

Roger Fairfax

Profile of Roger Fairfax SIA Life Member Member 1164

Roger has been active in Occupational Health and Safety continuously for 35 years since early 1983 having gained his Master of Safety Science from the UNSW in 1990. He has an aviation engineering background in Qantas and was invited to join their Safety Department. Since leaving aviation he has worked in WorkCover NSW and RailCorp before consulting in OHS since 2012. He does expert witnessing and currently consults in Work Health and Safety with the Greater Sydney Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Roger was awarded life membership to the SIA in 2016. He has been active in the NSW Branch executive of the SIA since 1992 and has continued on the committee to this day. He was instrumental in 1995 in managing the small team conducting the SIA Sydney Safety Conference which was highly successful. He then coordinated the NSW Branch Sydney Safety Conferences in 1997 and 1999. After this he worked on every NSW Branch conference organising committee as well as the SIA National Conference in Sydney in 2016. He has held every position within the NSW Branch except Treasurer. He has attended at least 85% of all NSW Branch meetings and activities since he joined the SIA, including breakfast seminars, evening seminars, one day seminars and executive SIA NSW Branch meetings and conferences. He served on the SIA Board in 2012/2013.

Roger with Barry Silburn assisted with other SIA members in setting up the Wollongong SIA Branch in 1998.

He has presented talks at Safety Conferences and at SIA NSW Branch meetings on a number of occasions.

Roger is supportive of the many improvements that have been initiated by the current Board of the SIA. He embraces practical, cost effective and positive change that will improve and enhance the desire of industry to accept guidance from qualified safety practitioners and professionals. He sees the SIA as a national entity and is keen to see safety recognised as a profession.