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"AND THE SURVEY SAID..."

This year 882 members completed our annual member survey, which included 2423 written comments within the survey responses. This is a fantastic result, and I thank all of you. In response, we will act on what you tell us.

You can find the full report of the survey [here](#), which includes a summary of last year's issues and what actions we have taken since.

Have a great week.

David Clarke

CEO

LATEST NEWS

- [Investing in WHS: how much is it worth?](#)

Are you planning an intervention to address workplace health and safety risks in the next 6 months? Or have you recently implemented a WHS intervention? If so, this is the ideal opportunity to calculate your return on investment.

Together, Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) and The University of Queensland are conducting a research project looking at the return on investment of workplace health and safety interventions.

The project aims to:

- determine the value and usability of the WHSQ return on investment calculator, and
- determine the return on investment from implementing health and safety interventions in medium to large sized businesses, e.g. implementing a health and safety management system, installing hydraulic lifting devices, building an on-site gym.

Get a cost benefit justification for your intervention and get involved soon to be eligible for a free seat at Workplace Health and Safety Queensland's 2017 [Musculoskeletal Disorder Symposium](#) on 17-18 July, worth up to \$200.

If you would like to participate or require further information about this project, please contact the research investigator Olivia Yu at o.yu@uq.edu.au or 0401 684 311.

- [Call for SIA Director Nominations](#)

The SIA Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 29 August, at the Victoria University City Convention Centre, Level 12, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne commencing at 5.00 pm (AEST) and accordingly nominations are open for election as a Director of the SIA Board. [< READ MORE >](#)

- [6 keys to making complex safety simple](#)

There are six important factors safety leaders should consider in simplifying complexity and making OHS initiatives more engaging, according to an expert in strategy and process simplicity. [< READ MORE >](#)

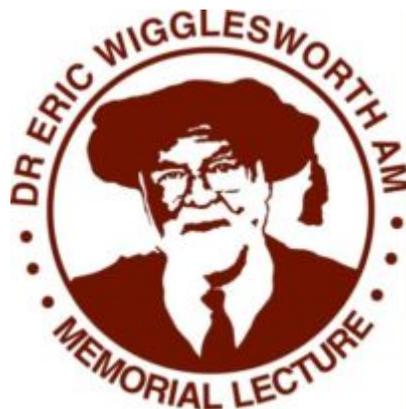
- [Court decision closes right of entry access through OHS loophole](#)

The Full Federal Court recently ruled that union officials must hold a valid entry permit under the *Fair Work Act* to enter premises under Victoria's *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (State OHS Act)*. [< READ MORE >](#)

- [Quad bikes' "very small margin of tolerance for rider error"](#)

One in two quad bike riders have crashed and about two-thirds of crashes involved rollovers, putting riders at risk of serious chest injury and asphyxiation, according to a UNSW study of quad bike safety. [< READ MORE >](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



WIGGLESWORTH MEMORIAL LECTURE

Presented by International Keynote speaker and best selling author Rachel Robertson, this year's lecture will be held on **Tuesday 29 August 2017** and will be entitled ***Remote & Dangerous: Practical tools for increased safety leadership.*** [< REGISTER HERE >](#)



EARLY BIRD PRICES END 30 JUNE 2017

The 2017 SIA Victorian Safety conference will provide delegates with practical, take-home strategies to add tangible value to their organisations' systems and outcomes.

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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST...

- 30 Aug - YSP WA - Like minded catch up
- 4 July - Art of Work - Appreciative Investigations - Brisbane
- 5 July - [SIA Legal Webinar Series: Introduction to OHS Law...](#)
- 6 July - SIA VIC - Young Safety Professionals Meet Up
- 19 July - Webinar: Overview of promoting a return to work culture
- 19 July - SIA SA - Barossa Winery Site Visit

INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS



[VIC: vegie business hit with \\$107,933 fine over safety breaches](#)



[WA: Avoca Mining fined \\$20,000 for explosives charges](#)

A major Gippsland company specialising in vegetable growing, processing and distribution was convicted and fined \$85,000 for two separate incidents in which one worker was run over by a tractor attachment and another fell into an uncovered drainage pit. [< READ MORE >](#)

Avoca Mining was recently fined \$20,000 in Kalgoorlie Magistrates Court after pleading guilty to four charges related to the secure storage of explosives.

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POLICY NEWS



NSW: SafeWork blitz on food industry

SafeWork NSW has announced a safety blitz of restaurants, cafes and bakeries using LPG cylinders after a Marrickville baker was critically injured in a recent incident.

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QLD: stronger workers' comp protections sought for black lung workers

The Queensland Government is seeking stronger workers' compensation protections for workers with black lung and associated dust diseases.

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MORE POLICY NEWS...

VIC: guide to new OHS regulations released

WorkSafe Victoria recently released a comprehensive guide to Victoria's

ACT: government to stay in Comcare scheme

The ACT Government recently announced that it will remain in the federal workers' compensation scheme . [<READ MORE>](#)

QLD: safety alert over enriched air nitrox compressor systems

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland recently issued a safety alert highlighting the dangers associated with the production of Nitrox, including the oxygen stick method. [<READ MORE>](#)



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