Thinking Forward

Welcome to our new look fortnightly eNews. In this edition, futurist David Wild talks about the changing demands of work in the age of disruption, and not waiting for change before acting.

This is what we do at the Institute. Each year the profession elects three health and safety people to the Board for three year terms. One of the most important aspects of governance is being part of the Board’s annual review of our strategic plan. We don’t wait for the future to happen, we do some forward thinking to ensure we’re there when the future arrives.

Who would you like to see in the leadership group for that planning, and to lead our governance? Board nominations close next week on 19 July. We will publish board member statements and voting details on 29 July. Keep your eye out so you can be part of
the democratic process that ensures the Institute is all about the profession, working for itself and planning its own future.

Have a great week.
David Clarke, CEO

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**INDUSTRY NEWS**

The future of OHS and how to meet the changing demands of business

Over the coming years there will be a shift in balance from designing environmental controls for avoiding risks, to increasingly designing methods for more safely engaging in potentially risky situations as well, according to futurist Dave Wild.

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Queensland starts first dust-related disease register

Doctors who are specialists in occupational and respiratory medicine are required to report cases of occupational dust lung diseases to the Queensland Health Notifiable Dust Lung Disease Register from 1 July 2019.

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Regulator issues 980 improvement notices under machine repair safety inspection program

WorkSafe WA recently conducted a proactive safety inspection program of workplaces where machinery and equipment are repaired has uncovered concerns with hazardous substances, mobile plant and emergency procedures.

Call for more automated external defibrillators in the workplace

WorkSafe Victoria recently urged employers to consider installing automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and published new guidance on their use in the workplace on its website.

Safe Work Australia calls for feedback on WHS law review

Safe Work Australia recently invited feedback on

Safety alert highlights need for rigorous inspection and testing of amusement rides
the recommendations of the independent review of the model Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws conducted by Marie Boland in 2018.

NT WorkSafe recently issued a safety alert highlighting the risk of serious injury or death if amusement rides or devices are not inspected and tested to the appropriate standard.

Safety warning after farmer killed when tractor attachment point fails

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert highlighting the danger of farmers being killed or seriously injured if a tractor attachment point or linkage fails when it is supporting heavy farming equipment.

Safety alert issued after second fatal incident involving a bogged vehicle

WorkSafe WA recently issued a safety alert following an incident in which a worker was killed trying to recover a vehicle that had become bogged.
AIHS Victorian Safety Symposium 2019

The 2019 AIHS Victorian Safety Symposium will be held in Melbourne on Thursday 5 September, this year’s event is titled ‘Mission Critical: Focusing on what matters’. Join us to hear from thought leaders in varying sectors of the profession including ‘10 Pathways to Death & Disaster’ author Michael Quinlan.

Register here

AIHS Perth Safety Symposium 2019

Join us for an engaging, entertaining and fast paced 2019 AIHS Perth Safety Symposium. Each presentation providing informative, practically applicable concepts, grounded in real world proven research. The event is designed to challenge each attendee to open their mind and expand their ‘toolbox’ when preparing to manage workplace health and safety risk into and beyond 2020.

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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- 17 July  NSW Central Coast Safety Group Meeting
- 17 July  AIHS Webinar: Blue Light and LED – Fact or Fake News?
- 17 July  WA Young Safety Professional Meet Up
- 17 July  WA Goldfields Regional Network
- 18 July  North West Sydney Group meeting July
- 18 July  NSW Christmas in July 2019
- 25 July  Brisbane Mid-Year Networking Event
- 26 July  VIC VIOSH 40th Anniversary WHS Research Symposium
- 30 July  Webinar: The Grad to Certified Process
- 31 July  SA ‘Future Proof’ - Careers Expo with AiHS and Zenergy

INCIDENTS AND PROSECUTIONS
QLD meat processing company fined $90,000 over amputation incident

A recent ruling in the Maryborough Magistrates Court has reaffirmed that employers must provide young workers with appropriate training and not direct them to perform work above their skills and ability.

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Alice Springs fuel company charged over truck driver's death

NT WorkSafe recently charged Alice Springs fuel distribution company Indervon over the death of a 51-year-old fuel truck driver in 2017.

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4 charges laid over fatal fall of teenager at construction site

WorkSafe WA is prosecuting four parties over the death of 17-year-old Wesley Ballantine, who fell through a void in the roof of an internal atrium at the old GPO building in Forrest Place during a construction project in 2017.

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QLD worker injured by falling piling rig component

A worker in Queensland recently suffered serious crush injuries to his legs and head lacerations when part of a drill head on a piling rig fell on him.

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