

OUR STORIES

SUCCESSFUL SAFETY FORUM BECOMES A REGULAR EVENT

During the year, we hosted a two-day forum promoting, through speakers and topics, a positive safety culture and providing an opportunity to network and knowledge share. This brought together our business managers, safety personnel and representatives as well as colleagues from our portfolio partners.

Some of our own safety champions gave informative presentations on a broad range of topics including:

- asbestos management
- risk perception
- Direct Managed Works
- journey and traffic management
- effective communication for engaging our people.

External guest speakers included representatives from the Public Transport Authority, Department of Transport, WorkSafe, RiskCover, Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety and HBF. They presented on a range of subjects including injury management, WorkSafe and legislation updates, exercises for stretching, and internal safety processes.

SafetyWise facilitated a two-hour Incident Cause Analysis Method Lite training, and attendees were able to participate in the challenging session as well as have this recognised in their personal performance record. We also heard from a road safety advocate who spoke of his personal road trauma and recovery story and a mental health awareness proponent on the importance of this in the workplace and home.

We were able to network and build our understanding of the safety risks faced by co-workers in the regions, on projects, and in other agencies and how these are managed across the portfolio. Discussion from a panel of key safety advocates at the conclusion of the forum also gave an opportunity for questions beyond the presentations and training.

The feedback from participants was positive and the intention is to host a similar event across the Transport Portfolio in two years.

We will continue to discuss safety, health and wellbeing priorities and share our stories, with the objective of having a unified approach to best practices and leading the way with safety in the Western Australian Government.