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QMIHSC CONFERENCE 2026 PROGRAM

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026

TIME	SESSION			ROOM
8.00-18.30	Registration and information desk			Foyer
9.00 -11.00	SSE Forum - An update from Resources Safety & Health Queensland on regulatory priorities and focus areas for 2026–2027 - An update from the Explosives Inspectorate on the Shotfirer Project and Misfires Guidance - Lessons for Industry: A Tripartite Response to Moranbah North			Southport room
11.30-12.30	Lunch			Foyer
ROOM	Southport room	Gold Coast room	Surfers Paradise room	
12.30-14.30	State of Play: A ground-up look at health and safety in the Queensland mining industry (rotating discussion topics)			
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14.30-15.00	Afternoon tea with exhibitors			Marquee
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16.00-17.00	State of Play: A ground-up look at health and safety in the Queensland mining industry			
	Bringing it all together: Joining the dots - Making sense of what we've heard Darren Ramia-Topp	Bringing it all together: Joining the dots - Making sense of what we've heard Zane Harris	Bringing it all together: Joining the dots - Making sense of what we've heard Natasha Nunn	
17.00-20.00	Welcome reception and trade display Sponsored by 			Marquee
From 20.00	Rescue station Cash bar available			Cherry bar

MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2026

TIME	SESSION	ROOM
7.30-17.00	Registration and information desk	Foyer
8.00-8.45	Welcome with MC, Russell White Sponsored by  sea.com.au Welcome to Country Conference Welcome by QMIHSC Conference Chair, Stephen Watts Conference opening – Minister for natural resources and mines, Minister for manufacturing and Minister for regional and rural development, Hon Dale Last MP Welcome by Principal Sponsor, Komatsu 	Ballroom
8.45-9.30	Legends Award	
9.30-10.15	Keynote presentation: The Gift Miners' Promise & Acting Consulting Training (ACT) Australia Sponsored by 	
10.15-10.45	Morning tea with exhibitors	Marquee
10.45-11.30	Keynote presentation: 537 Days of isolation and pressure David Knoff	Ballroom
11.30-12.15	Keynote presentation: Hooked! Connect, engage and inspire with storytelling Yamini Naidu	
12.15-13.00	Keynote presentation: International experiences in health and safety and current Queensland perspectives Darren Nicholls Sponsored by 	
13.00-13.45	Lunch with exhibitors	Marquee & Events Lawn
13.45-14.30	Keynote presentation: Keeping people out of harms way in our workshops, in your mines Helen Gibson and Stuart Murphy, Komatsu Sponsored by 	Ballroom
14.30-15.15	Keynote presentation: Turning the tails on terror in our uncertain and scary world Michael Hingson	
15.15-15.45	Afternoon tea with exhibitors	Marquee

15.45-16.30	Keynote presentation: Resilience in a high-risk disruptive world Richard de Crespigny Sponsored by 	Ballroom
16.30 – 17.05	Health Innovation Award presentations Sponsored by: 	
16.30-16.40	The Industrial Athlete: A Recovery-based approach to workforce health in mining Toni McQuinn, Body Armour	
16.40-16.50	Exposi, the complete hygiene management platform Dustin Bennett and Adam O'Malley, GCG Health Safety & Hygiene	
16.50-17.00	Our Greatest Resource – Our People: Preventative health screening as the front door to fit for life Clayton Stansbie, Glencore	
17.00-17.05	Q&A from the judges	
17.05-18.30	Rescue station <i>Cash bar available</i>	Cherry Bar
19.00-midnight	Informal dinner and appeal auction: A Night at Mount Olympus Sponsored by: 	Ballroom
From midnight	Rescue station <i>Cash bar available</i>	Cherry Bar

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2026

TIME	SESSION			ROOM
8.00-17.00	Registration and information desk			Foyer
8.15-8.30	Welcome with MC, Russell White Sponsored by  sea.com.au			Ballroom
8.30-9.30	Learnings from the Industry Kate Bachmann, BMA and Justin Ludcke, InterSafe			
9.30-10.15	Keynote presentation: The importance of clinical and mental management for all those involved in mine rescue Paul Featherstone			
10.15-10.45	Morning tea with exhibitors			Marquee
10.45-12.25	Concurrent sessions			
ROOM	Southport room	Gold Coast room	Surfers Paradise room	
	Concurrent session 1 Leading Safe Organisations Sponsored by 	Concurrent session 2 People, Performance & Critical Controls Sponsored by 	Concurrent session 3 Engineering Safer Operations	
10.50-11.10	What does "good" look like for leaders seeking to discharge their duties to manage psychosocial risks? Jacqui Brickmann, Ashurst Perkins Coie and Dr Erin Quinane, Erin Quinane Performance	Critical controls that actually control: Closing the gap between work as imagined and work as done David Jamieson, Salus Technical	How cranes really work - why they fail, the limits of crane safety systems, and practical risk management on site Liam Edwards, Crane Class	
11.15-11.35	Helping BUMA Australia turn frontline leadership into an operational discipline Sean Lavin, Everyday Massive	Strengthening safety & health competency for frontline supervisors: Findings from Queensland's cross sector competency review Prof Maureen Hassall, The University of Queensland	Edge detection system for dozer operations Craig Hoffmann, Wabtec Digital Mine	
11.40-12.00	Managing safety from the top – lessons for board, executive and managers from recent cases Patrick Ritchie and Sarah Walters, MinterEllison	Leveraging neuroscience for safer workplaces Brett Solomon, Sentis	The need for critical changes to underground coal mine strata control practices to improve worker safety Mark Colwell, Geotechnical Software Services Pty Ltd	
12.05-12.25	Data rich, insight poor: How senior leaders can use AI to better understand their health and safety data Dr Sean Brady, Brady Heywood	The missing risk category: Integrating cardiovascular risk in mining safety systems Alexandra Samuels, HeartCore Group Pty Ltd	From heat TARPs to heat maturity: Strengthening implementation and continuous improvement Christine Killip, Weather Intelligence Pty Ltd	
12.25-13.20	Lunch with exhibitors			Marquee & Events Lawn

13.20-14.35	Safety Innovation Award Sponsored by 			Ballroom
13.20-13.30	Rim-Unlock unlocking safety within the OTR Industry Frank Mele, BMA and Joseph Guinea, Rim-lock Innovations			
13.30-13.40	Mini Face Bolter: Breaking the low-seam barrier Mick Stenner, Anglo American			
13.40-13.50	Revolutionising heavy equipment maintenance — The HNA Strut handling tool Scott Anderson, MEU, Anthony Lye and Craig Hall, HNA Group Pty Ltd			
13.50-14.00	Air suspension wheel (ASW) - Preventing tyre related failure modes through a mechanically constrained air suspension wheel system Darryl Crowder, GACWheels Mining Pty Ltd			
14.10-14.20	Engineering out hot works and dropped object hazards in mining plant support Installations John Bowey, Skopit			
14.20-14.30	Judges Q&A			
14.35-15.05	Afternoon tea with exhibitors			Marquee
15.05-16.30	Concurrent sessions			
ROOM	Southport room	Gold Coast room	Surfers Paradise room	
	Concurrent session 4 Technology & Digitisation	Concurrent session 5 Critical Risk Management & Control Assurance	Concurrent session 6 Occupational Hygiene & Exposure Management Sponsored by 	
15.05-15.45	The future of hard rock ground control: Predictive, connected, safer: NOME Rockmonitor XR Graeme Naylor, Strata Worldwide	Inside the revised ICMM critical control management guide: A walkthrough from a lead contributor Anthony Deakin, Glasshouse Consulting Pty Ltd	Exceedance investigations, where to from here? Dustin Bennett, GCG Health Safety & Hygiene	
15.50-16.30	Eyes on the ground: Officer and director lessons from the Gibson and Boeing decisions Dr Sean Brady, Brady Heywood	Critical control management for welding fume Simon Krismer, WQMS	Catastrophic incidents involving ammonium nitrate: what have we learned and what can we still learn? Ryan Brogden, Frontier Safety	
16.30-18.30	Exhibition Happy Hour Sponsored by 			Marquee
From 18.30	Rescue station Cash bar available			Cherry Bar

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2026

TIME	SESSION		ROOM
7.30-17.00	Registration and information desk		Foyer
8:10-8:15	Welcome with MC, Russell White Sponsored by  sea.com.au		Ballroom
8.15-9.15	Keynote presentation: Workshop overview: State of Play: A ground-up look at health and safety in the Queensland mining industry Natasha Nunn and Zane Harris, Neuro		
9.15-10.00	Keynote presentation: 'Brain 101: Mental Agility = Resilience' Milo Wilson Sponsored by 		
10.00-10.45	Keynote presentation: Creating safe outcomes rather than managing safety anxiety Dr Drew Rae		
10.45-11.15	Morning tea with exhibitors	Marquee	
11.15-12.40	Concurrent sessions		
ROOM	Southport room	Gold Coast room	Surfers Paradise room
	Concurrent session 7 Worker Health, Wellbeing & Human Factors Sponsored by 	Concurrent session 8 Leadership, Culture & Organisational Learning	Concurrent session 9 Engineering Safer Equipment
11.15-11.55	Improving fatigue aspects of journey management for Queensland's mine workers Tom Cobcroft, Pro Mining Engineer, Mitch Hughes, MEU, Dr Naomi Rogers, Chronosafe Consulting Solutions and Dearne Paterson, RSHQ	Beaconsfield mine - leadership lessons 20 years on Grant Chisnall and Matt Gill, Left of Boom	Diesel particulate matter in mining: what are we really measuring? Dr Nikky Labranche, The University of Queensland
12.00-12.40	Learning from practice: Insights from the Regulator's evaluation of psychosocial risk management Natasha Brennan, RSHQ	Beyond "Having Systems" - The leadership behaviours that prevent catastrophe Tanya Jefferis and Karen Bradley, MIPS Security Risk Management	Dynamic differences between air suspension wheels (ASW) and conventional inflated tyre/rim (ITR) systems – An engineered risk control perspective Darryl Crowder, GACWheels Mining Pty Ltd
12.40 – 13.30	Lunch with exhibitors		Marquee & Events Lawn

13.30-15.30 Concurrent sessions			
VENUE	Southport room	Gold Coast room	Surfers Paradise room
	Concurrent session 10 Workforce Health, Human Performance & Wellbeing	Concurrent session 11 Operational Excellence, Technology & Innovation	Concurrent session 12 Critical Risk Management, Controls & Emerging Hazards Sponsored by 
13.30-13.50	A study into contractor task-related compliance in Queensland coal mining — structural predictors, leading indicators, and data-driven risk mitigation Dan Dennis, INTELICS	Updates on enhancing physical and chemical stability of inline fine treated tailings Fernando Da Silva, SRK Consulting (Australasia) Pty Ltd	Thermal ignitions from intrinsically safe systems in underground coal mines Mark Kleinhans, RSHQ- Simtars and Greg Napper, RSHQ
13.55-14.15	Ten years on: Transforming respiratory health surveillance following the re-identification of coal workers' pneumoconiosis in Queensland Di A-izzeddin, RSHQ	Remote roller health monitoring in restricted-access tunnel environments: Smart-Idler® deployment on the train load out conveyor at Foxleigh coal mine Ryan Norris, Vayeron	Accelerating critical risk maturity: Using AI assistance to improve control framework quality Ekin Eraydin, Mineguard AI
4.20-14.40	"We measure it... But are we controlling it? The gap between dust monitoring and real exposure" Luke Ripper, GCG Health Safety & Hygiene	Lucas drilling depressurising open cut coal seams using SIS Lateral wells Ellie Rylands, Lucas Drilling	Explosives surrender licence requirements/ramifications Paul Gleeson, RSHQ
4.45-15.05	From psychological strain to safer performance - Strengthening human capability in mining Nick Sutherland, MyndFit	Operationalising decarbonisation in active coal mines: Integrating new hazards and activities through an operational readiness framework Dr Steph Byrom, Loop Decarbonisation Solutions	Situational awareness around explosives Brad Alvey, RSHQ
15.10-15.30	Human factors: Treating the mine worker as an industrial athlete Toni McQuinn, Body Armour	Paper to platform: How digital and AI-assisted tools are meeting a new generation of mining workers where they are Naaman Shibi, Techs4biz Australia	From two-way voice to situational awareness: The safety case for mission-critical, standards-based mobile broadband in remote mining operations Milan Coric, Marchnet
15.30-15.50	Afternoon tea with exhibitors		Marquee
15.50-16.35	Keynote presentation: Living with Loss Lisa Hardwick Sponsored by  TRANSPORT, ENERGY AND MINING		Ballroom
19.00-19.30	Pre-dinner drinks		
19.30 – midnight	Gala dinner: The Gatsby Gala Sponsored by 		Ballroom
From midnight	Rescue station Cash bar available		Cherry bar