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CEO MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

The End of Financial Year tends to be a busy time for all of us as we square off our financials for yet another year. The Safety Institute of Australia is no exception.

As you know, your SIA Membership Renewal coincides with EOFY - so this time of year the phones ring a bit more than usual and our inboxes get a bit more crowded, here at the SIA National Office. With more than 4,000 memberships to manage, the volume of invoices and payments exchanged during this time is substantial, to say the least.

I'm pleased to report that the renewal process has been virtually seamless this year. More than half of our Members have already completed Membership renewals and we anticipate having all of your Memberships settled

and renewed in the coming weeks.

To those of you who have already finalised your renewals, Thank You! We look forward to providing you with a rich mix of exclusive events, networks, industry news and professional development opportunities in the year ahead.

And to those of you who have any outstanding questions about renewing your SIA Membership, feel free to get in touch with our Membership team on 03 8336 1995.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

Dave Clarke



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NEWS & UPDATES

3 big trends that will impact OHS in the future

There are three significant trends impacting the practice of OHS, and professionals will need to think more systematically about health and safety issues that will arise as a result of these trends over the coming years .

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Who's hiring OHS professionals and what skills do they want?

Following the slump in the resources sector, this has had a number of impacts on the OHS profession and demand for certain skills and experience, according to a global recruitment firm.

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The most important thing for improving mental health at work

The most powerful predictor for wellbeing at work is supportive leadership, according to an expert in the area, who said this style of leadership sees more employees feel as though they can reach out for support when they are not travelling well.

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Safe Work Australia issues high risk work licensing reminder

Safe Work Australia recently issued a reminder to individuals who need to update or renew their high risk work licence should contact their local work health and safety regulator for advice.

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WA: Inspection program for plant and mobile plant movement

WorkSafe WA is undertaking a proactive inspection program to look at safety issues relating to mobile plant and the movement of mobile plant in retail and transport workplaces.

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VIC: New focus on road safety around construction works

WorkSafe Victoria and VicRoads have begun working on a strategy to improve safety for workers and the public when construction work, pedestrians and road traffic interact.

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Heavy vehicle safety harmonised across the country

Heavy vehicle safety has been harmonised across eastern and southern Australia with the adoption of the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual from July 1 in Victoria and Queensland.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

Geelong builder fined \$12,500 for bullying teen apprentice

A builder in Victoria who repeatedly bullied his teenage apprentice over a two-year period was recently convicted and fined \$12,500 in the Geelong Magistrates' Court .

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SA: Conviction highlights importance of keeping trainees, apprentices safe

The South Australian Industrial Court recently fined Trainee and Apprentice Placement Service Inc. (TAPS) \$14,000

TASMANIAN SAFETY SYMPOSIUM & TRADE SHOW



following an incident in which a worker suffered multiple injuries.

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SA: Industrial Court imposes fine on labour hire company

The South Australian Industrial Court recently convicted labour hire company Fix Force (QLD) and imposed a penalty of \$150 000 plus court costs for failing to provide and maintain a safe work environment.

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Call for Contributions to SIA Submission on WA Work Health and Safety Regulations

Following WorkSafe WA Commissioner Lex McCulloch's announcement of a review of Work Health & Safety (WHS) Regulations in Western Australia, the Safety Institute of Australia calls upon its Members to share their views on the proposed amendments.

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Vale Geoff McDonald

Last week, our health and safety community suffered a huge loss, with the death of long-time SIA Member Geoff McDonald.

Spanning more than five decades, Geoff's career in the field of health and safety was truly extraordinary. Known and admired for his commitment to improving workplace safety outcomes in Australia, Geoff leaves behind an indelible personal and professional legacy.

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2016 AGM: Call for Nominations for Board Directors

The SIA Annual General Meeting will take place on **Monday 5 September 2016**, at the Pullman Hotel, Echelon Room, Sydney Olympic Park commencing at 5 pm (AEST) and nominations are open for election as a Director of the SIA Board.

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Have you considered OHS Professional Certification?

Ongoing professional development is a cornerstone of every long, rewarding career. Are you ready to take the next step on your career path? Have you considered Certification?

Our OHS Professional Certification program is offered to Members of the Safety Institute of Australia. SIA Certification sets rigorous standards of education, experience, demonstrated knowledge and skills, and evaluates applicants against those standards. It gives increased confidence and guidance to employers, clients, workers and the community as to the competence and standing of the person providing professional advice.

The assessment is based on a combination of formal qualifications, experience & capability. There are 5 categories of certification and each category contains **specific criteria and requirements**. To apply for certification, please follow the instructions outlined **HERE**.

To find out more about OHS Professional Certification and how it might benefit you in your career, **visit our website** or contact Marija at **certification@sia.org.au**.



~ Early Bird Registrations Close July 8 ~

In the lead up to the **SIA National Safety Convention** on September 5-8, the Safety

Institute of Australia announces the third raft of keynote speakers for the annual conference.

The *SIA National Safety Convention* brings together stakeholders in the health and safety profession, including the profession, regulators, business and unions, to talk about what's working with existing approaches, as well as new ideas and leadership. This year, some of the best national and international speakers have been invited to explore the theme of **Disruptive Safety**. The third plenary session at **#SIAConvention16** will shake things up with a turbulent topic: **Disruptive Leadership**. Featuring outside-the-box insights and ideas from **Andrew Hopkins**, **Peter Baines** and **Dr Jason Fox**, the session promises to challenge and inspire..

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Find out more about the program [HERE](#) .

To take advantage of generous Early Bird discounts, [REGISTER NOW](#) .

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

The Safety Institute of Australia Ltd has established a list of Corporate Membership categories with associated meaningful benefits to attract an expanded range of Corporate Members (Government and Private Sector corporations, organisations, companies and associations).

If your company is considering joining as a Corporate Member, please contact Membership Services on **03 8336 1995** or membership@sia.org.au to discuss the different options available, or [click here](#) to view the information on the website.

If your company is already a Corporate Member and you would like to be featured in the e-news, please [contact Membership Services](#) or communications@sia.org.au for further details. To view our current Corporate Members please [click here](#) .

SA SAFETY SEMINAR SERIES

OHS 70 YEARS ON

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Seminar Series in SA Retraces OHS History

August 2016 marks the 70th Anniversary of the FIRST ever Australian Safety Conference, which was held here in Adelaide.

In 1946 there were no workplace safety laws as we know them today, there were limited Australian Standards to provide direction and guidance and a safety advisor/coordinator/manager was unheard of. The 1946 conference was a “call to arms” to address the rising toll of safety-related injuries and fatalities. How far have we really progressed in 70 years?

Are we still concerned about the same issues? Come along and find out. The Safety Institute of Australia (SA Branch) is proud to present a series of 3 afternoon seminars based on the topic areas presented in 1946 – but with a 2016 relevance.

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CONFERENCES & EVENTS

14 Jul	WA: The Impact of Transition to ISO45001
14 Jul	SA: Safety Seminar Series OHS 70 Years On
14-15 Jul	QLD: Visions OHS Conference
21 Jul	TAS: Safety Symposium & Trade Show 2016
27 Jul	SA: Mindful Employer Workshop
28 Jul	NSW: Mindful Employer Workshop



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