Making a difference.

We all know that it’s the people who are part of the Institute that make it what it is. There’s a very large group – more than 200 people every year - that do a wide range of volunteer roles on networks, committees, and providing expertise. Some put in an incredible number of hours.

Even though we know that service is its own reward, we felt we needed to do more to acknowledge this group, and not everyone gets to be a life member, so we recently created the AIHS Service Award, to acknowledge many years’ service to committees and branches especially.

Our two very first winners of the AIHS Service Award are Queeslanders Peter Lupschen who spent many years running the Brisbane Regional Member Network, and Jenny Goss who has worked tirelessly for many years as a key leader of the Visions Conference team.

Thanks Peter and Jenny and congratulations.

Have a great week.
David Clarke, CEO
AS/NZS 4801:2001 superseded by AS/NZS ISO 45001:2018

National management system standard AS/NZS 4801:2001 has recently been superseded by AS/NZS ISO 45001:2018, and AS/NZS 4801:2001 will require transitioning to AS/NZS ISO 45001:2018 within the next three years.

Almost 700 Australians died from Mesothelioma in 2018

At least 699 people died during 2018 from the aggressive cancer mesothelioma, which is predominantly caused by asbestos exposure, according to a report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).
Victoria bans uncontrolled dry cutting of engineered stone

Victoria recently introduced a ban on the uncontrolled dry cutting of engineered stone in order to better protect workers from exposure to deadly silica dust.

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Primary school inspection program reveals hazardous substance concerns

A proactive inspection program looking at safety issues in WA primary schools has raised concerns over failure to comply with workplace safety laws on hazardous substances.

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Changes made to WHS regulations for lead and diving
Safe Work Australia has made amendments to lead and diving regulations in the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 2011.

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NSW Government calls for comment on draft formwork code of practice
The NSW Government is seeking feedback on a draft formwork code of practice, which aims to provide practical guidance for workers and businesses when working with formwork and falsework.

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Safe Work Australia calls for comment on workplace exposure standards
Safe Work Australia recently issued a call for public comment on recommendations for 50 chemicals ranging from acetaldehyde to benzoyl chloride.

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Law reform can reduce fatigue related heavy vehicle crashes
New heavy vehicle laws should allow operators with good fatigue safety systems more flexibility to manage fatigue risks, according to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator’s (NHVR) submission to the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) review.

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AIHS EVENTS
NSW Safety Symposium 2019

The 2019 NSW Safety Symposium is happening in exactly one week from today! This year’s symposium is focussed on Safety Leadership, titled ‘The Art of Letting Go’. The program will feature a mix of plenary sessions, workshops and panel discussions. We are looking forward to hearing from Tristan Casey, Lecturer at Griffith University, Margo Fox, Principal Consultant at Riskcom, John Barclay, Managing Director at Barclay Safety Solutions and many more!

Perth Safety Symposium 2019

The 2019 Perth Safety Symposium is being held on Friday 4 October 2019 at ECU Mount Lawley campus. Hear from a series of speakers sharing how they are being ‘forward thinking’ in managing risk (especially mental health) into the next decade by focusing on their people! We look forward to hearing from a high-profile list of speakers including Michael Quinlan, Emeritus Professor at UNSW, Professor Caroline Finch AO, Deputy Vice Chancellor at ECU, Kym Bills, Chair, College of Fellows at AIHS and many more!
Painter jailed for workers’ compensation fraud and ordered to pay back $112,975

A painter has been jailed for nine months for defrauding Victoria’s compensation scheme for injured workers of more than $112,000.

BMD Constructions to undertake $305,000 enforceable undertaking

NT WorkSafe has accepted an enforceable undertaking from Queensland-based construction company BMD Constructions over the 2016 death of Peter Bonnell.
Management company fined $45,000 for misuse of substation

A company that managed the Morley Galleria Shopping Centre in WA when two men were killed and two severely injured in an explosion in 2015 has been fined $45,000.

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Department of Defence charged after RAAF personnel injured

Prosecutors have filed federal work health and safety charges against the Department of Defence after a worker suffered critical injuries during a maintenance operation.

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