 399 - Perth

- **19 June Mon**: Art of Work - Master Class
  Perth - TBC

- **5 July Weds**: SIA Legal Webinar Series
  Intro to OHS Law - Online

- **2 Aug Weds**: SIA Webinar
  Personal Injury - Online

- **17 Aug Thurs**: Brisbane OHS Seminar
  Brisbane Windsor, Bryden St

- **18 Aug Fri**: Gold Coast OHS Seminar
  Gold Coast

- **29 Aug Tues**: Victorian Safety Conference
  Victoria University

Click HERE for full details and to register for these Events
NEWS AND UPDATES

How to lead safety on an Antarctic research expedition

Creating a culture of safety leadership, and not simply safety compliance, was critical to the safe success of the 58th Australian national Antarctic research expedition.

Zero fatalities/major injuries in offshore oil & gas

2016 was the first year that no fatalities or major injuries were reported in the offshore oil and gas industry since the establishment of a national safety regulator for the sector in 2005.

Tradies busted cleaning asbestos roofs with water blasters

SafeWork NSW has issued a warning to tradies and homeowners after high pressure water blasters were used to clean asbestos roofs.

VIC: warning over carbon monoxide and LPG-powered floor cleaning equipment

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert for employers highlighting the risk of employees being over-exposed to carbon monoxide.

WorkSafe WA recently issued a safety alert

Reminder over placarding requirements for

NT: fishing company charged over 2013
VIC: worker dies after 4.3m fall from ladder

NSW: spate of incidents leads to safety call for tree electrocution