Dear Colleagues,

You may have noticed that the 2018 SIA Awards nominations for Life membership of the Institute, the Lifetime achievement award for outstanding contribution to health and safety and also the Harold Greenwood Thomas award (only ever awarded three times) are now open.

Acknowledging great work by individuals or organisations is important because it draws attention to people who can be role models, who can be mentors and who can lead by example for others. It also draws attention to high quality practice that everyone can learn from. It’s part of the equation for developing a profession and its practice.

To find out more about these awards and the nomination processes, go to online nomination forms by 5.00pm on Friday 16 March 2018.

To all of you that are doing great work, keep it up. You’re making a difference.

Have a great week

David Clarke, CEO
How OHS can improve the effectiveness of safety training

The biggest problem with safety training is that associated learning opportunities are not maximised, according to an expert in the area, who said most organisations provide safety training to staff because it is either an audit or legislative requirement.

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Calculating the small number but big cost of mental stress claims

While mental stress claims only make up a small proportion of overall workers’ compensation claims, the median time lost and median direct cost associated with mental stress claims are significantly higher compared to those for all workers’ compensation claims, according to Safe Work Australia.

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**Heavy vehicle operators cautioned over fatigue and distractions**

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) recently issued a call for improved road safety, following an increase in the number of fatalities and incidents involving trucks.

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**Call for nominations: SIA Awards & Membership Committee**

Expressions of interest for members wishing to nominate for the SIA Awards and Membership Committee closes on Monday, 29 January at 5pm.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SIA National Health & Safety Conference: In Practice**

Early Bird Registrations Open

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

**NSW Regional Safety Conference & Expo**

SIA Members receive $100 discount*

The NSW Regional Safety Conference & Expo's high quality speakers will deliver a wide range of presentations, including keynote speakers, panel discussions, targeted sessions and masterclasses. This is set to be a worldclass event, with a range of global,
OHS profession, as well as new ideas, innovation, research and leadership.

View the program outline

**Date:** 23 - 24 May 2018

Register for early bird before 2nd March

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

**QLD: Multiple reckless conduct charges laid for 2016 Eagle Farm deaths**

Nine complaints and summonses have been issued to four people and one business for their alleged involvement in the deaths of two workers at Eagle Farm Racecourse in Queensland on 6 October 2016.

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**QLD: Automotive mechanic run over by vehicle**

A worker in Queensland was recently run over by a vehicle while servicing it on sloping ground, according to WorkCover Queensland.

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VIC: Man trampled to death at Georges Creek

A Victorian stock agent has died after being trampled by an animal on a cattle farm at Georges Creek near Tallangatta, southeast of Albury Wodonga.

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QLD: Agriculture mobile plant roll-over fatalities

A worker on a Tamborine Mountain avocado farm in Queensland was killed when a single seat ride on mower being driven by another worker rolled over on a steep slope and crushed her.

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POLICY NEWS
NSW: Safety alert issued over unpacking glass sheets

SafeWork NSW recently issued a safety alert reminding workers who handle packs of glass sheets not to rely on the packaging to support the contents when the package is being lifted or opened.

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WA: Inspection program looks at asbestos in plant

WorkSafe WA recently launched a proactive inspection program to look for the presence of asbestos in plant and machinery.

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QLD: Regulator issues safety warning over electrical shocks

Queensland’s Electrical Safety Office recently issued a safety warning following two serious incidents involving electrical shocks.

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SafeWork NSW launches Consultation@Work toolkit

SafeWork NSW recently launched an online toolkit designed to help improve work health and safety consultation practices in NSW workplaces.