Editorial

The recent tragic death of a worker in Geelong following the collapse of a fence structure has again highlighted the need for employers and self-employed workers to assess and constantly monitor the structural stability of freestanding structures, if they are:

- going to be working on the structure
- working in the fall shadow of the structure
- excavating (either mechanically or by hand) near the structure

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Victoria

Bricklayer killed in fence collapse
A Geelong tradesman has died after being crushed by a brick fence in the region's second workplace death this month. WorkSafe is investigating.

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Trapped in Trench
A worker has been flown to hospital with head and leg injuries after being trapped in a trench at a Victorian power station.

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Safety Alert: Pressure testing of pipes
This Alert highlights the potential for explosions when pressure testing water or sewer pipes with high pressure air and provides advice to prevent explosions.

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Safety Alert: Working outdoors
This Safety Alert highlights some of the hazards associated with working outdoors and follows recent incidents including the death of a worker from a snake bite.

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Safety Alert: Escalator and travelator void in-fills
This Alert warns people with management or control of workplaces, employers, and designers of buildings and structures, of the dangers associated with in-fill areas around escalators and travelators.

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Mobile plant incident
A Myrtleford man had just seconds to make a decision, which may have been the difference between life or death. A 56-year-old worker was loading a telehandler (a heavy piece of machinery) onto a low loader truck when one of the machine's back wheels slipped off the edge of the truck, putting it at risk of flipping.
Prosecutions summaries
WorkSafe has updated its list of prosecution summaries and includes prosecution on a textiles company.

Manual handling innovations in awards spotlight
Organisations that have created new ways to prevent injuries caused by manual handling are being encouraged to share their innovations by entering the 2016 WorkSafe Victoria Awards.

ACT
Worker falls 10 metres off roof
A 62-year-old Wodonga man was transferred to Canberra Hospital after he fell through the roof at the Corowa Piggery.

Work stopped at Mr Fluffy demolition
A worker helping demolish a Mr Fluffy home has been filmed jumping into a skip holding asbestos contaminated waste without wearing a mask or protective clothing.

Height safety video
Access Canberra has released an informative video about working safety at heights.

Queensland
Airport Link Tunnel prosecution
A construction company has been convicted and fined over an incident that resulted in the death of a worker on the Airport Link tunnel construction project.

Power line shock
A man in his 30s has suffered an electric shock after coming into contact with power lines. It is believed the man was working on a building adjacent to the power lines.
More information on 2015 water tank collapse

A right to information (RTI) request has provided further details of a massive water tank collapse at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital construction site last year.

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Unterminated live cables

Of the more than 300 electrical shocks reported to the Electrical Safety Office in Queensland over the past 12 months, around ten per cent relate to unterminated cables.

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Vehicle stabilisers and outriggers – updated safety alert

Workplace health and Safety Qld has updated a Safety Alert that highlights the risks associated with stabilisers and outriggers on trucks and trailers when travelling on public roads.

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Western Australia

Transport and delivery of concrete panels

WorkSafe WA has issued a reminder to anyone involved in the transportation and delivery of precast concrete wall panels to ensure that strict safe work procedures are in place.

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Public comment on WA’s safety regulations

Western Australians are being given the opportunity to contribute to the State’s future workplace safety and health system by submitting comment on the model Work Health and Safety Regulations.

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New South Wales

Media Release: Construction company fined following Sydney Explosion

A Sydney construction company has been convicted following an explosion during underground tank removal at a house construction site in July 2013.

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Reportable Incidents: Weekly incident summary

NSW Department of Energy and Resources has released a list of incidents for the week as at 25 May.

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### South Australia

**Media Release - Industrial Court imposes hefty fine on another labour hire company**

For the second time in a month, the Industrial Court has convicted a labour hire company and handed down a hefty fine for failing to provide and maintain a safe work environment.

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### International

**NZ: Company guilty over fall**

The Dunedin electricity network provider has been found guilty and fined after an incident where a worker fell six metres while on the job in 2014.

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**NZ: Builder convicted over ladder fall**

A sentencing in the Wellington District Court has underlined the importance of managing fall from height workplace hazards after a construction worker fell from a ladder and sustained serious brain injuries.

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**NZ: Quarry operator guilty over death**

A South Canterbury-based quarry and transport operator has been convicted and fined following an incident where an employee was crushed to death while working at its Gordon Valley limestone quarry.

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