



## Media Release

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### Accreditation Board welcomes additional OHS professionals as Board members

The Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board today announced Genevieve Hawkins and Graham Jackson as members of the Board. Genevieve and Graham join Angela Seidel as independent OHS professionals on the Board.

Genevieve is General Manager, Health, Safety and Wellbeing at Coles. Originally trained as an occupational therapist, Genevieve has tertiary qualifications in OHS, change management and management and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and CPMSIA. With more than 20 years working across a range of OHS roles Genevieve brings a wealth of experience to the Accreditation Board as well as a desire to contribute to the quality and relevance of OHS professional education to supporting sustainable businesses.



Graham is Director Safety at Transport NSW. Holding a Master in Health and Safety and Environment Law from the UK, Chartered Membership of IOSH and an Australian Chartered OHS Professional, Graham has worked in OHS, rail and construction safety since the early 90s. Graham brings a broad view to OHS and OHS education that workers, customers and the public are equally important; his philosophy is that people are the solution not the problem in safety.



In welcoming Genevieve and Graham, Professor Mike Capra Chair of Board, said that each, in their own way, will enhance the activities of the Accreditation Board in influencing OHS education and the capability of those providing OHS advice as well as the operational activities of the Board.

Board membership also includes OHS academics, representatives of the Safety Institute of Australia, the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygiene, the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, the Australian New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine, the Australian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, the ACTU and WorkSafe Victoria.

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### **About the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board**

The Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board was established in August 2011 as an auspiced body of the Safety Institute of Australia, the peak body for OHS professionals. The role of the Accreditation Board is to contribute to work health and safety by facilitating the education of graduates equipped with the knowledge and skills to enter the workplace as effective entry-level OHS professionals. The Board does this through accreditation by recognition of university-level qualifications that meet established standards.

The vision of the Accreditation Board is that OHS professional education is based on strong scientific and technical concepts, evidenced-informed, delivered by suitably capable persons and so recognised by the profession, government, industry and the community.

The Accreditation Board has broad representation from OHS professionals, OHS academics, OHS professional bodies including the Safety Institute of Australia (SIA), Australian Institute of Occupational Hygiene (AIOH), Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia (HFESA), Australian New Zealand Society for Occupational Medicine (ANZSOM) and the Australian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (AFOEM). It also has representation from the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU), employers and regulators. The Board benefits from the membership of an education academic from outside the OHS arena.

The Accreditation Board is also “custodian” of the OHS Body of Knowledge for Generalist OHS Professionals” ([www.ohsbok.org.au](http://www.ohsbok.org.au)) being responsible for ensuring its currency and further development. The OHS Body of Knowledge provides a framework for OHS professional education. It also has a key role in the ongoing development of OHS professionals it plays a key role in the translation of OHS research to practice and the dissemination of OHS research to practicing professionals.

The Accreditation Board is involved in an international network developing a global framework for OHS practice and global benchmarks for OHS education and certification of OHS professionals.

Key activities of the Accreditation Board include engagement with OHS educators and OHS researchers on matters related to OHS education, research and the profession and, through the Safety Institute of Australia, ensuring relevance of OHS education to modern, flexible and developing industry practice.

Information on the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board can be found at the web site, by emailing the registrar at [registrar@ohseducationaccreditation.org.au](mailto:registrar@ohseducationaccreditation.org.au) or telephoning on 0411 193 370.