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Acknowledge Achievement

The SIA continues our Life Membership and Lifetime Achievement awards in 2019 to acknowledge the community of hard working individuals that are dedicated to strengthening and progressing health and safety in this country. Not nearly enough people are acknowledged for their efforts and so many more make a difference to this profession and to the SIA - but this is our start. Nominations are open.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes exceptional contribution to health and safety in Australia. It acknowledges long-term and influential contribution to the profession with tangible outcomes in OHS/WHS.

SIA's Life Membership Award is presented to a member who has at least fifteen years of continuous service and a minimum of ten years of outstanding service within the Institute.

Pictured above is Leo Ruschena, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at our 2018 National Health and Safety Conference.

Any member of the Institute can have their say and tell us who you believe to be a deserving recipient for these awards before 5:00pm, Friday March 1st. Please ensure you read the criteria before making a nomination.

Have a great week.

David Clarke, CEO

LATEST NEWS
How organisations accumulate “safety clutter” (and how to reduce it)

The amount organisations are spending on compliance has been consistently going up for two decades, however, the amount of extra safety they are getting in return “has not been going up at all”, according to the Safety Science Innovation Lab at Griffith University.

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Workers fake sickies rather than taking time out for mental ill-health

Employees would rather take a sick day and attribute it to a fictitious illness than admit it is for mental health purposes, according to recent research from Allianz Australia.

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WA and VIC regulators issue warnings about dangers of excessive heat

WorkSafe WA recently issued a warning about the effects of extreme temperatures in work environments during periods of hot weather.

Common health promotion tactics may be detrimental to employees with obesity

Workplace health promotion programs that encourage employees to take responsibility for their own weight may have detrimental effects
for employees with obesity, according to a recent research study.

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HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS
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Wed 6 March
Collins St, Melbourne
Visions Conference 2019

last chance call for papers

The Safety Institute of Australia's QLD Branch is proud to announce the 27th Occupational Health and Safety Conference which this year is being held at Oaks Oasis Caloundra, Sunshine Coast, August 28-30.

The Visions Conference Organising Committee is pleased to invite papers from interested professionals, academics, researchers and practitioners in the field of health and safety for inclusion in the program.

Paper abstracts are invited on topics relevant to the field of Occupational Health and Safety and associated disciplines.

Submission must be received prior to 28 February 2019, and can be emailed to visions@sia.org.au.

Register your interest here.

National OHS Education Awards

The Safety Institute of Australia together with the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board invites nominations for the annual education awards.

The awards will be presented at SIA's National Health & Safety Conference which will be held at the International Convention Centre Sydney from 22-23 May 2019.

The purpose of these awards is to provide an opportunity for students studying occupational health and safety at university, who demonstrate high levels of achievement and initiative to be recognised by the SIA.

Please note: Nominations close 5pm Wednesday 20 February 2019.

To download the judging criteria please click here.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

QLD: several fatalities lead to multiple prosecutions

A spate of prosecutions in Queensland’s agriculture industry follow several fatalities, including the death of an inexperienced worker at the Toowoomba Showgrounds when he fell off a trailer towed by a tractor.

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Melbourne health service fined $25,000 after violent patient assaults nurse

A Melbourne health service has been fined $25,000 without conviction after a nurse was assaulted by a patient with aggressive and violent behavioural issues.

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VIC: Truck driver fatally hit by own vehicle

A truck driver recently died after being run over by the truck he was using to collect a full 10-tonne rubbish skip bin off the road at a workplace.

NSW: Worker’s leg fractured in falling workbox

A mine worker who was in an elevated workbox suffered a fractured lower leg and back injuries after the workbox detached and fell two metres from a loader.
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POLICY NEWS

**VIC: Safety alert issued over portable patient handling ceiling hoists**

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert about the safe use of portable patient handling ceiling hoists, after an incident in which a resident at an aged care facility was fatally injured while being moved with a portable patient handling ceiling hoist.

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**SA: Industry-wide scissor lift compliance campaign launched**

SafeWork SA has commenced a six-month audit campaign of elevating work platforms (EWPs) in order to educate businesses and operators about their safety duties and enforce compliance with the law.

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Safe Work Australia issues guidance material for small businesses

Safe Work Australia recently released guidance material to help small business owners or operators understand their role as officers and their responsibilities under WHS laws.

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Safety warning issued over inspection, testing, maintenance and use of fume cupboards

WA's Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety recently issued a safety bulletin about fume cupboards which provide local exhaust ventilation (LEV) to reduce workers' exposure to airborne contaminants such as hazardous fumes, gases and dusts.

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