

Safe Christmas from us to you



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy & Safe Christmas this year. I don't know about you but I seem to have been busier this year with safety? I think that the way we share information & try to deliver our messages & training is changing. This is making it more challenging to keep chipping away at old and bad safety habits and culture.

I know this might sound weird but I am excited about how we are doing things. I feel that we are starting to realise that the old ways of doing things don't always work anymore and we have to really think about how to do things differently.

During the year we were lucky enough to work with some great companies and people, but the best part of it was we were doing things that we have not done before! And the people we were sharing information with actually realised that this was not the "Same old safety bullshit!" (Their words not mine)

And guess what? It will get better next year as we try more different things.

We are also making some changes, 2012 will see us welcome Rodney Vagg & Dean McSporren to our team. Rodney & Dean are both workplace accident victims, Rodney ended up a Quadriplegic & Dean lost an arm as a result of accidents while doing their jobs..... They both admit that their accidents could have been prevented!

So stay tuned and we will share more information with you soon, if any of you are planning your safety training for next year you now have more opportunities to show your people that an accident can change your life & affect many other people.

This year also saw Vanessa & myself welcome Annie into the world, now if you ever need a reason to stay safe it is for the people that depend on you! This little girl is beautiful and amazing, and when I come home from being away she gives me a smile and I realise just what safety is all about.

Vanessa has had an excellent year too, not only has she given birth, but she is the driving force behind Kahi, myself & soon Dean & Rodney. She allows us to share our messages without having to worry about the "Little" things, for those of you who have dealt with her you will agree she does a great job, Thanks Ness.

Brad my oldest son is in Alice Springs, this will be his first Christmas away from home and we will all miss him. But he is enjoying his work & life "On his own".

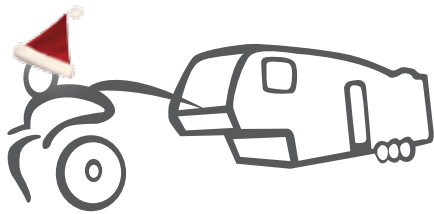
Dan played his first year of footy (AFL) this year, he played in a team that did not win a game all season. It was great to see how he handled this, and as a parent it was interesting to try to get him to understand that winning is not everything. I tried to explain to him that as long as they put in their best effort & were seeing improvements both individually & as a team then that was what they should be looking for. Sounds a bit like safety huh?

Thanks to everyone we have worked with this year, you have helped us to share our message & hopefully we have managed to chip away at some peoples safety attitudes. We look forward to keeping it all going in 2012.



Don't be a Pole!

On a recent trip through SA I noticed that the SA Government has a system that marks crash sites with plastic poles. Red ones where there has been a serious injury and black ones where there has been a fatality. I found myself checking my speed and my mirrors every time I drove past a section of road that had any red or black poles! I reckon it is a great system and another example of where state governments just don't communicate! Why can't we do this in all states?



High Risk OHS Summit

I have been invited to speak at the High Risk OHS Summit in Melbourne next year (13th -15th Feb). I'm sure there will be many safety professionals interested in some of the information that will be available at the summit. For those of you interested you can find more details at www.acevents.com.au/ohs2012. If you are planning on attending you can see James speak on Monday 13th Feb at 4.20pm.

2012 CNBSafe Road Trip



During 2012 we will be taking my message "On the road" again, we will pack up the Caravan & Land Rover and head off. I plan on being in NSW, Qld and WA during this time so if you would like me to call in on your site and share my message with your people please get in touch and we can look at suitable dates. Proposed dates are from May to September 2012.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who we have worked with during the year, we wish you a happy end of year and a Successful and Safe 2012.....

From James & Vanessa and family.

Testimonial

A simple message of "choice" and being responsible for your own choices. A quick decision can change your life forever, there is no taking it back. The impacts on others who share our lives is often underestimated and unless you have been touched by this situation personally it is difficult to understand and harder to accept. If only humans had a button for Risk Perception!

Wendy Hodgetts, Barrick Kanowna – Western Australia



Merry Christmas