

Media Release

Attention: Chiefs of staff

MUARC & SIA SIGN MAJOR SAFETY AGREEMENT

The Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) and the Safety Institute of Australia Inc (SIA) announced today that they have signed a major research and development partnership agreement.

MUARC and the SIA have signed a *Strategic Partner “Research & Development” Letter of Cooperation between the SIA and MUARC*. The letter provides a basis for mutual cooperation between the two organisations as strategic partners in the promotion of health and safety through various avenues of research and development.

The agreement aims to identify safety research and development opportunities, produce joint publication of health and safety reports and handbooks, ensure representation on relevant committees, and promote forums and conferences with leading health and safety professionals across all industry sectors.

MUARC director, Professor Rod McClure, said the agreement would have a significant impact on injury prevention.

“The ability to share ideas and information is crucial to developing long term injury prevention initiatives in Australia and throughout the world,” Professor McClure said. “The agreement with the SIA, which has been dedicated to raising health and safety awareness for nearly 60 years, represents an exciting new era for both organisations.”

SIA National President, Dr Geoff Dell, said: “The SIA has always admired the professionalism of MUARC in its national and international injury prevention roles and we are delighted to form this important strategic partnership.”

The SIA was formed in 1949 and is a not-for-profit, independent, apolitical, professional association with over 3000 members nationally. Its objectives include promoting health and safety awareness, advancing the science and practice of health and safety, and researching and developing health and safety standards, procedures and practices.

MUARC, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, is Australia’s leading injury prevention research centre. Its expertise is being sought around the globe, with more than 30 international projects currently underway.

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