I love a good smorgasbord

Dear Colleagues,

Next month at #SafetyScape, in addition to a fantastic conference program of events and speakers, there’s also a number of great presentations going on at the Workplace Health and Safety Show that will be of interest to the profession.

Registrants to our conference can wander between those events, and the Workplace Health and Safety Show, and there is no additional charge.

The WHSS program has a series of free seminars, presentations and even theatre pieces, covering as just some examples:

- Lessons Learnt from the Robert Doyle Sexual Harassment Case, including Former City of Melbourne Councillor Stephen Mayne, the Australian Local Government Women’s Association, sexual harassment activist Nikki Keating, and a special guest who has experienced harassment first-hand, to join an interactive panel.
- On Thursday 24th the live action theatre program, involving dramatic pieces on the subjects including ‘Speaking up about Safety’, and ‘Why agile teams work’.
- For those who have ‘Rung Renata’ at VTHC for health and safety advice, Renata will be there in the flesh talking about healthy relationships between OHS reps and their employers.
- Practical & Effective Ergonomics Programs – Six Tips You Can Implement Tomorrow.
- The latest work at ProBuild on *Humanising Safety. Tapping into the emotional drivers of behavioural change*. It’s producing some exciting results worth sharing.
- Some really interesting presentations from emerging providers in the field.

This is content for all people at all levels of health and safety within the company.

Register for the Workplace Health and Safety Show (WHSS) [here](#). It’s free, but you’ll have to book for your sessions.

**Don’t forget to register for our conference here.** It’s a genuinely great program, and the dinner is going to be a treat.

Feel free to call us if you want to discuss a discounted group registration.

Have a great week.

**David Clarke, CEO**

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### LATEST NEWS

**How to improve OHS and reduce safety risks through minimising cognitive bias**

The impact of cognitive bias on safety risks is not fully understood in many organisations, which still have ways to go in better understanding and managing cognitive bias with a view to improving OHS outcomes, according to the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

**Quad bike operators urged to seriously consider suitability of ATVs for tasks**

Quad bikes are vulnerable to rollover when traversing relatively small bumps on typical grassy slopes at moderate speeds, and even a "tuft of grass" is enough to destabilise one, according to a recent UNSW research paper.

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Safety warning issued following spate of powerline incidents

Employers and contractors who operate heavy vehicles and machinery were recently warned to always check for powerlines following a spate of serious incidents in Victoria.

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How to identify suitable duties after a workplace injury

A suitable duties plan is a critical part of the return to work process, according to WorkCover Queensland, which said that research has shown that ‘doing’ promotes recovery as the worker is able to return to their normal life.

Read More

Do you want to be featured in the OHS Magazine?

The SIA are profiling Health and Safety people in the OHS magazine, if you haven’t already read the profile of Kristen Oswald, HSE Coordinator – check out her interview on ‘Engineering a multifaceted OHS career’ here.

This is an exciting platform to connect members with each other and to showcase their journey, challenges and learnings throughout their careers.

If you would like to be featured as a health and safety person, or if you would like to nominate someone please email communications@sia.org.au
Congratulations to the winners of the Hunter Safety Awards 2018!

Moly-Cop has taken out the WHS Business of the Year award, sponsored by AGL, at this year’s Hunter Safety Awards. The outstanding safety culture within the Hunter-based division of world-leading manufacturer, Moly-Cop, was recognised with the Award’s ‘Gold’ Safety Helmet.

To view the list of winners, please click here.

To view photos from the event, please here and here.

To view the video from the event, please click here.
UPCOMING EVENTS

SIA National Health and Safety Conference: In Practice

Mykel Dixon is the not-so-secret weapon for conference organisers looking to inspire fresh, innovative thinking. His live learning experiences unite teams, ignite creativity and equip audiences with the skills to solve complex 21st century business challenges. To listen to his podcast on "Enterprise Artistry: The future belongs to the artists" please click here.

Date: 23 – 24 May 2018
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am (AEST)
Location: Melbourne Convention Centre
View Full Program
Register here

Where to for the Health and Safety Profession in South Australia?

You are invited come along and join in a discussion to design your health and safety network in South Australia, for the present and the future.

You might be interested in growing in your role, learning from others, or sharing your own experience. Or, you might just want to be part of something bigger when it comes to health and safety.

Date: 4 May 2018
Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm (ACST)
Location: SA Water House, Learning Centre Room, Level 1
250 Victoria Square, Adelaide, SA, 5000
Register here

FOR MORE EVENTS CLICK HERE

INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS
**NSW: Bankstown builder fined $405,000 over apprentice fatality**

A building contractor in Bankstown Sydney has been fined $405,000 after a 19-year-old apprentice tragically died after being injured at work.

**VIC: Company fined $42,000 for failing to guard machinery**

A cardboard carton manufacturer in Hoppers Crossing Victoria has been fined $42,000 for failing to properly guard four separate pieces of machinery.

**WA: Transport company fined $14,000 for sulphuric acid spill**

Western Australian transport company, BBBM Pty Ltd (trading as Growers Agrishop) was recently fined $14,000 following an incident in which sulphuric acid spilled on the Kwinana Freeway in 2017.

**QLD: Worker killed by explosion while welding**

A worker in Queensland recently died following an incident in which an empty fuel drum exploded while it was being welded to a steel frame.
FOR MORE INCIDENTS AND PROSECUTIONS CLICK HERE

POLICY NEWS

QLD: Crystalline silica risks targeted in workplace audits

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland inspectors are conducting workplace audits targeting the risks associated with respirable crystalline silica (RCS) contained in building materials.

NSW: Safety warning over falls through skylights and plastic roof sheeting

SafeWork NSW recently issued a safety alert about the risks associated with working on roofs with skylights or plastic roof sheeting, as well as the actions required to ensure those risks are eliminated or minimised.
VIC: Safety alert issued on powered mobile plant warning devices

Employers, self-employed persons and people who have management and control of a workplace were recently cautioned about the unsafe work practice of deactivating warning devices on powered mobile plant.

QLD: Safety alert issued over inflatable water balls/electrical equipment near water

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) recently issued a safety alert to warn owners and operators of inflatable water balls about the risks of using or placing electrical equipment near a pool or body of water where these water balls are used.