The cost of inaction.

This week is Farm Safety Week. Think about it. Australian farmers and their family members die and are seriously injured on farms – with quad bikes the main culprit - at appalling rates. Not to mention the additional non-work related recreational injuries and deaths to family members. This should have been driving urgent and significant changes from our government, regulators, the industry and its leaders, our own professions, farmers and farming leadership bodies to take urgent action and make significant investment. But it’s being going on for years. Why?

Also in this edition, managing psychosocial hazards and risks is now a common part of the role for our profession. Read about where companies are falling down in this area. What can you learn from that?

Have a great week.
David Clarke, CEO

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INDUSTRY NEWS
Where do companies fall down in managing critical psychosocial risks?

While progress has been made in managing critical psychosocial risks in recent years, there is still much room for improvement when it comes to managing these risks in most organisations, according to EY.

What is the real impact of LED and blue light on health and safety?

There are two different blue light issues which have implications for health, safety and productivity in workplaces, according to an expert in the area.

7 common workplace practices that put employee safety at risk

There are a number of commonly overlooked workplace practices which are putting the health and safety of employees at risk, according to SAI Global.

6 mine sites issued with urgent prohibition notices in compliance blitz

The NSW Resources Regulator recently conducted a state-wide compliance blitz of 112 unannounced inspections at coal, metalliferous and quarrying operations across the state.
AIHS welcomes #farmsafetyweek2019
Read our interview with Farmsafe and the National Farmers Federation on the industry, the use of technology on-farm and how we can support positive mental health in remote farming communities.
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POLICY & LEGISLATION

WA: spotlight on commercial vehicle driver safety
WorkSafe WA is conducting a proactive inspection program to look at safety issues for commercial vehicle drivers.
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SA: safety alert issued over hot cutting and container modifications
SafeWork SA recently issued a safety alert following an incident in which a worker sustained serious burns whilst using oxy-acetylene cutting equipment to cut a steel drum which previously contained flammable liquid.
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NSW: warning issued over safety critical system failures on mining vehicles

The NSW Resources Regulator recently issued a safety bulletin following repeated incidents involving the failure of safety critical systems on mobile plant.

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WA: inspection program in scientific testing workplaces

WorkSafe WA recently conducted an inspection program examining safety in workplaces where scientific testing takes place.

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AIHS EVENTS

TASMANIAN SAFETY SYMPOSIUM & TRADE SHOW

Thursday 26 September 2019
Tasmanian Hockey Centre

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Tasmanian Safety Symposium & Trade Show 2019

The 2019 symposium and trade show will provide health & safety professionals with access to Australia's leading WHS professionals, researchers and legal minds. It will showcase contemporary trends and emerging issues that will challenge the way you look at traditional safety leadership and compliance. The trade show will expose you to Tasmania's leading safety suppliers and vendors, who share the Institute's vision.

Register here

AIHS NSW Safety Symposium 2019

The NSW Branch Committee of the Australian Institute of Health & Safety is pleased to announce the 2019 AIHS NSW Safety Symposium will be held on Thursday 12 September. This year’s event is titled ‘Safety Leadership: the art of letting go’.

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INCIDENTS AND PROSECUTIONS
Foundry fined $650,000 after metal casting kills worker

A foundry and metal casting business in Victoria has been convicted and fined $650,000 following the death of an employee at the company's Wodonga foundry.

Read full story

Training organisation fined $200,000 for fraud

An occupational health and safety training organisation has been convicted and fined $200,000 for falsifying scaffolding and forklift training records, while an assessor employed by the company has also been fined $25,000 without conviction.

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Fines of $150,000 imposed after deadly duck farm fall

The trustee of a duck farm operator and a maintenance contractor have each been fined $75,000 following the death of a worker at a property near Nhill in Victoria.

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Company and director fined for obstructing WorkSafe investigation

A labour hire company and company director were both convicted and fined a total of $13,000 recently in the Darwin Local Court, after pleading guilty to breaching Section 155 (5) of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011.

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