Health and Safety Leadership in action

We recently announced that voting is now open for the annual Board elections for the Institute. The Board is made up of nine member-elected positions, two Independent Director positions, and the Chair of the College of Fellows sits ex-officio on the Board. The Board of the Institute embodies who we are: the health and safety profession, leading the profession. They set our strategic direction, leading our work to build a strong, relevant, forward-thinking organisation that progresses our vision for safe and healthy people in productive workplaces and communities. The work never stops, and the leadership energy must always be there.

This year we have an exceptional field of twelve candidates for only three positions, which is a testimony to the recent work of the Board and our progress.

You can read about each person, and what they say about their candidacy here, and from Monday you can hear an interview with the candidates here. Then, you can vote for your three chosen candidates here.

By having your say, you’re helping to decide our collective future.

Have a great week.
David Clarke, CEO

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INDUSTRY NEWS

How to get the most value out of critical risk investigations

Thorough investigation of an accident or other high potential or “near miss” incident can provide a great deal of information about how and why it occurred — and what can be done to more reliably reduce risk in the future, according to Kym Bills, Chair of the College of Fellows and Board Member at Australian Institute of Health and Safety.

ACSI calls for better workplace safety reporting from ASX companies

There are some glaring gaps when it comes to safety reporting by Australian listed companies and action is required to improve the level of safety data collection and reporting, according to the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors (ACSI).

State Governments take action on high-risk cladding

The Victorian Government is establishing a world-first program to tackle high-risk cladding through by way of a $600 million package to fix buildings with combustible cladding.

Sound advice for workers low on sleep

Partial sleep deprivation, which is what about 4 in 10 Australians live with, reduces attention, memory, problem-solving and creativity as well as motor coordination, according to Professor Dorothy Bruck, Chair of the Sleep Health Foundation.
ISO standard for safety signs updated
The ISO standard that is a reference for safety signs has just been updated to incorporate new safety signs that are in use around the world.

Read full story

Best practice review of workplace health and safety in the NT
The Northern Territory Government has supported, and supported-in-principle, 23 of the 27 recommendations from the Best Practice Review of Workplace Health and Safety (link is external) in the NT by Independent consultant Tim Lyons.

Read full story
Safety alert issued after farm worker killed by falling tree

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert highlighting the importance of maintaining a no-go zone and effective communication when felling trees and branches.

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NOPSEMA calls for public comment on discussion paper

The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) has published a discussion paper on ‘damage to safety critical equipment’ for public comment.

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AIHS EVENTS
QLD Visions Conference 2019

Now in its 27th consecutive year, the AIHS QLD Branches’ Visions Conference is a benchmark event. The conference organising committee has done a tremendous job to bring us a broad range of contemporary OHS topics, including practical perspectives, technical content and a broader, more experiential outlook. See the full program [here](https://www.aihs.org.au/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=1412).

Register here

VIC Safety Symposium 2019

The 2019 AIHS VIC Safety Symposium will be held in Melbourne on Thursday 5 September, this year’s event is titled ‘Mission Critical: Focusing on what matters’. We have an exciting list of speakers including the Hon. Minister Hutchins (Department Secretary for Workplace Safety), Michael Quinlan (Author of Ten Pathways to Death and Disaster and Emeritus Professor UNSW) and Dr Gerard Ayers (OHS & E Manager, CMFEU). View the entire program [here](https://www.aihs.org.au/civicrm/mailing/view?reset=1&id=1412).

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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **25 July**  WA Goldfields Regional Network Great Debate
- **26 July**  NSW What happens after a serious workplace incident?
- **30 July**  SA Visit to SAAS Rescue Retrieval & Revival Service Facility
- **1 August**  WA Young (and new) Safety Professional Meet Up August 2019
- **2 August**  NSW Central Coast Safety Group Meeting - August 2019
- **7 August**  VIC ‘Future Proof’ - Careers Expo with AIHS and Zenergy
Construction company in WA fined $38,000 in Ballantine fall case

A construction company has been fined $38,000 (and ordered to pay $8054 in costs) over an incident in which 17-year-old Wesley Ballantine died after he fell through a void in the roof of an internal atrium at the old GPO building in Forrest Place, Perth.

Read full story

Tradesman fined $6000 in relation to bullying young workers

SafeWork NSW is encouraging businesses to remember mental health at work after a Hunter tradesman was convicted of failing to take reasonable care that his actions did not adversely affect the health and safety of two young workers.

Read full story

Dump truck collision leaves worker with serious injuries

The NSW Resources Regulator has completed an

Worker dies and two injured in powerline incident

One worker died and two others ended up in
investigation into a nose to tail collision of two heavy dump trucks at the Bulga Open Cut Mine which left one mine worker with serious injuries.

hospital following an incident in which a crane came into contact with overhead powerlines at Mulgrave in North Queensland.