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Safety Needs Survey

The Farm Safety Needs Survey is designed to go straight to the source, the West Australian farmer, to investigate the safety practices on WA farms and uncover the solutions, services and assistance the farming community would like to receive from Farmsafe WA Alliance.

Over 270 completed questionnaires have been received to date and we thank everyone that has supported us so far. Our aim is to reach 400 completed questionnaires so with a few more weeks to travel along this road, there is still time to become involved.

Curtin University have supported this survey and its' purpose. They have allocated two students to assist us with the remaining data base contacts and to conduct the analysis at the end of the month. The analysis is a vital part of the survey and with this expert handling we should see some outstanding results. The benefit of such will in turn go back to the rural community through the link of Farmsafe WA Alliance.

This survey can completed online, just visit www.farmsafewa.org and follow the link to the survey.

The password required is Safety (capital S).

Remember by completing the survey you are also in the draw to win

- Two Driza-Bone Bushman's Jackets (donated by Wanneroo Great Hall).
- A two night stay for two people at GoodEarth Hotel Perth (includes breakfast).
- A \$50 gift voucher from Mack 1 Motorcycles.

Your support with our survey is much appreciated.

Sincere appreciation goes to CHB Group for the financial support enabling Farmsafe WA Alliance to purchase a supply of adult high visibility vests.

A number of these vests were distributed at the recent Dowerin Field Day which was gratefully received by the local community. Farmsafe WA Alliance have arranged for a supply of these vests to be available at a number of the WA Collage of Agriculture Open Days, including Narrogin and Cunderdin Collages. The Chairman of Farmsafe WA Alliance, John McDougall along side with Executive Officer, Sheila Payne will personally hand over 150 safety vests to the Corrigin Farm Improvement Group on September 28th. The safety vests are to be handed over on to farmers, living and working in and around the area. Each vest carries the logo of CBH Group and Farmsafe WA Alliance in commitment of our support for the West Australian rural community.



Working together for a Safer Community

Community Safety Month is held every October and reminds us that we all have a role to play in making our community safer. The month aims to promote awareness of a broad range of community safety issues, including personal safety, road safety, suicide prevention, emergency management, safety in public places, safe work practices and many more.

Community Safety Month is a nationwide campaign and is an opportunity to take part in activities and events and learn how to make local communities safer places to live and work.

Get your local council, school, business, emergency services, road safety groups or health and welfare service to partner you in organizing Community Safety Month events and activities. For a range of ideas visit the Community Safety Month website at www.iccwa.org.au or telephone ICCWA at 9420 7212.



Breakfast for Champions

“A champion is considered to be an individual or community group who has shown initiative and taken significant action to prevent injury and/or promote safety in the community”

Show your support by attending this event or purchase a ticket for one of the nominated champions. For more information please visit www.iccwa.org.au or call Zoe on 9420 7212.

The two champions nominated by Farmsafe WA Alliance have both been accepted.

- **Senior Constable Tam McKeown** for his dedication to the Being Seen Being Safe Initiative for child safety on our roads.

- **Norm Hammond**, teacher and program coordinator of the Kelmscott Senior High School Farm for all his effort in the education of our students.

A Breakfast of Champions will launch this year's Community Safety Month

When: Friday the 1st October 7.30am - 10am

Venue: Burswood on Swan,
1 Camfield Drive, Burswood

Costs: ICCWA members \$35 Non-members \$40

Guest Speaker: Professor Fiona Wood,
Director of Royal Perth Hospital Burns Unit and
Community Safety Month Patron 2010

Farm Ready Rebates Available

ChemCert WA deliver a range of nationally recognized farm chemical user training courses in convenient regional and rural areas.

Rebates are now available for the ChemCert WA courses that have been registered under Farm Ready. For further information on these course and how to apply for the rebate contact ChemCert WA on 9341 5325 or visit their website www.chemcertwa.com.au



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Please support Farmsafe WA Alliance

The income we receive through our members' annual subscriptions is vitally important to us. Your contributions will help us to effectively continue our work.

We are always keen to recruit more members.

Visit our website, email us or call into our office on 9359 4118 for more information. We would be happy to hear from you.

Membership of our community based organisation Farmsafe WA Alliance supports the need to make agriculture a safer industry for the future.

Please visit our website www.farmsafewa.org and see how you can become a member.



Farmsafe WA Alliance Resources

Farmsafe WA has several resources available for members.

- Farm Workshop Safety
- Farm Machinery Guarding
- Safety Tractor Operation
- Safe Chemical Handling & Disposal
- Farm Safety Checklists
- Noise and Hearing loss
- Child Safety on Farms
- 4x4 Wheel Motorbike Safety

See our website www.farmsafewa.org or call our office on 9359 4118 for more details.



Farmsafe WA Alliance Inc. 2010 - 2011 Annual General Meeting Friday 22nd October 2010



The Annual General Meeting will be held at Farmsafe WA Alliance office located at the Department of Agriculture & Food Complex, 100 Bougainvillea Avenue, Forrestfield on Friday 22nd October from 10am—midday.

Guest Speaker: Simon Still, Injury Prevention Manager
Paraplegic Benefit Fund Australia

Nominations are called for membership of the 2010-2011
Farmsafe WA Alliance Committee

Please note, only current financial members may be nominated to a position,
or nominate and second any nomination.
If more nominations are received than the required number allowed to the Constitution, ballot
papers will be posted to all financial members.

For nominations forms and to advise your attendance of the
Annual General Meeting
Contact Sheila Payne, Executive Officer Farmsafe WA Alliance
Phone: 9359 4118 or email: Sheila@farmsafewa.org

Farmsafe WA Alliance Committee and Staff

Chairman: John McDougall (Cuballing)
Vice Chairman: Tony Hiscock (ALCOA)
Treasurer: Melita Leeds (Kidsafe WA)
Secretary: Nominations Open

Executive Officer: Sheila Payne
Administration Officer: Jennifer Byrne
Accounts Officer: Desiree Yaksich

Committee members:

Chris Wyhoon (WA Farmers Fed)
Max Watts (WA Farmers Federation)
Jacki Ward (CUCRH)
Judi Forsyth (CYO'Connor of TAFE)

Owen Catto (Wheatbelt Men's Health)
Janet Robinson (Farmer)
Katherine Celenza (RLSSWA)
John Henchy (Farm Machinery Dealers Association of WA)

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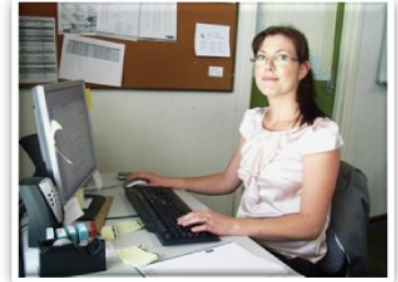


Jennifer Byrne has a background in customer service and has recently returned to the workforce after taking maternity leave from having her second child. She grew up in Darwin and lived at one

stage on a tourist resort named Annaburroo Billabong – 2 hours south of Darwin. The property was right in the middle of two cattle stations and one of her favorite memories of this time was assisting the local station managers complete their annual burn offs and driving the fire truck!

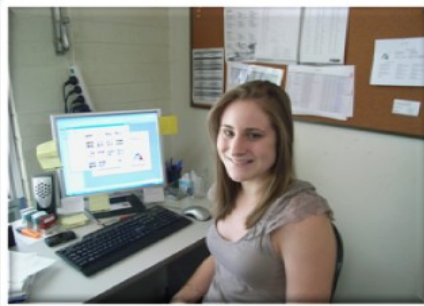
As Administration Officer here at Farmsafe WA she is really enthusiastic about encouraging health and well-being and particularly keen on working in partnership with farmers to improve their health outcomes, and is very excited to be working as part of the team.

Desiree Yaksich joined the Farmsafe team with a background in event coordination and executive administration. After spending 2 years with the MWCCI in Geraldton, she brings



with her a depth of knowledge and understanding of regional issues and the importance of non-profit organisations providing a bridge between communities, government bodies and local industry.

Desiree was born in Broome then moved to Geraldton, which afforded her a genuine understanding of living and working in rural and remote communities. She is looking forward to developing strategies to increase awareness of the Farmsafe WA, and maintain existing relationships so we can continue to provide our services to our members and community in the coming years.



Alicia Hughes is completing her professional placement with Farmsafe WA Alliance. As a student from Curtin University, Alicia is aspiring to secure a role in health promotion upon the

completion of her Degree in Health Sciences. Having grown up in the Goldfields and travelled around country WA, Alicia is enjoying the experience she is gaining from working in an organisation with a rural focus.

In her time at Farmsafe WA Alliance Alicia will be developing farm safety resources, advertisements for the organisation and assisting with the Farm Safety Needs Survey.



Monika Kegel is a Curtin University student from the School of Public Health commencing her professional placement at Farmsafe WA Alliance. She is originally from Sweden and moved to Perth to start a bachelor degree in Health Sciences, which she is about to complete.

She is working on various projects, such as assisting Farmsafe WA Alliance with an update of our website to keep information current and relevant. She aims to find a way to collect farmers' near miss stories to raise awareness of common risk situations.

She is keen to get out in the workforce after her graduation, and is hoping to find employment which she can combine with her love for the outdoors.

Words from Executive Officer Ms. Sheila Payne

Moving forward to stability and growth of the Farmsafe WA Alliance, I would like to welcome aboard our two new permanent part time staff members, Desiree Yaksich as Accounts Officer and Jennifer Byrne, Administration Officer. To increase productivity and efficiency, the former office administrator role has been re-aligned into two specialized positions and this is already proving successful for our team.

Both Desiree and Jennifer come to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience plus they both possess a drive and determination which is most refreshing and encouraging. I am fully confident that together, we can move Farmsafe WA Alliance to greater pastures

Over the years, many students from Curtin University have chosen Farmsafe WA Alliance to conduct their professional placements. With each student always offering a high degree of professionalism, competency and enthusiasm in all tasks placed before them, it has certainly been to our credit.

Monika Kegel and Alicia Hughes are no exception. We are very fortunate to have both ladies on board especially at such a busy period. Monika and Alicia are a pleasure to work with and compliment our small team perfectly.

On behalf of Farmsafe WA Alliance, my sincere thanks to Monika and Alicia for all their hard work and support to date. I look forward to a continued relationship with you both.



Safe Work Australia Week 24th—30th October

This event marks the start of a big week of safety and injury management events and activities in workplaces across Western Australia. The week is about preventing workplace injury and illness and managing injuries. Why not become part of the nation wide focus on safety and register your workplace activity by visiting www.worksafe.wa.gov.au

Breakfast launch of Safe Work Australia Week

The Hon Bill Marmion MVA and guest speaker Mathew Bowen.

When: Friday 22nd October

Venue: Perth Zoo, Rothschild Function Room, 20 Labouchere Road, South Perth

Time: 7.15 am registration for a 7.45 am start - ends 9am

Cost: \$37 per person (incl. GST) Breakfast included

Register for this event by 15th October by email: promotions@commerce.wa.gov.au (places are limited)

Worksafe WA Business Plan 2010 - 2011

Worksafe has released its Business Plan for 2010-2011. This plan provides an outline of Worksafe WA's activities for the coming year. These activities are designed to achieve the aim of making Western Australia's workplaces as safe and healthy as possible. Visit Worksafe at www.worksafe.wa.gov.au

Worksafe WA 2010 Forum Working together for Safety and Health

Attend the Perth Worksafe 2010 Forum to be held on Tuesday 26th October at the Hyatt Regency Perth, 99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth.
Registration 8am for 8.30am start.
Target audience: Elected safety and health representative and supervisors in all industries.
For full information Visit Worksafe at www.worksafe.wa.gov.au or call 9327 8606

4thought lunchtime information sessions - Hot and bothered: Working in hot conditions

Presenters: Dr Barry Chesson, Director, Occupational Hygiene Solution Pty Ltd
Helen Muccilli, Sunsmart Workplace coordinator, Cancer Control Western Australia
There are many work environments in Western Australia where hot conditions prevail and safety issues arise. This presentation will cover the basics of recognition, evaluation and control of heat stress in the workplace.

Date: Friday 24th September

Time: Sign in from 12.00 noon. Session starts at 12.15 and will conclude at 1.30pm.

Venue: WestCentre - 1260 Hay Street, West Perth - 5th Floor. Please register at reception

Registration: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/WorkSafe> or call on 9327 8606

The sessions are free of charge however bookings are essential.

Do you have a Safety and Health Action Plan in place on your property?

THE FREE ON FARM ADVISORY SERVICE

A fully accredited advisor will conduct a non threatening risk assessment of your property and prepare a safety and health action plan. Presentations are made to small groups on farms and over a 4 hours plus can be conducted on a weekend of more suitable.

Throughout the advisory visit there is an opportunity to raise concern and issue regarding all aspect of occupational health and safety on rural property. The host is provided with a written set of recommendations for the property and attendees from nearby properties will be provided with the knowledge to complete a safety check themselves on their property.

Areas which has historically been of concern include workshop, silos, chemical sheds, machinery and 4 wheel motorbikes.

Workshop
overview

- Outline and reasons for workshop
- Definition of hazards and risks
- Types of control measures which can be implemented

If you are interested in these valuable workshops please contact Farmsafe WA Alliance on 9359 4118 or email: admin@farmsafewa.org