



Welcome again to **Healthy University**.

We are half way through Safe Work 2007 (22 October – 2 November) – South Australia’s biggest OH&S event, held annually. Safe Work, run by SafeWorkSA, offers South Australian employers and employees the opportunity to attend free workshops on workplace health and safety. It’s not too late to go along – to find out more visit www.safework.sa.gov.au/show_page.jsp?id=6104 .

We are pleased to report progress on a number of issues designed to improve your health and safety in this edition of **Healthy University**.

Keep your feedback coming! Please email comments to biancamaria.duke@adelaide.edu.au.

Jane Knipe

Acting Manager, OH&S

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We have begun developing a training program for all Health and Safety Officers and Representatives who will be using the new web-based **Corrective Actions Register**. Staff led by **Deb Coulls** began meeting with HSOs and HSRs last week to commence the training. This web-based application will allow staff to enter their actions into one University database, replacing the current fragmented arrangements. Benefits of the new system include:

- simplified data entry
- ease in monitoring the progress of outstanding actions
- the ability to produce reports at different levels – Branch/School, Division/Faculty and UHSC
- ease in demonstrating to WorkCover that we’re measuring our performance.

Please note the correction to Deb Coulls’ email address – debra.coulls@adelaide.edu.au.

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Consultant **Tony D'Abbs** is currently reviewing OH&S across the University. The Governance Committee is reviewing papers Tony has presented on the OH&S Review. These will be released soon for consultation with University staff.

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Staff are reminded that the **Employee Assistance Program** (EAP) provides a confidential counselling service for all staff and their immediate family. **Kerrie Barrett** says each staff member is entitled to three free consultations which can be for work or non-work issues. Contact the EAP on 8402 4255 or visit them at 165 Grenfell St, Adelaide .

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We're seeking staff interested in participating in a **Chemical Risk Assessment Working Party**. The working party will help develop a chemical processes risk assessment and revise the chemical management procedure. Please contact **Biancamaria Duke** on 8303 5726 or biancamaria.duke@adelaide.edu.au to register your interest.

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Applications for workshop guarding funding are due by 31 October. Contact **Deb Coulls** on 8303 0174 or debra.coulls@adelaide.edu.au for further information.

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Richard Baum says that every effort should be made to identify staff who require **manual handling training**. Staff who handle large amounts of paperwork, files and teaching materials need to understand the principles of

manual handling. Practical demonstration and participation is included in an hour-long course run by the OH&S Unit.

More information is available at www.adelaide.edu.au/hr/development/ohstrain.html or contact Biancamaria Duke on 8303 5726 or biancamaria.duke@adelaide.edu.au.

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In this issue of **Healthy University**, we're introducing a **Health and Safety Officer profile**.

This week, we're profiling **Peter Berry-Smith**.

Peter is the Faculty of Sciences OH&S Compliance Officer based in the Darling Building, North Terrace Campus. Peter is a part of the faculty consultative framework. He assists in conducting Faculty of Sciences workplace safety inspections, OH&S Inductions and oversees OH&S activities in the Schools. He assists the Schools to determine whether safety activities in the Faculty are compliant with OH&S objectives and the University's policies and procedures.

Peter is a member of TechNet SA, a network of technical (professional) staff actively involved in developing a technical support network in South Australia. He can be reached on 8303 3869.

A **TechNet Forum** will be held at the Waite Campus on Friday 23 November from 8.45am until 4.45pm including a free lunch. RSVP to Leanne Srpek, leanne.srpek@adelaide.edu.au, by Friday 16 November for catering purposes. More information is available at <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/hr/services/>

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