## **Central Safety Group Meeting**

October 2018



| A fresh look at       | What: A fresh look at safety inspections   |
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|                       | Who: Dr Ross Donohue, Senior Lecturer, Monash University   |
| safety<br>inspections | <b>Details:</b> There has been surprisingly little research done on how inspectors assess health and safety in workplaces. Although the inspectors' task is grounded in rules and regulations, there are few measures of whether site inspections are standardised, comprehensive and non-idiosyncratic.                                 |
| Book Now              | Dr Ross Donohue, our speaker on 9 October, has been doing ground-breaking work on this. His research found inconsistencies in how regulatory workplace inspections were conducted, with a wide variety of methodologies and measures in use. There were also few ways to check and validate assessments.                                 |
|                       | As a result Ross has developed a 7-item generic OHS metric checklist as a standardised tool to assist inspectors. He has also made recommendations for improvements to the induction and training of OHS inspectors. Ross also sees the need for developing measures and training to assist OHS inspectors to assess psycho-social risk. |
|                       | A trial of this system is being conducted with WorkSafe Victoria inspectors and it will be launched internationally at a conference on Wellbeing in the Workplace in Paris next May.   |
|                       | Meeting Details  |
| When & Where          | When: 12 noon-1pm, Tuesday, 9 October 2018   |
|                       | Where: Level 1, 333 Queen Street Melbourne (AMS Consulting Group)  |
| Bookings              | <b>Cost</b> : Attendance: members free, non-members \$10<br>Lunch (optional): sandwich and juice lunch \$15<br>[Individual membership fee for 2018: \$70]  |
|                       | <b>Please book</b> and indicate whether you are having lunch:<br>Book online at <u>centralsafetygroup.com</u><br>or contact CSG Secretary Jane Loudon on T: (03) 9387 9768 Mobile 0417 040 252<br>or email: <u>secretary@centralsafetygroup.com</u>  |
|                       | (NOTE: To cover catering costs, the full fee will be charged for those who advised they would be having<br>lunch but did not attend).  |
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RSVP | By close of business Friday 5 October 2018