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## MEDIA RELEASE

### FROM THRIVING TRIBES TO ENERGISING CULTURES

#### The 2018 Safety Conference guarantees a new perspective on safety

**The annual Resource Industry Network (RIN) Safety Conference remains a powerful tool in helping businesses create and maintain safe work environments and this year's event will be no different.**

The 2018 Safety Conference is scheduled for March 22 & 23 and an impressive line up of industry leading experts is planned to ensure conference-goers are up to speed with the latest information on their respective safety topics.

Since its inception, the conference has seen an array of speakers discuss topics such as creating a mentally healthy workplace, psychological injury and optimising return to work, managing drugs in the workplace, suicide prevention, strategies to effectively manage fatigue risk, and the list goes on.

This year, the 2018 Safety Conference will once again call on everyone to be 'leaders in safety'. The need to engage with your workforce and create a mentally healthy workplace will be a hot topic of discussion, but indeed an important one.

As the RIN Health and Safety Committee Chair, Mick Crowe, states: "Safety is about leadership. If you want to drive improvement in physical safety, connect better with your workforce, and learn practical skills that will teach you about major safety skills, the Safety Conference is a must-do event."

One of the opening topics that will be discussed this year revolves around fatigue. The result of fatigue-related accidents can be devastating as Mackay woman Dawn Deakin will explain. Dawn lost her husband Trevor in a car accident when he decided to drive home after a shift at the mines.

Dawn's sobering story will be followed by a presentation on the impacts of fatigue for employees and businesses and will discuss some key controls that can be implemented to manage risk of incidents and accidents. It will be presented by Professor Sally Ferguson, Deputy Dean of Research, School of Human Health and Social Sciences, at CQUniversity.

The conference will again feature a variety of guest speakers who are experts in their field, a panel discussion and Q&A session with senior business leaders from Ausenco, Aurizon and Realm Resources, as well as the practical breakout sessions from industry leading experts.

Graeme Cowan will deliver "Leading Thriving Tribes" and discuss why it's important for leaders to create equal emphasis on well-being and performance. He will also talk about how individuals can help those who may be struggling.

Miles Knickerbocker will discuss the common dimensions of high performing safety cultures and explore key levers available in his presentation titled "Energising Your Safety Culture".

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The annual Safety Conference is a solid platform for the resources sector to broaden its knowledge on a range of different safety topics. This is why the Safety Conference remains a powerful tool, almost a decade after its inception, in helping businesses create safe work environments.

**WHEN:** March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
**WHERE:** Breakwater Bar & Restaurant (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
**TIME:** 3.00pm onwards (22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 7.15am – 5pm (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
**TICKETS:** \$275 Members \$375 Non-Members  
**TO REGISTER:** [www.resourceindustrynetwork.org.au/events](http://www.resourceindustrynetwork.org.au/events)

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Accompanying this media release is a program outline of topics and presenters at the Safety Conference. Should you require any more information about the presenters or to organise an interview, please contact: Jodie Thompson (RIN communications officers) on 0408 638 968 or [comms@resourceindustrynetwork.org.au](mailto:comms@resourceindustrynetwork.org.au)

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