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President's Address



Robert Bradley, President

AALARA highlights Amusement Ride Safety

On behalf of you, our members, this Association has recently focussed its attention on highlighting the exemplary safety record of Australia's amusement ride industry.

Following recent incidents on amusements devices in NSW, I would like to convey our sadness to the family involves on behalf of industry. I would also like reinforce that in the industry of fun, operators of amusement devices have made a commitment to safety which is always paramount to fun.

The Australian industry, which is governed by the national standard (AS3533 Amusement rides and devices), ensures that amusement devices meet extremely tight operating standards, some of the most regulated in the world.

AALARA's industry code of practice outlines our members' personal commitment to safety within their business.

AALARA Features

28-04-2010 : 2010 IAAPA ASIAN EXPO/AALARA CONFERENCE

Join AALARA delegates as we travel to the IAAPA Asian Attractions Expo to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 14th to 16th July 2010. [more](#)



22-04-2010 : AALARA EDUCATION & TRAINING

AALARA'S successful 'Manage A Crisis' Risk Management seminars are heading to Adelaide and Perth. [more](#)

22-04-2010 : FINANCIAL REVIEW ASSESSES SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND THEME PARKS

Park operators discuss the challenges and future of the industry in a feature in the Australian Financial Review. [more](#)

20-04-2010 : AALARA MEETS WITH STANDARDS AUSTRALIA

AALARA Board Members have today met with James Thompson from Standards Australia to present the Association's views on the situation regarding new standards for our industry. [more](#)

10-04-2010 : GO KART SAFETY ALERT - NSW GOVERNMENT

01-04-2010: CARRIAGE FAILURE ON FERRIS WHEEL AMUSEMENT DEVICES: SAFETY ALERT

This alert is published as the result of a collapse of a carriage on a ferris wheel due to an axle failure. The alert provides guidance on immediate control measures that should be taken to prevent similar failures.

Owner and operators of ferris wheels should familiarise themselves with this information and take appropriate action to ensure the immediate safety of their device. Catalogue Number: WC02762, ISBN: 978-1-74218-598-9. [more](#)



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Industry News

29-04-2010 : GLOBAL STUDY SHOWS RESILIENCE IN THE THEME PARK INDUSTRY

The world's top 25 theme parks recorded 185 million visits in 2009, a decline of 0.3% from 2008. [more](#)

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNED AALARA MEMBERS

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With over 700 employees, Maurer Sohne, has been producing steel products in Munich, Germany since 1876. The company has three divisions: Steel Structures; Structural Support Systems (Bridge Bearings and expansion gaps, etc.); and Amusement Rides.

Maurer Sohne diversified into Amusement Rides in 1993 by acquiring the industry famous, Anton Schwarzkopf's business, and began producing his Wild Mouse rides. Since then, Maurer's Amusement Rides has grown into a much larger producer of very high quality steel roller coasters with rides at the world's largest theme parks.

Maurer's X-Car has won nine awards as the best roller coaster seat design in the industry, and Maurer has produced more spinning coasters than any other company in the world.

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Auscop Entertainment has been established for 10 years. Auscorp Entertainment caters for corporate functions, school fetes, community festivals and events. Auscorp has a variety of fun amusements and food machines.

Based on statistics released by the National Regulators Amusement Devices Committee (the Australian governing regulatory authority represented by all Australian State and Territory Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Regulators), the Australian amusement industry has an exemplary safety record.

Since 2000, a total of 39 incidents (including two fatalities) involving amusement devices were recorded on the National register from amusement devices. Between 2000 and 2010, theme parks, amusement parks and other fixed-site venues catered for over 60 million guests who safely enjoyed an estimated 250 million rides on amusement devices during that time.

In addition in 2009 alone, over four million visitors attended the Royal Agricultural Shows throughout Australia taking over 20 million rides on transportable amusement devices. This figure excludes additional rides taken on amusement devices at regional agricultural shows, festivals and fetes.

We applaud the efforts of the industry who invest millions of dollars each year for the latest technology and equipment and who employ thousands of staff throughout Australia. We encourage you to strive for excellent in safety and fun!

Robert Bradley, AALARA President

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29-04-2010 : AUSTRALIA ZOO'S ANZAC DAY OPENING UNDER INVESTIGATION

The ABC has reported that Australia Zoo's opening on the morning of ANZAC Day is under investigation by the Department of Justice and Attorney General. [more](#)

28-04-2010 : DOGGETT HEADS TOURISM AWARD WINNERS

Peter Doggett has been presented with a Life Membership by the Australian Tourism Export Council. [more](#)



28-04-2010 : CAIRNS COUNCIL CLOSES SUGARWORLD WATERPARK

The Sugarworld water park at Edmonton, North Queensland has been closed after Cairns Regional Council identified structural problems in rides. [more](#)

27-04-2010 : 900,000 VISITORS ATTEND 2010 SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW has revealed that close to 900,000 people came to the 2010 Sydney Royal Easter Show. [more](#)

27-04-2010 : ULURU DEATH SPARKS CALLS TO END ROCK CLIMB

The death of a tourist at Uluru is expected to accelerate moves to end climbing on the Rock. [more](#)



26-04-2010 : TERMINATOR X ATTRACTION SET FOR LAUNCH ON THREE CONTINENTS

Following on from its launch in Australia at the end of 2009, attractions on three continents are to introduce Sudden Impact!'s Terminator X: A Laser Battle for Salvation interactive attraction. [more](#)

25-04-2010 : WHITEWATER WEST LAUNCHES DUELING AQUALOOP WATERSLIDES

WhiteWater West Industries Ltd has announced the launch of its Dueling AquaLoops waterslides. [more](#)

23-04-2010 : ZAMPERLA PRESIDENT DISCUSSES NEW YORK'S LUNA PARK

Zamperla Group Chief Executive and President Alberto Zamperla discusses the largest investment in the company's 50-year history. [more](#)



23-04-2010 : UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDS FUTURE OF NAPIER MARINELAND

Napier's Marineland, one of Hawke's Bay's top tourist attractions since the mid-1960s, could be turned into a bus depot. [more](#)

21-04-2010 : NEW LEADERS AT TENPIN BOWLING AUSTRALIA

Tenpin Bowling Australia has named Commonwealth Games triple-Gold medallist Cara Honeychurch as its new Chief Executive. [more](#)

21-04-2010 : CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC. ACQUIRES CENTAMAN

Gary Jonas Computing Ltd, a subsidiary of Canadian-based Constellation Software Inc., has completed the acquisition of Centaman Holdings Pty Ltd. [more](#)



20-04-2010 : 'STONEHENGE' REPLICA HEADS TO WA BEACH

One of Western Australia's best known beaches could gain a full-sized replica of

Le Mans Go Karts

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Stonehenge under a controversial plan to lure more tourists. [more](#)

15-04-2010 : "SLIGHTLY LOWER" ATTENDANCE AT UNIVERSAL THEME PARKS

The parent company of Universal Orlando and Universal Studios Hollywood says attendance at the two resorts dipped slightly during the first three months of the year. [more](#)

16-04-2010 : IAAPA REPORT: US AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY

The most recent fixed-site Amusement Ride Injury Survey highlights that an estimated 1,309 ride related injuries occurred in 2007. View the report [here](#)



16-04-2010 : SENTOSA RIDE TO BE DISMANTLED

Universal Studios Singapore at Resorts World Sentosa has announced that parts of its main attraction, the Battlestar Galactica rollercoaster, are to be rebuilt. [more](#)

15-04-2010 : INVESTMENT TO HELP RETAIN CAVES' ICON STATUS

The planned multi-million dollar upgrade of Jenolan Caves and the historic Caves House will help it to retain its place as one of Australia's iconic tourism destinations. [more](#)



14-04-2010 : AIR RACE ACTION RETURNS TO PERTH

Hundreds of thousands of spectators are expected to gather on the South Perth Foreshore this weekend for the Red Bull Air Race. [more](#)

12-04-2010 : GORILLA ENCLOSURE FOR WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

The Victorian Government will invest \$1.5 million in an enclosure for silverback gorillas. It is expected to open this summer. [more](#)

10-04-2010 : WOMAN ADVISED NOT TO WEAR HIJAB

The owners of Port Stephens Go-Karts have said the woman killed in last week's accident was advised not to wear her headress on the go-kart. [more](#)

08-04-2010 : MOTHER STRANGLERED IN FREAK GO-KARTING ACCIDENT

A young Muslim mother has died after her Hijab became tangled in a go-kart's axle at Port Stephens on the NSW Central Coast. *AALARA note: this business was not an AALARA member.* [more](#)



07-04-2010 : ZEALANDIA EXHIBITION OPENS IN WELLINGTON

New Zealand Prime Minister John Key has officially opened the country's newest ecoattraction at Wellington's world-first Zealandia eco-sanctuary. [more](#)



06-04-2010 : THREE INJURED IN BLUESFEST FERRIS WHEEL INCIDENT

Three teenage girls were injured after a Ferris Wheel car they were in plunged about four metres in northern NSW last night. [more](#)

06-04-2010 : CITY COUNCIL AGREES ADELAIDE AQUATIC CENTRE RENOVATIONS

The Adelaide City Council has voted to renovate its Adelaide Aquatic Centre. [more](#)



06-04-2010 : BURJ KHALIFA REOPENS AFTER TWO-MONTH CLOSURE

The observation deck on Dubai's Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, has reopened to the public. [more](#)

04-04-2010 : DISNEYLAND PARIS HIT BY STAFF SUICIDES

Staff at Disneyland Paris are considering industrial action to improve their working conditions after the suicides of three employees since the start of the year. [more](#)

02-04-2010 : PARENTS FILE LAWSUIT AGAINST AFTER BOY'S INJURY AT US FEC

Parents of Boy Injured at an Indiana Family Entertainment Centre have filed a lawsuit against facility owner Zoom Entertainment. [more](#)

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JULY

14-16 Asian Attractions Expo (including AALARA 2010)

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AUGUST

24 AALARA Award/Crisis Management Seminar

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OCTOBER

6-10 Annual World Waterparks Association (WWA) Symposium and Tradeshow

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NOVEMBER

15-19 International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) Annual Convention and Trade Show

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PARKS Tourism Recreation VENUES

02-04-2010 : HUGHES TO HEAD OAMPS LEISURE SERVICES

Rod Hughes is to take up a new role as OAMPS' National Manager of Sport, Recreation and Hospitality. [more](#)



01-04-2010 : OCEAN PARK EMBRACES HONG KONG DESTINATION MONTH

To celebrate the upcoming Shanghai Expo 2010 and support the Expo's Hong Kong Pavilion, Ocean Park will launch a distinctive 3D display. [more](#)

31-03-2010: SIX FLAGS TO MARKET MOVIES

Six Flags amusement parks are offering themselves to Hollywood studios as a venue to promote films. [more](#)

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