Much, much more than COVID-19

It’s already recognised in healthcare that the focus on COVID-19 is resulting in the emergence of other health issues unaddressed. Health and safety issues often occur when the focus is on something else – so it’s important that we make sure COVID-19 doesn’t create that dynamic in Australian workplaces.

In the next month, we’re running two major events that are about so much more than COVID-19, and I want you to join us. Just to make it more interesting, it’s all part of the great online experiment that the Institute and profession are embarking on:

The Australian Workplace Health & Safety Awards, with a series of webinars run through next week, will celebrate and acknowledge the excellence of individuals and organisations achieving things in health and safety. There are some incredibly interesting interviews with our winners, and you get to be part of it. Register here.

The AIHS National Health & Safety Conference: Power & Politics is online. What a great program. Amongst the bells and whistles we’re trying for the first time (like virtual exhibition spaces from our corporate sponsors and virtual cafes) we have more than 60 high-level presentations for the profession to explore at a very low registration rate. You can cherry pick what you want to watch live (and be part of the Q & A), and you can take your time over the ensuing weeks and months to check out every presentation. Take a look at the program and register here.

Have a great week.
David Clarke

INDUSTRY NEWS
The Neuroscience Of Getting People To Speak Up For Safety

Organisations need to make a distinction between safety leadership and general leadership if they are to genuinely influence worker behaviour and encourage employees to “speak up for safety”, according to Lloyd D’Castro, psychologist and managing director, of Working Life – People Solutions.

Practical steps for following the 10 COVID-19 safe workplace principles

In following Safe Work Australia’s 10 national COVID-19 safe workplace principles, there are a number of practical steps employers should follow to assist with a safe return-to-work process.

How OHS can help protect workers under multiple PCBUs

When it comes to contractor management with multiple PCBUs, one of the most common problems is confusion about how to manage this responsibility between the PCBUs, according to an expert in the field.

SafeWork SA inspectors contacting employers about COVID-19

SafeWork SA recently announced that its inspectors will be contacting employers to provide guidance and support on how to maintain their work health and safety responsibilities in line with COVID-19 advice, including help to manage the health and wellbeing of their workers.
Safety warning over clearing metal tramp blockages in cone crushers

SafeWork SA recently issued a safety alert reminding businesses to ensure safe systems of work are in place when using and maintaining crushing plant following a fatal injury when attempting to clear a metal tramp blockage in a cone crusher located in a quarry.

Safety alert issued after employee crushed by stone slabs in shipping container

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert about the dangers associated with unloading objects from shipping containers, following a recent incident where an employee was crushed and killed unloading stone slabs.
Safety alert issued over selection and use of flexible hose assemblies

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert about the risks associated with using unsuitable flexible hose assemblies at dangerous goods facilities.

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NT: guidance released for workplace road safety improvements

The Northern Territory’s Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) recently released a number of resources to help organisations improve their workplace road safety.

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AIHS Service Award nominations are open!

The AIHS Service Award is to recognise AIHS members contribution to the AIHS and particularly their local Branch, and other networks that the Institute facilitates.

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Key Facts About Facemasks, Respirators And COVID-19 Protection

Roland Tan (FAIHS/ChOHSP) writes about the differences between facemasks and respirators and the level of protection they offer.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Join us from Monday 22 June - Wednesday 24 June 2020 for the AIHS National Health & Safety Conference: Power & Politics. Due to the restrictions surrounding COVID-19, we have decided to present this year’s conference as a virtual event. The program will showcase some of the best national and international speakers and will provide a platform for stakeholders across various industries and disciplines to reconnect with the purpose, contributions and the stewardship associated with being a health and safety professional. Attendees wishing to register for the conference have the opportunity to purchase access to individual streams or the entire program.

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INCIDENTS AND PROSECUTIONS
$100,000 fine for nitrous oxide mix-up fatality and serious injury

A hospital employee was recently convicted and fined $100,000 after pleading guilty to a breach of the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 after the death of one baby and serious injury of another at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital in 2016.

Contractor fined $11,000 over telehandler incident

An equipment contractor was recently fined $11,000 in the Esperance Magistrates Court for failing to provide a safe working environment after a telehandler rolled over and endangered two workers he was supervising.

Hazelwood Power fined $1.56 million over mine fire

The operator of Hazelwood mine in Victoria has been fined a total of $1.56 million for breaches of the Occupational Health and Safety Act after a major fire that burned for several weeks in 2014.

Engineering company fined $200,000 over dangerous demolition advice

An engineering company in NSW has been fined $200,000 following the dangerous and unplanned collapse of the former Sydney Entertainment Centre’s roof during demolition.