Can the whole be greater than the sum of its parts? *(Aristotle)*

Dear Colleagues,

We have spoken recently about the fragmentation in the field of health and safety at many levels and how it weakens the overall effectiveness of health and safety in workplaces. At the association level it’s not something we can ignore.

The new national Convention #SAFETYSCAPE, which we formally launched on Tuesday night in Melbourne, allows Australia’s many not for profit and government agencies with an interest in health and safety to come together. In the next 2 - 3 years we hope we can grow to reflect a wider community of interest and create a larger profile for the health and safety field.

We are sharing the convention brand at no cost to the not for profit and government agencies, and it will be interesting to see whether there is a wider belief in the idea that sometimes, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Have a great week.

*David Clarke, CEO*
**NSW introduces new laws to clamp down on aluminium cladding**

Companies which use banned building products in New South Wales such as aluminium cladding could be hit with fines of more than $1 million dollars under new laws.

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**Why SWMS and plans issues are a “wicked problem”**

“The problems with SWMS undermine their primary purpose as a tool to identify work that is high risk, and to help supervisors and workers implement and monitor the control measures for the specific hazards and risks of that work.”

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**Regulators crack down on asbestos and unsafe tradies**

Regulators recently issued a safety warning to tradespeople about the need to take proper

**Safety warning issued over Christmas lights**

Christmas lights which do not meet Australian Standards pose a safety risk, according to Queensland’s Electrical Safety Office, which
safety measures at work when working with asbestos.

Recent issues have recently issued a warning to people about buying lights which are non-compliant – even though they may be more expensive.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

H.O.P & Learning Teams Course

Southpac is excited to announce that we are again bringing over Bob Edwards, the H.O.P Coach from the U.S. to deliver two 2.5-day course on Human & Organisational Performance Learning Teams.

Date: 16 - 18 December 2018
Where: Brisbane

Register here

SiA National Health & Safety Conference: In Practice

The 2018 SiA National Health & Safety Conference will bring together stakeholders across the health and safety profession to discuss some of the challenges currently faced by WHS professionals and practitioners and explore the impacts these have on the OHS profession, as well as new ideas, innovation, research and leadership.

View the program outline

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

Manufacturer fined $61,500 after worker suffers spinal injuries

In the 2015 incident, the injured man undertook roofing work without a safety harness and fell nearly three metres onto a compressor before then falling onto a concrete floor.

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Notice to improve safety at Melbourne Market upheld

WorkSafe issued the improvement notice after a MMA employee working at the Melbourne Market in Epping was struck from behind by a powered mobile buggy travelling in the wrong direction along Buyers Walk in May 2016.

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NSW: Safety blitz to drive down construction deaths

SafeWork NSW has launched a year-long blitz crackdown on unsafe construction businesses, after the number of falls from heights reported to the regulator had more than tripled in the last five years.

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