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Directions in OHS Research and Practice



Tuesday 8th and
Wednesday 9th
July 2008

A conference **celebrating 30 years** of OHS
education at the University of Ballarat

Hosted by **VIOSH Australia**
School of Science & Engineering

University of Ballarat
Mt Helen Campus



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Invitation to attend



You are invited to attend this mile-stone conference to help us celebrate 30 years of OHS education at the University of Ballarat. Ballarat is renowned for its commitment to reducing workplace fatalities, injuries and disease.

Therefore, the purpose of this conference is to not only celebrate what has been achieved to date, but to challenge delegates to consider how we can collectively make the greatest difference to OHS performance over the next ten years.

To stimulate discussion around how we can make a collective difference, we have put together a program of high profile international and national speakers to spark a robust discussion on OHS practice that is based upon the best available evidence and thinking. *Directions in OHS Research and Practice* will be discussed by exploring the themes including:

- > OHS leadership, culture and change
- > Safe design
- > OHS: on becoming a profession
- > Continuing education and evidence-based practice

The conference will provide you with the opportunity to:

- > Meet and network with over 200 OHS practitioners
- > Contribute to robust discussions exploring how we can make a difference
- > Meet others with similar challenges
- > Expand your network of contacts
- > Celebrate the 30th anniversary of OHS education at Ballarat
- > Have fun in a convivial and aesthetically pleasing environment

Conference Venue

The University of Ballarat
Mt Helen Campus, Ballarat
(Refer to map on back page)

Conference Committee

- > Ms Dianne Elshaug (Chair)
- > Dr David Borys
- > Dr Steve Cowley
- > Professor Dennis Else
- > Ms Susan Leggett
- > Ms Julie Pljakic
- > Ms Jennie Sykes

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Program

Themes to be covered by this conference include:

- > Leadership, Culture and Change
- > Safe Design
- > Becoming a Profession
- > Reflecting on 'Accident' Causation – re-discovering the past in a contemporary context
- > Continuing Education and Evidence-Based Practice

Speakers include:

- > **Dr Stephen Cowley**
University of Ballarat
- > **Dr John Culvenor**
University of Ballarat
- > **Professor Dennis Else**
University of Ballarat
- > **Dr Linda Evans**
University of Leeds, United Kingdom
- > **Professor Patrick Hudson**
Leiden University, The Netherlands
- > **Professor Andrew Hopkins**
Australian National University
- > **Professor Jim Joy**
MISHC, University of Queensland
- > **Ms Susan Leggett**
University of Ballarat
- > **Ms Pam Pryor**
Pam Pryor & Associates
- > **Mr Derek Viner**
Snr Research Fellow, University of Ballarat; Adjunct Professor of Risk Management, Swinburne University of Technology
- > **Mr Michael Walsh**
Consultant
- > **Mr Chor Wang**
SafeWork SA
- > **Dr Eric Wigglesworth, AM**
Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Monash University



Monday 7th July

7.00pm **Cocktail Party** – Ballarat Fine Art Gallery

Tuesday 8th July

8.00am Registration Desk Opens
 9.00am Conference Opening – Professor Dennis Else
 Geoffrey Blainey Auditorium (C001)
 Professor Dennis Else – VIOSH OHS Research
 9.30am Keynote Address: Prof. Patrick Hudson
 10.15am Dr Eric Wigglesworth, AM
 11.00am Professor Jim Joy
 11.45am Question Time led by Chair (Dr David Borys)
 12.00 noon Lunch
 1.15pm Mr Michael Walsh
 2.00pm Mr Chor Wang
 2.45pm Ms Susan Leggett
 3.30pm Question Time led by Chair (Dr. David Borys)
 3.45pm Professor Dennis Else
 4.00pm Close
 6.30pm
 for 7.00pm **Conference Dinner** – Ballarat Lodge

Wednesday 9th July

8.30am Registration Desk Opens
 Refreshments available outside the
 Geoffrey Blainey Auditorium
 9.30am Keynote Address: Professor Andrew Hopkins
 10.15am Dr Linda Evans
 11.00am Mr Derek Viner
 11.45am Question Time led by Chair
 (Dr David Borys)
 12.00 noon Lunch
 1.15pm Dr Steve Cowley
 2.00pm Ms Pam Pryor
 2.45pm Dr John Culvenor
 3.30pm Question Time led by Chair (Dr David Borys)
 3.45pm Professor Dennis Else – Bringing it all Together
 4.00pm Close

Please note: this program is offered as a guide only and VIOSH Australia reserves the right to alter any details including speakers, times and proceedings.

General Information



Ballarat Attractions

Ballarat Fine Art Gallery

40 Lydiard St. North. The first provincial Art Gallery established in Australia, housing the original Eureka Flag and the largest collection of Australian art in regional Australia.

Ballarat Wildlife & Reptile Park

Cnr. Fussell and York St. Set in 16 acres of beautiful peppermint gum woodland, you can experience close contact with koalas, kangaroos, emus and other native animals in an atmosphere of contentment and tranquillity.

Blood on the Southern Cross

Bradshaw St. Australia's Eureka lives on in Blood on the Southern Cross, a dramatic sound-and-light show which tells the story of the Eureka Rebellion in which Ballarat's miners took up arms against the colonial administration on the Ballarat goldfields in December 1854.

The Eureka Centre

Eureka St. Located on one of Australia's most historic streets, the Stockade is the location of the Eureka Stockade Centre, which employs state-of-the-art multi-media technology to vividly bring the Eureka story to life.

Gold Museum

Bradshaw St. The Gold Museum houses an extensive and valuable collection of gold nuggets, alluvial deposits, gold ornaments and coins, featuring the renowned *Jessica and Paul Simon* collection of gold coins.

Sovereign Hill Historical Park

Bradshaw St. Sovereign Hill faithfully depicts Ballarat's first ten years after the discovery of gold in 1851. It's where Australia's history comes to life! At Sovereign Hill, you'll experience life as it was in the 1850's. It's just like stepping back in time.

Wineries in the Region

Some of the names you may find familiar – take a tour and taste the best: Blue Pyrenees, Mount Avoca, Redbank, Taltani, Warrenmang.

Key Dates

Early Bird Discount Registrations close on 16th June, 2008

Social Functions

Cocktail Party

Monday 7th July, 2008.

Meet at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Lydiard Street, Ballarat at 7.00pm

Conference Dinner

Tuesday 8th July, 2008.

The dinner will be held in the Eureka Ballroom, Ballarat Lodge, Main Road, Ballarat. Fine food, fine wines and certainly some fun. An opportunity to laugh, sing and dance. Annual Awards to graduating students will also be made at this time.

Celebration Hour

Wednesday 9th July, 2008.

Join us for celebratory drinks at the conclusion of the conference.

Domestic Travel

Air travel can be organised through Qantas and Virgin Blue. Car travel from Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) is approximately 90 minutes to the campus. Ballarat Coachlines operate a shuttlebus service between the airport and Ballarat City. Bookings may be made through 03 5333 4181. The University is a short taxi ride (15 minutes) from the shuttlebus terminal.



Registration Information

Accommodation

Ballarat offers a wide range of accommodation options for those attending the Conference. We recommend you make contact with one of the venues below to reserve your accommodation for the conference.

Ballarat Lodge

613 Main Road, Ballarat
Telephone: 03 5327 1200
www.dohertyhotels.com.au

Sovereign Park Motor Inn

221 Main Road, Ballarat
Telephone: 03 5331 3955
www.sovpark.com

Comfort Inn Main Lead

312 Main Road, Ballarat
Telephone: 03 5331 7533
www.ballarat.com/mainlead

The Ansonia

32 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat
Telephone: 03 5332 4678
ballarat.com/ansonias/index.htm

Inclusions

Full registration entitles the delegate entry to all sessions, conference materials and the cocktail party.

Day registration includes entry to all sessions on that day, conference materials and the cocktail party (if applicable).

Delegates wishing to attend the **30th Annual Conference Dinner** must book this separately.

Payment

Payment is by cheque in Australian dollars or by credit card. Early Bird discounts are only available to bookings with payment by the specified time.

Registrations received by fax or email will not be processed until payment is made. GST is included in all fees.

Delegates are responsible for making and paying for their own accommodation requirements.

A Booking Confirmation letter will be sent to you after we have received and processed your payment.

Payment should be made to the 'University of Ballarat', and sent with your registration form to VIOSH Australia, PO Box 663, Ballarat Vic 3350.

Collection of Conference Materials

Collection of conference materials is from 8:00 am Tuesday 8th July, 2008 in the Geoffrey Blainey Auditorium (C001).

Cancellations

Cancellations must be made in writing and if received by Monday 30th June will be refunded less \$150.00 administration fee.

There are no conference refunds after Tuesday 1st July, however, at any time registrations are transferable by you to another attendee. Please notify the conference organisers of this alteration.



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