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Acknowledge what's working

Dear Colleagues,

This year the SIA supported the *Hunter Safety 2017 Awards* hosted in Newcastle. Winners were announced last week at the gala awards night which I was pleased to attend. The awards recognise companies and individuals within the Hunter region who demonstrate best practice and innovation in their approach to workplace health and safety.

There were 11 awards categories in total. There were some exceptional finalists within the group, and alongside the company winners the awards also recognised some emerging talent including Young WHS Leader of the Year - Lauren Meldrum, of Reliance Hexham and WHS Student of the Year - Lee Oakman from GB Auto Group.

We support these awards because the acknowledgment of people and companies working very hard at succeeding in health and safety, is an important part of a sector that continues to improve. All of the finalists are really winners, and we extend our congratulations to them all.

Have a great week.

Regards

David



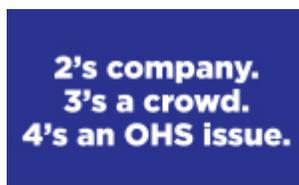
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NEWS & UPDATES

Why OHS needs a multidimensional KPI framework

There are significant pitfalls in relying on one-dimensional injury data such as lost-time injury frequency rates (LTIFR) as an overarching measure of OHS success, according to Safe Work Australia.

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3 keys drivers of good OHS at Probuild

There are three fundamentals which help drive strong OHS outcomes in tier one construction company Probuild, according to its group HSE manager, Sarah Cuscadden.

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Proactive work health and safety interventions on the rise

Work health and safety regulators have increased proactive workplace interventions in recent years, according to new Safe Work Australia data.

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POLICY NEWS

NSW: Tree work industry in the safety spotlight

SafeWork NSW recently launched a project with the tree work industry in an effort to improve safety, and better protect workers and consumers.

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NT: Safety program for rooftop solar installations

NT WorkSafe recently launched a program to help improve safety in the solar PV installation industry, following a significant number of non-compliance issues in random audits of the industry.

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VIC: Safety alert issued over concrete delivery pipeline failures

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a safety alert highlighting the risk to employees and other people from using poorly manufactured concrete delivery pipes and pipeline components.

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WA: New inspector for mental health and wellbeing

Western Australia's Department of Mines and Petroleum recently appointed a "mental health and wellbeing inspector" of mines to assist with the development of safety and health protocols designed to protect mental health and wellbeing, as well as physical safety.

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INCIDENTS & PROSECUTIONS

QLD: Fine increased for "punishment which fits the crime"

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland has successfully appealed what it argued was an inadequate fine imposed on a company over the death of a worker removing gas struts in 2013.

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VIC: 3 tractor incidents in one week

WorkSafe Victoria recently issued a call for workplaces to prioritise safety following the death of three workers in



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separate incidents all involving tractors in period of one week.

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QLD: Ride operator receives \$80,000 fine for school event fatality

A sole trader operating an amusement ride business in Queensland has been fined \$80,000 after a worker was fatally crushed by an amusement ride at Collingwood Park State School's Christmas Carols in 2014.

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ATTENTION VICTORIAN MEMBERS - Call for EOI's to work in the national office is now closed

Further to the recent call for expressions of interest from Victorian members to do some work in the national office, due to the high number of responses, this is now closed.

We thank all of those who submitted their interest and we hope to be able to make a decision by the end of this week or early next week.

Welcome to Our New Members!

SIA would like to welcome on-board our latest corporate members!

- [Safety Wise Solutions](#)
- [Redland City Council](#)
- [United Energy and Multinet Gas](#)
- [SIGVARIS \(Australia\) Pty Ltd](#)



Full feature articles will follow shortly for our Silver, Gold and Diamond members.

Register Now for OHS Knowledge Assessment!

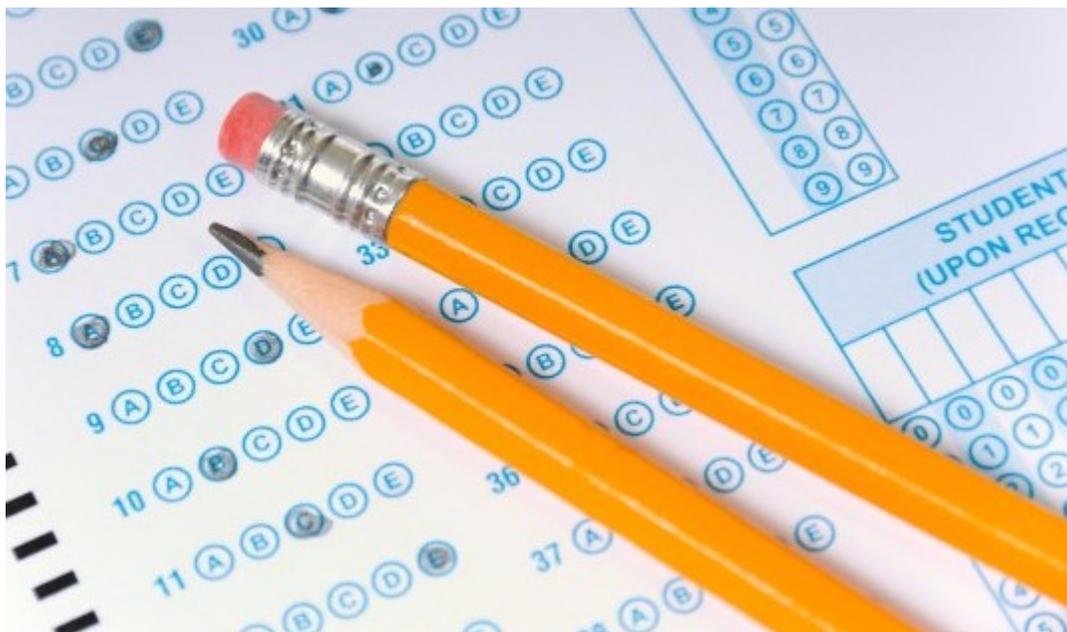
SIA have collaborated with the University of Newcastle to offer a formal assessment for OHS professionals. This is a great way to enhance your professional profile and demonstrate your knowledge of the industry to your employer or future employees.

Candidates will undergo a two hour online exam, written assignment and one hour online VIVA interview. It is available only to practitioners who have already been granted formal certification and who also have over five years experience and a degree or post graduate diploma.

The assessment will run in May 2017. Places are limited so please register your interest as early as possible.

For more information contact marija@sia.org.au or click on the below link.

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Tasmanian Safety Symposium

The Tasmanian Symposium speakers have been confirmed! Register [HERE](#) now to secure your place.

Speakers will include:

Michael Tooma - Michael is the Global Head of Clyde & Co's OHS practice. He has written and lectured extensively on OHS law and is the author or co-author of over 20 books.

Marissa Dreher - Director of Dreher Legal, Marissa has acted for local, national and international companies at both state and federal levels regarding OHS matters.

Peter Wilkinson - With over 27 years OHS working experience under his belt, Peter now works as a consultant in enterprise risk management for high risk industries.

David Dilger - David combines his technical legal expertise in industrial relations and safety with a wealth of practical general workplace relations experience achieved in a number of senior executive management roles.

TASMANIAN SAFETY SYMPOSIUM



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CONFERENCES & EVENTS

4 April	SIA NSW - April Networking Event
5 April	SIA NT- OHS Professionals Networking
5 April	SIA WA - The March of the Millennial Generation
5 April	SIA QLD - Meeting Ethical Obligations
5 April	SIA SA - Uni Student Research Presentations
5 April	Art of Work - Safety Differently - Sydney
5 April	Art of Work - Appreciative Investigation Masterclass
3 May	SIA NT - OHS Breakfast Seminar
12 May	SIA Sunshine Coast - April OHS Seminar
18 May	SIA Brisbane - May OHS Seminar
18 May	Tasmanian Safety Symposium and Trade Show 2017

19 May

[SIA Gold Coast - May OHS Seminar](#)

21 May

[Visions Conference 2017](#)

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To find out more about OHS Professional Certification and how it might benefit you in your career, **visit our website** or contact Marija on **03 8336 1995**.



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