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### **YOUR CHANCE TO LEAD!**

Dear Colleagues,

Amongst the many leadership roles at the SIA are directorships of the board, which is responsible for the governance of the Institute, including setting the strategic priorities and focus of our work.

Nine of twelve positions on the SIA board are elected from the membership - each year, three positions are available for three year terms.

Nominations for the board close **Friday week 14<sup>th</sup> July**. If you are interested in throwing your hat in the ring, [click here](#).

Have great week.

David Clarke,  
CEO, Safety Institute of Australia



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## LATEST NEWS

### **A smarter approach to managing workplace conflicts**

The most common problem with existing approaches to managing workplace conflict is that none of the usual solutions, such as investigations and formal grievance procedures, are actually focused on proactively resolving the situation, according to a legal expert in the area.

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### **UK Government urged to end health and safety deregulation following Grenfell Tower blaze**

The UK Government has been urged to scrap its approach to deregulation of health and safety legislation following the Grenfell Tower blaze.

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### **NSW: construction industry safety crackdown**

SafeWork NSW recently announced a safety crackdown on the construction industry, following a recent spike in serious injuries to workers on Sydney building sites.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



## SIA WOMEN IN SAFETY & HEALTH

### SIA Women is Safety & Health Network Launch

The SIA's Women in Safety & Health Network (WISH) will launch across the nation between 31st July & 4 August 2017. We invite you to joins in a glass of wine, some canapés and of course the ambition plan to create mentoring relationships between attendees and H&S mentors!

[Find out more...](#)



### Early Bird Rates End 28 July 2017

The 2017 Sydney Safety Symposium will be held on *Friday 29 September 2017* at Mercure Sydney International Airport.

The conference theme: **Safety Starts with You**, this one day conference will provide an excellent opportunity for attendees to hear the latest thoughts on developing the safety professional.

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## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST...

- 19 July - Webinar: Overview of promoting a return to work culture
- 19 July - SIA SA - Barossa Winery Site Visit
- 20 July - Art of Work - Enabling Leadership Master Class - Sydney
- 8 Aug - SIA Webinar: Understanding the Personal & Disability Management Industries
- 17 Aug - SIA Brisbane OHS Network Seminar
- 17 Aug - SIA Legal Webinar: Introduction to OHS Law in Australia
- 29 Aug - 2017 Wigglesworth Memorial Lecture & Dinner

## INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS



### NSW: Construction company fined \$90,000 after worker's skull pierced by steel bar

A Sydney construction company has been fined \$90,000 over an incident in 2013 where an 18 year old worker's skull was pierced by a steel reo bar that flew into the cabin of the excavator he was operating.

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### Demolition company fined \$25,000 over live power line incident

A Victorian demolition company was convicted and fined \$25,000 over an incident at Phillip Island in which an excavator pulling down a house collided with live overhead power lines.

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## VICTORIAN SAFETY CONFERENCE 2017

29-30 August 2017 | City Convention Centre, Melbourne



**REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN**

## MORE INCIDENTS AND PROSECUTIONS...

### **VIC: employers urged to remain vigilant after 4 fatalities in 2 weeks**

A stablehand in her late 40s recently died after falling from a horse during a training session at Bendigo Jockey Club.

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## POLICY NEWS



### [NSW to implement quad bike safety project](#)

A new research project which aims to reduce the high rates of injury on farms has been announced by the NSW Government, to better understand attitudes and behaviours around quad bikes and their use.

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### [VIC: safety alert issued over use of glass in workplaces providing childcare services](#)

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert that provides guidance to people with management or control of workplaces in the children service's sector about controlling risks associated with glass panels breaking from human impact.

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## MORE POLICY NEWS...

### [QLD: safety warning over stability of stacked material](#)

WorkSafe Victoria recently released a comprehensive guide to Victoria's new Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017.

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### [NSW: Safety warning over non-compliant gas monitors](#)

NSW's chief inspector of mines recently issued a safety alert about a gas monitor that is in use with a modification that is not compliant with the design registration.

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