

Media release

Hyden Safety Awareness Workshop a Success

Farmsafe WA Alliance, in collaboration with WA Farmers Federation and CSBP recently held a practical hands-on demonstration day at the Whitwell's property in Hyden. This day was run on Thursday 17th July and was one of the activities organised as part of Farm Safety Week 2008.

The main aim of the day was to provide a number of discussions/demonstrations on different safety topics that had been identified by the local committee as areas of concern (based on discussions with the local Silver Chain Sister). Topics for the day included a silo safety demonstration and discussion; tractor jacking demonstration; safe chemical use and storage; cattle/livestock handling and general OSH obligations and farmers' 'Duty of Care'.

Safety items and information were also displayed in the workshop which included safety equipment loaned by *SafetyQuip* such as earplugs, earmuffs, safety goggles and gloves. Information on how to jack a tractor, towing a tractor as well as child safety on farms, noise injury prevention and safe cattle handling were also provided.

Many participants gave positive feedback and found that the day was good value – especially at the end of the day when they could enjoy a sausage sizzle! At the end of the day, we realised that safety really is just about taking a step back and thinking about the job before rushing in and doing it.

Farmsafe WA Alliance would like to thank all the presenters from the day as well as the host farmers – the Whitwell family. The day also would not have been a success if it wasn't for sponsorship and financial support provided by WorkSafe and CSBP.



Silo demonstration by Barry (Beaver Heights)



Trevor Hinck discussing handling cattle safely

It was excellent to see the Hyden community take such a proactive approach and take the opportunity to discuss how to conduct tasks safely on the farm.

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Tractor jacking demonstration (Neil Aggis, Waveline Tyres)