After #SAFETYSCAPE, what’s next?... everything.

We’ve just completed the second annual #SAFETYSCAPE national convention, embodying the broad range of people and ideas that make up the health and safety community. Since then, we’ve signed an MOU with the New Zealand Institute of Safety Management to share resources to expand our mutual member services. We have submitted our contribution to the Victorian Government's consultation on Industrial Manslaughter laws, and we’ve been working on a new Safety Leadership Program which focuses on building business and leadership capability for the profession. There are so many opportunities for the profession to grow now, building our voice and our collective capability– and it’s all there in front of us to get to work on.

One important area where we need to be thinking ahead is in psychological health, and in this edition Rachael Potter discusses what she sees as gaps in national policy in this area.

Enjoy the read and have a great week.

David Clarke, CEO

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LATEST NEWS
Where are the psychological health and safety policy gaps?

While there has been an increased focus on psychological health and safety at both the organisational and governmental levels, there are still significant gaps and more needs to be done from a regulatory and policy perspective, according to an expert in the area.

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Resources regulator urges dust health checks for coal mine workers

Current and former coal mine workers should maintain regular health screening, according to the NSW Resources Regulator, which recently released the findings of an investigation into a former coal mine worker diagnosed with a mixed dust disease in 2017.

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Heavy workloads impacting collegial connections & workplace mental health

Organisations need to do more to ensure workplaces colleagues feel connected, according to a recent research report, which

Revised standard for drug testing in saliva published

A revised standard for drug testing in saliva has recently been published with a view to improving onsite drug testing across several
found that this is an important element in improving workplace psychological safety.

sectors of the economy, according to Standards Australia.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Victorian Safety Symposium

The Victorian Branch Committee of the Safety Institute of Australia is pleased to announce the 2019 SIA Victorian Safety Symposium will be held in Melbourne on Thursday 5 September, this year’s event is titled ‘Mission Critical: Focusing on what matters’.

2019 Visions Conference QLD

The Visions Conference has been run for the past 26 years by the Queensland Division of the Safety Institute of Australia for the benefit of its members and everyone in the Safety Community.
CALL FOR SPEAKERS
We are pleased to invite expressions of interest to present from:

- OHS practitioners and professionals
- academics and researchers
- industry and workplace managers

Read more about the related topics and questions we are looking to cover here.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Sponsorship opportunities are now available! To find out more download the sponsorship prospectus or contact events@sia.org.au.

EVENT DETAILS
Date: Thursday 5 September 2019
Time: 9.00 am - 5:00pm
Venue: Victoria University, City Convention Centre, Level 12, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000
Costs: Click here to view the full list of registration options.

They provide an avenue for developing connections and friendships within the Safety community that will last a lifetime.

This year at the Visions Conference we have a number of thought-leaders speaking as part of the program including: Aaron Anderson, Linda Colley, Andrew Barrett, Linda Ray and many more! View the full list of speakers here.

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POLICY & LEGISLATION
Safety alert issued over hazards of using load skates

NT WorkSafe recently issued a safety alert highlighting the risk of serious injury or death when using load skates – also referred to as machine or machinery skates, load trollies, heavy load dollies and load rollers – to move top-heavy loads.

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Safety warning over falls from fixed ladders with cages

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland recently issued a safety alert highlighting the risk of falling from a fixed caged ladder and over landing guardrails.

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New farm safety guide launched in NSW

A new A-Z Farm Safety Guide designed to help farmers improve health and safety across

Alert issued after worker’s legs crushed by reversing forklift

Workplace Health & Safety Queensland recently issued an alert after a worker’s legs were severely crushed when he was struck by
their operations was recently launched in Central West NSW.

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a reversing forklift in the loading bay of a timber factory.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

Apartment developer fined $80,000 for unsafe worksites

A residential apartment developer in Victoria has been fined $80,000 after WorkSafe inspectors detected multiple safety breaches at two construction sites in Melbourne’s eastern suburbs.

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Electrician suffers 1000V electric shock and burns

WA's Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety recently issued a significant incident report over an incident in which an electrician was injured by a 1000V electric shock.

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Moolarben coal operators face court after dangerous shot firing incident

Moolarben Coal Operations and one of its former contract workers have been taken to court by the NSW Resources Regulator for alleged contraventions of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 in relation to a dangerous shot firing incident at the Moolarben Coal Mine near Mudgee.

Worker dies after being trapped in conveyor

A worker was fatally injured after becoming trapped in a conveyor belt system at a recycling facility in Queensland.

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