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Safety Summit 2025



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17 Sep, 2025

9:00am - 6:00pm

**116 - 118 James Ruse Dr, Rosehill, NSW
Rydges Parramatta**

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Fire Rover is an award-winning fire detection and suppression system, purpose-built for high-risk environments like waste and recycling facilities.

Delivered in Australia by Wastech, Fire Rover combines cutting-edge thermal detection with remote-controlled suppression technology, providing rapid response to fire incidents before they escalate.

By protecting people, sites, and assets, Fire Rover is helping the industry tackle one of its most pressing safety challenges — fire prevention and control.

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For more than 130 years, Dräger has been a global leader in safety technology, trusted across industries where lives depend on reliable protection.

From respiratory equipment and gas detection to advanced safety solutions, Dräger provides the tools that help keep workers safe in even the toughest environments.

With a proud commitment to innovation and quality, Dräger stands alongside the waste and recycling industry in its mission to create safer workplaces and protect the people who keep our communities moving.



Welcome 2025 National Safety Summit

The Safety Summit is one of the most important gatherings of our industry each year, a chance to pause, reflect, and refocus on what matters most: keeping our people safe.

Today is about sharing knowledge, learning from one another, and strengthening the partnerships that help us all go home safely at the end of every day.

This Summit wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our sponsors. A heartfelt thank you to Fire Rover and Dräger for standing alongside us and championing safety innovation. Their commitment to protecting workers and workplaces continues to inspire progress across our industry.

As you move through today's sessions, we encourage you to listen, ask questions, and take new ideas back to your teams. Together, we can turn conversations into action, and challenges into solutions, building a safer, stronger, and more resilient industry for the future.



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Presenters



Presenter Name : Jodie Deakes

Session: Asbestos & Silica Eradication

Jodie Deakes is the CEO of the Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency, with over 24 years' working across all regulatory functions of the QLD and NSW WHS safety regulators.



Presenter Name : Rebekah McCutcheon

Session: Battery Safety Technology

Australia's first female founder in the unique and niche space of respiratory mask fit testing, Rebekah McCutcheon is Fit Test Australia's Managing Director. Working as a Hazardous Materials consultant, Rebekah recognised a gap in the market where businesses needed the service promptly.



Presenter Name : Andrew Drake

Session: Battery and Drug & Alcohol Safety Technology

Andrew Drake is the National Business Development Manager at Draeger. Dräger is an international company specialising in medical and safety technology, founded in 1889. Their products are used globally in hospitals, emergency services, fire departments, mining, and industry to protect, support, and save lives.



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Presenter Name : Wastech

Session: Fire Rover - Mobile Fire Suppression

Wastech Engineering is proud to offer the Fire Rover automated fire suppression system to help keep facilities in Australia and New Zealand safe. Fires are one of the most prevalent and serious threats to facilities of all sizes.



Presenter Name : Libby Chaplain

Session: B-Cycle Battery Safety

Libby is an expert in product stewardship and sustainability, driving the environmentally sound management of batteries across their lifecycle. As CEO of the Battery Stewardship Council, Libby established Australia's first nationwide, government-backed battery stewardship scheme, B-cycle.

Presenters



Presenter Name : Regan Brown

Session: Worker health incident reporting

At the helm of Labourforce Group, my focus is on delivering specialist supply chain staffing solutions. With extensive expertise in industrial relations and CRM, the organization under my leadership has become a beacon for quality and ethical labour hire.



Presenter Name : Riley Bryn

Session: Overhead Wires & Electrical Safety

Riley Bryn is a tradesman with an MBA and a wide range of knowledge and skills in between. Riley believes this is what gives him a perspective quite different from others and a true appreciation for the capability and potential of people if they are given a little guidance.



Presenter Name : Mark Dudman

Session: Driver Monitoring systems

An industry expert in video telematics that improves driver safety. Keeping drivers alive on our roads is my focus, promoting world leading risk reduction technology. Combining global leading Machine Vision and Artificial Intelligence to create safer driving conditions and proactively mitigate risky driving habits.



Presenter Name : Matthew Brady

Session: Moving Plant AI Detection

Sales & Business Development Manager at Cemac Technologies, he contributes to driving process efficiency and fostering innovation within the waste and recycling industry. Leveraging strong communication and contract negotiation skills, to enhance operational effectiveness across Australia and New Zealand.

Presenters



Presenter Name : Stephen Lewis

Session: Introduction to Psychosocial Hazards

Experienced safety professional, working in WHS roles for different companies and in different capacities. Stephen has a strong track record of implementing safety processes using a consultative and collaborative approach, with a delivery of outcomes to business leaders in workplace health and safety.



Presenter Name : Rod Marshall

Session: Psychosocial Hazards, Fit for Work

Rod is a Partner and Solicitor with Citation Legal and is an accredited specialist in workplace and employment law. Based in our Sydney office, he has extensive experience in a wide range of industrial and employment-related issues, both as an advisor and as an advocate. He has particular experience in advising clients operating in the hospitality and leisure, manufacturing and transport sectors.



Presenter Name : Andrew Hollier

Session: Managing Return to Work and duties

iCare is a New South Wales government agency that provides insurance and care services to individuals and businesses in the state. iCare's primary role is to manage workers' compensation insurance for most public and private sector employers in NSW and to support those who have been injured at work.



Presenter Name : Ben Haack

Session: Managing Fit for Work

Group WHS Manager at Sell & Parker, I bring 15+ years' experience across industrial, logistics, and defence sectors. Since 2018 I've led multi-site safety operations, strengthening WHS systems and driving continuous improvement, underpinned by the discipline of my Australian Defence Force background.



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**9:00 AM
9:10 AM**

Opening & Welcome
Brett Lemin
WCRA

**9:10 AM
9:30 AM**

Asbestos & Silica Eradication

Jodie Deakes
ASSEA CEO

**9:30 AM
9:50 AM**

**Respiratory Protection-
Asbestos & Silica**

Rebekah McCutcheon
Fit Test Australia

**9:50 AM
10:20 AM**

**Battery & Drug /Alcohol
Technologies**

Andrew Drake & Satiesh Muniandy
 Draeger Australia

**10:20AM
10:50 AM**

Networking & Morning Tea

**10:50 AM
11:20 AM**

Mobile Fire Supression

Patrick Fitzgerald/Scott Russ
FireRover by Wastech Engineering



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**11:20 AM
11:40 AM**

B-Cycle Battery Safety

Libby Chaplin
B-Cycle

**11:40 AM
12:00 PM**

Worker Health Incident Reporting

Regan Brown
Labourforce

**12:00 PM
1:00 PM**

**Networking Lunch
Product Displays**

**1:00 PM
1:30 PM**

Overhead Wires & Electrical Safety

Riley Bryn
Endeavour Energy

**1:30 PM
2:00 PM**

Driver Monitoring Systems

Mark Dudman
Optix

**2:00 PM
2:20 PM**

Moving Plant Detection

Matthew Brady
CEMAC

**2:20 PM
2:40 PM**

AI Solutions for Waste Management

Matt Lonergan & Chris Gordon
Machine Vision AI

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**2:40 PM
3:20 PM**

Afternoon Tea Networking

**3:20 PM
3:25 PM**

Prize Giveaway

**3:25 PM
3:40 PM**

Introduction to Psychosocial Hazards

**Stephen Lewis
Gallagher**

**3:40 PM
4:10 PM**

**Psychosocial Hazards
Panel Discussion**

Stephen Lewis, Rod Marshall, Connect Psych Services,

**4:10 PM
4:40 PM**

**How do we manage daily fit for work?
Panel Discussion**

Clint Theil, Ben Haack, Rod Marshall,

**4:40PM
5:00 PM**

**Managing return to work &
suitable duties**

**Andrew Hollier
icare**

5:00PM

Closing Remarks

**Brett Lemin
WCRA**

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Networking Drinks



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