

## Managing safety in agriculture

### **Workplace Safety Statistics**

Australia, UK, USA, NZ, Canada

# 335,000 workplace fatalities worldwide each year.

over 50% of workplace fatalities occur in agriculture

## Industry Profile - Agriculture

- 3% Total employment
- Oldest age demographic
  - 17% over 65, 22% 55 64
- 46% Casual employees
- Highest number of fatalities 40 per year
  - 65 & over 36%
  - Showing no dramatic improvement

 Sheep, Beef Cattle & Grain farming makes up 1/3 of the sector, accounts for 2/3 of serious claims

#### In the past 4 years

- Livestock managers 57 fatalities
- Livestock labourers 18 fatalities
- Cropping farmers 17 fatalities

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Agriculture identified as a national priority to reduce fatalities & serious claims

#### 2980 Serious Injuries reported per year

## An average of 40 Fatalities per year

WHY ????? The jobs we do, the conditions we work in, the people we work with.

#### Working with:

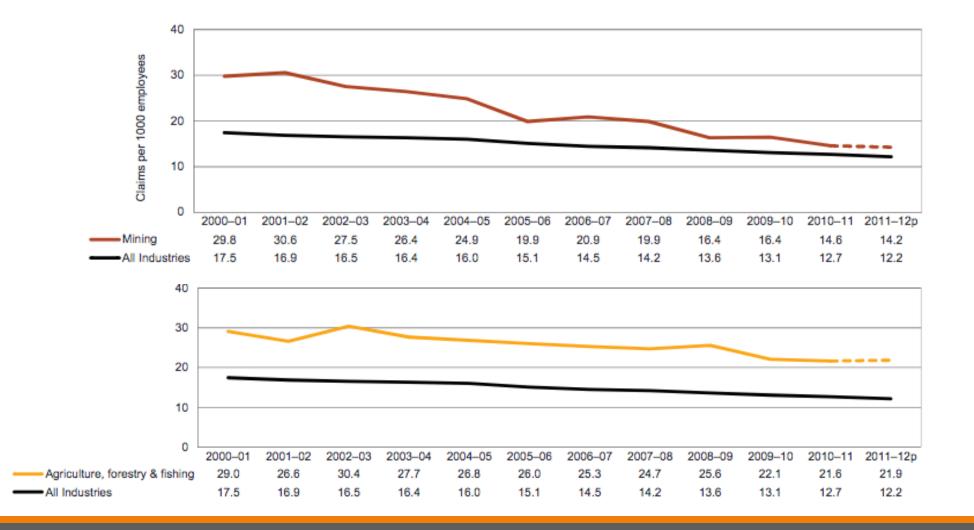
- Explosives
- Chemicals
- Big Machinery
- Livestock

#### The Conditions:

- Working alone
- Working in remote areas
- Working outdoors

#### The People:

- Men over 50
- Inexperienced casuals



Almost 25% of workplace fatalities occur in agriculture Mining fatalities make up less than 3%

## Harmonised WHS legislation – SA, NSW, TAS, QLD, NT, ACT OHS legislation – VIC, WA

#### The workers

#### Under the Act, the business/employer MUST provide

- Adequate facilities for your workers' welfare
- Information, instruction, training or supervision for workers
- Consultation with your workers on health and safety matters
- Monitoring of the health of your workers and the conditions of your workplace
- A working environment that is safe
- Safe plant, structures and systems of work

## What about Contractors?

As an employer you must provide a safe and healthy workplace for your workers and contractors.

#### This includes:

- providing and maintaining safe plant (such as machinery and equipment)
- providing safe systems of work (such as controlling entry to high risk areas, controlling work pace and frequency)
- maintaining the workplace in a safe condition (such as ensuring fire exits are not blocked, emergency equipment is serviceable, and the worksite is generally tidy)
- providing adequate facilities (such as clean toilets, cool and clean drinking water, and hygienic eating areas)
- making sure contractors have adequate information, instruction, training and supervision to work in a safe and healthy manner.

## The Business MUST report a Notifiable Incident

#### The Person

- The death of a person
- Serious illness
- Admission to hospital (in patient)

## Solution The Business MUST report a Dangerous Incident

- an uncontrolled escape, spillage or leakage of a substance
- implosion, explosion or fire
- escape of gas or steam
- escape of a pressurised substance
- electric shock
- the fall from a height of any plant
- the collapse or partial collapse of a structure



### A breach of duties under the WHS Act is a criminal offence and penalties apply (OHS penalties in Victoria are higher)

	Corporation	Individual as PCBU	Individual as worker
CATEGORY 1	\$3 million	\$600,000 and/or five years in jail	\$300,000 and/or five years in jail

The duty holder, without reasonable excuse, engages in conduct that recklessly exposes a person to a risk of death or serious injury or illness

CATEGORY 2 \$1.5 million \$300,000 \$150,000

The duty holder fails to comply with a health and safety duty that exposes a person to risk of death or serious injury or illness

CATEGORY 3 \$500,000

\$100,000



The duty holder fails to comply with a health and safety duty

## Prohibition and Improvement Notices

**Prohibition Notice:** Failure to comply with this notice may incur a maximum penalty of:

- \$100,000 for an individual
- \$500,000 for a body corporate

**Improvement Notice:** Failure to comply with this notice may incur a maximum penalty of:

- \$50,000 for an individual
- \$250,000 for a body corporate

## Industrial Manslaughter Penalties

Industrial Manslaughter is now law in Qld & ACT.

It is currently being proposed in SA, Vic & NSW.

- The maximum penalty for the new offence is 20 years imprisonment for an individual, with a maximum fine of \$10 million for a corporate offender.
- Industrial Manslaughter extends corporate criminal responsibility where a corporation's unwritten rules, policies, work practices or conduct fail to create a culture of compliance consistent with its responsibilities and duties of care.

## National Heavy Vehicle Regulator laws start in October 2018

#### What are the Chain of Responsibility (CoR) laws

On 1 October 2018, the HVNL will be changed so that the safety of transport activities relating to a heavy vehicle will be the shared responsibility of each party in the Chain of Responsibility for the heavy vehicle.

**Anybody** (not just the driver) who has control over the transport task can be held responsible for breaches of road laws and may be legally liable. COR is similar to the legal concept of 'duty of care' that underpins Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) law. This approach has long been used by the courts to impose liability in negligence and damages claims.

For more FAQ refer to the factsheet in your pack.



## What minimum record keeping is essential to demonstrate compliance for OHS / WHS, NHVR Chain of Responsibility, Industrial Manslaughter?



- Records identifying the Person(s) Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU), Workers and Contractors
- Health and training records
- Induction records
- Maintenance records and safe operation procedures
- Hazard analysis (records of risks/hazards identified)
- Records of communication about identified risks and resolutions
- Safety policies and an active emergency plan

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## 2017-2018 Headlines from Safework Aust

07 Jun 2017 Vegie business hit with \$107,933 fine over safety breaches 15 Dec 2017 Man crushed by bull at Dunkeld

29 Mar 2018 <u>Man</u> dies in farm truck rollover near <u>Warragul</u> 24 Mar 2017 Third tractor incident in a week claims another life

17 Mar 2017 <u>Truck driver and</u> <u>farmer die in</u> <u>separate</u> incidents

04 Jan 2018 Man trampled to death at Georges Creek 31 Jul 2017 <u>Record court fines</u> <u>for failing to keep</u> <u>workplaces safe</u> 08 May 2018 Farmer dies after being struck by trailer

21 Jun 2017 Two workers die in country Victoria in less than 24 hours

08 Jan 2017 Workplaces urged to do more after horror 2016 12 Jan 2017 Labour hire company convicted after backpacker scalped

11 Sep 2017 Poultry contractor fined \$1.13m over forklift tragedy

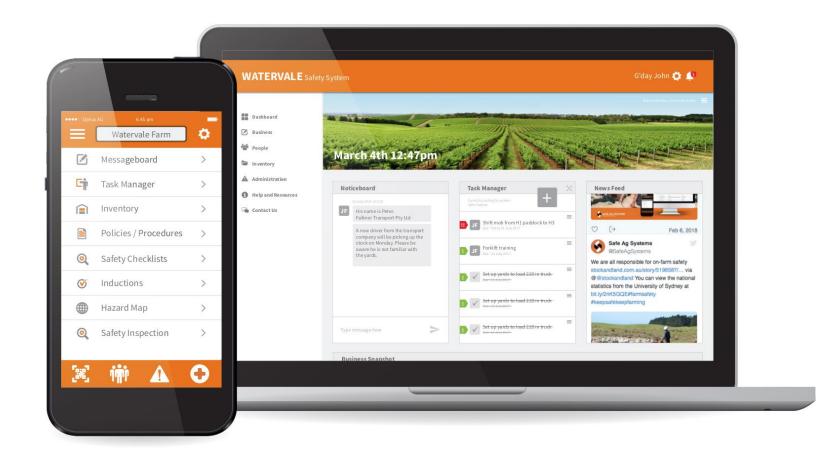


We know that, as primary producers, we have to take action

## What are you going to do?



A software technology that is changing the way Australian farmers are tackling safety on farm.





## Your business details

PRIMARY	ADD / EDIT LOGO	MANAGE DIRECT	TORY LISTING
	Seed	TD	Seed Cleaning Company 16 Laneway Road Morayfield QLD 4505 Australia 0419822119 graham_katy@yahoo.com.au www.seedcleaningco.com ABN. 12345678921

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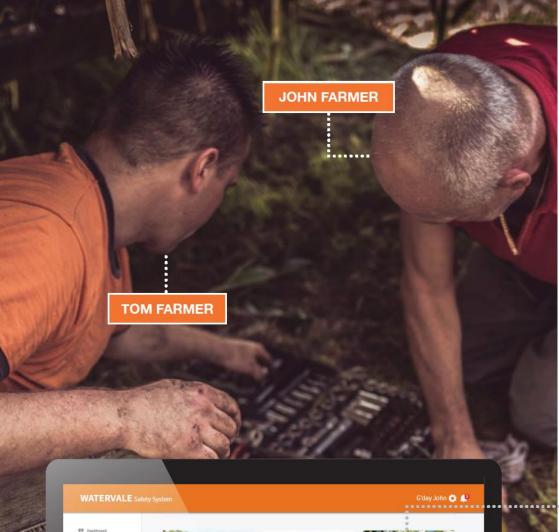
#### PRIMARY BUSINESS DETAILS

Primary Entity Name (PCBU) ⑦*	Entity Type	ABN
Seed Cleaning Company	Company	321654046554
Email	Telephone	Website
graham_katy@yahoo.com.au	0419822119	www.seedcleaningco.com
Postal Address	Country	Post Code
16 Laneway Road	Aus	4505
	Suburb / Town	State / Region

SAVE BUSINESS DETAILS

#### **BUSINESS CONTACTS**

Officer of the (PCBU) * ⑦	Telephone *	Email *
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WHS Administrator *	WHS Administrator Telephone *	WHS Administrator Email *
	0419822119	katy@safeagsystems.com



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• Upload Employment Contracts, Position Descriptions or Performance Reviews.

#### Worker Information First Name Last Name Phone / Mobile Date of Birth 誧 Email Postal Address Physical Address

Does this person require access to the system? Learn more.

ADD WORKER

CONTRACTER DIRECTORY

MANAGE WORKERS

Position

Workers

& Clients

• Health Action Plans can be

accessed in an Emergency situation (e.g. if a worker is

immediately what to do).

• The Training Register helps

you keep track of Tickets and Licenses and allows you to schedule upcoming training.

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asthmatic and has an attack on farm, other workers will know



TOM FARMER

Company

Туре	Category	Name	Date
Health Record	Health Record	Asthma Health Action Plan	01/02/18
Upload	Work Cover Management Plan	Asthma Management Plan	01/02/18
Upload	Employment Record	Tom Farmer Employment Contract	01/02/18

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## Ensures everyone is aware of the emergency medical treatment for any worker

Category*	
Health Record	
Name of condition / illness Asthma	
Description and associated sympto	ms
Shortness of breath	
Dizziness	
Cause or associated triggers	
Dust	
pollen	
Preventative action	
Puffer	
Removal from environ	ment
Action Plan	
Asthmaplan.doc	Browse
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Ensures workers and business know current skills, licenses as well as skill gaps.

Ensures appropriate training is planned to support worker safety.

Add Training	
Who will be doing this training	?
Solution Anthony Graham	⊗ Helen Farmer
🛚 Samantha Smith	🛚 John Farmer
Туре	
Licence	
Training Name	
Chemical Certification	
Bro	wse training options in your area.
Comments or Conditions	
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Date	
01/02/18	
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How does this help me with compliance – Business and Workers

#### Safe Ag Systems reports:

#### WHO IS WHO IN THE BUSINESS

– PCBU, Administrators, Workers, Contractors

#### **TRAINING REGISTER**

- keeps record of existing qualifications and skills
- allows the business to timetable future training
- provides proof that your workers are properly trained

#### **HEALTH REGISTER**

- records individual worker health records where health issues may affect their safety in the workplace
- enables emergency response instructions to be provided to all other workers

#### HR RECORDS

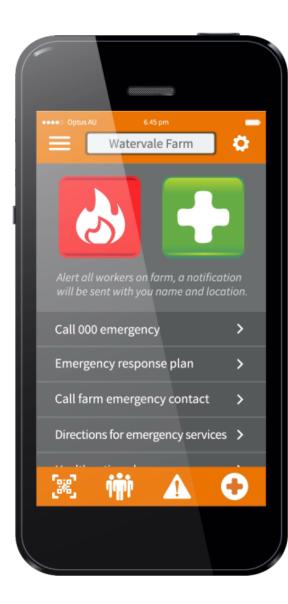
– employment record, Work cover management plan, Position description and Performance reviews



## Now your basic information is in the system. What do we do next?

### We introduce safety into the day.



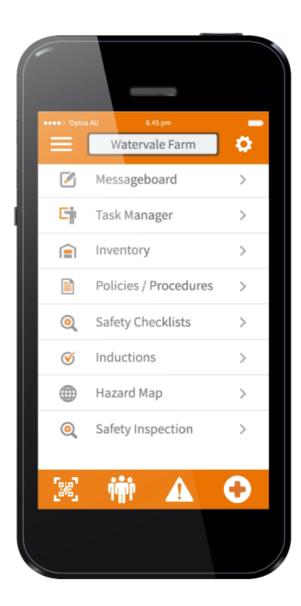




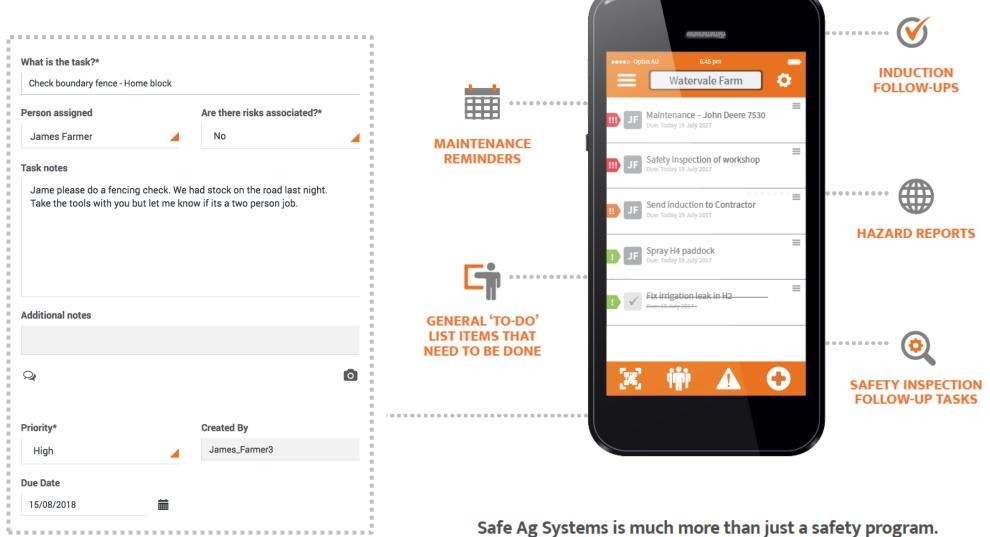
### Safety Inspection and Hazard Map

## Safety Inspection is your own WHS Inspector, you can:

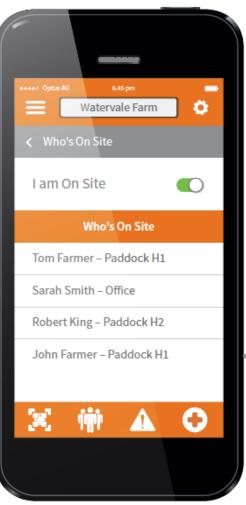
- "Inspect" structures, machines, terrain in each of your locations.
- Identify shortfalls, send a reminder to the task manager, arrange to rectify.
- A report of your inspection remains on the system as proof that you are doing what is "Reasonably Practicable" to ensure you identify hazards, assess risks and act to reduce severity



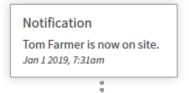




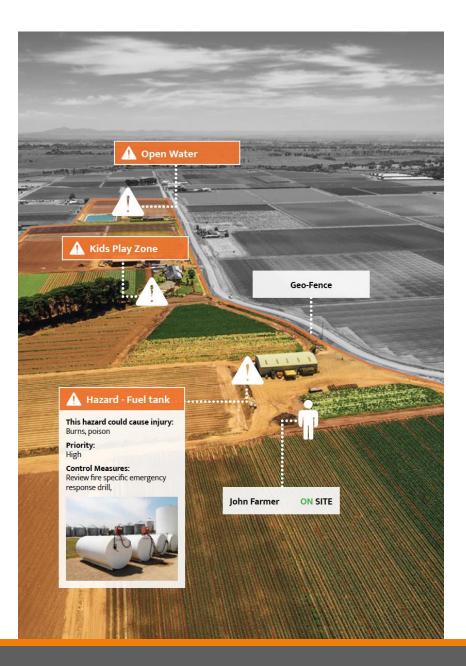
## Substant Locations – Hazard map



- emergency location
- plot your hazards
- worker arrival and departure



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## 100's of safe work procedure templates



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#### **SWP**

or operating this machinery, ucture must be adequately . You are required to always l protective equipment. You operate safely. If you do not in any aspect of operation ition immediately and report

#### PERSON MAY HIS MACHINE E TIME

TIVE EQUIPMENT



Using QR Codes to identify inventory and access important safety functions.



## Easily induct visitors and contractors

## VISITORS INDUCTION

Do not proceed until you have completed an induction.

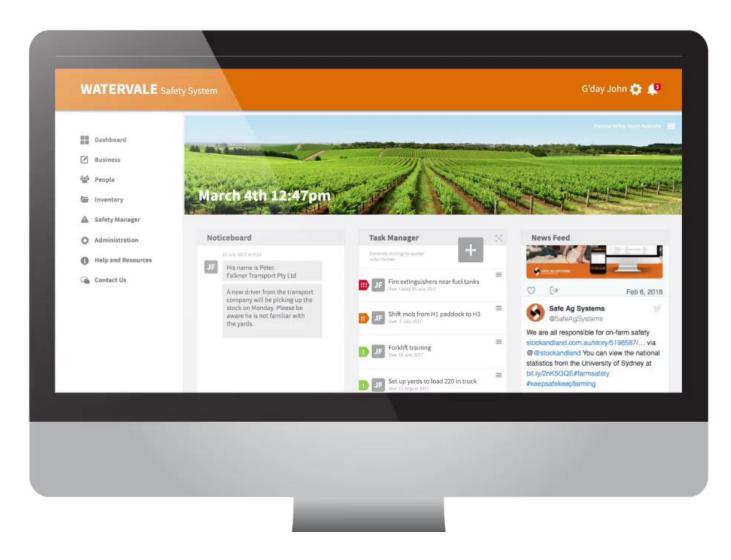
Download the **Safe Ag Systems**<sup>™</sup> APP using your smart phone. Scan the code below.



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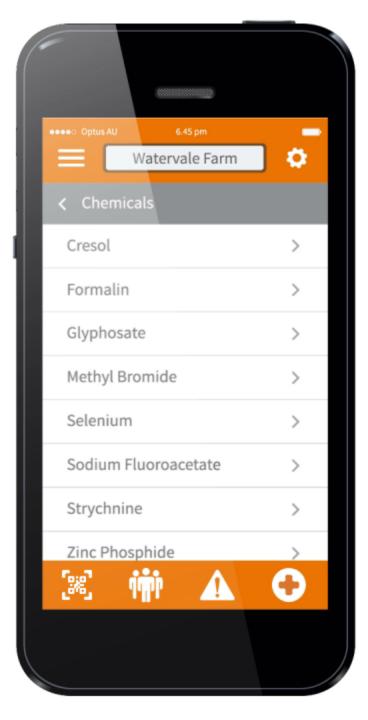
### Policies and Worker Inductions



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## Chemical Register

Attach links to safety data sheets





#### Setting up your chemical register

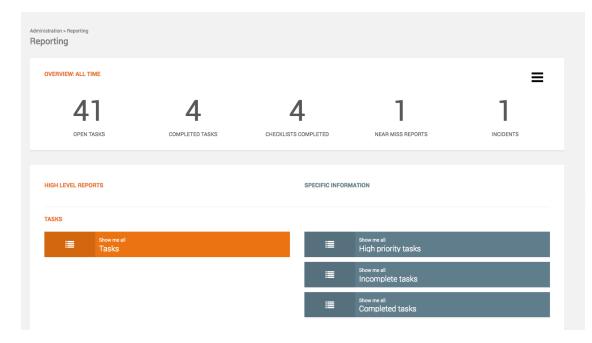
- create your chemical manifest (quantities, SDS and safety instructions

#### Using your chemical register via the app. The voice-to-text feature;

- quantity used
- application rate
- wind direction
- temperature
- target pest
- who applied
- location of application
- auto re-calculation of chemical manifest



Report hazards, near misses and incidents this is a record that you are taking action around safety





## How does this help me with compliance

- you have identified and taken action around hazards.
- enabled your workers access to safe work procedures for all machinery, tools, structures and equipment via QR codes
- current chemical manifest and ready access to SDS's
- Provided clear and easily updated emergency action plan



#### Setup and ongoing support

- 1:1 client service officer based in SA. You will speak to the same person.
- They can data enter for you also.
- You can request a 'gap analysis' .

#### Real content and advice that fits your business

- WHS Manager experienced in agriculture.
- The ability to request content, SWP and Policies.



## 1–10 USERS

For small operations

Full technical support

5G secure storage

Contract term 12 months



PURCHASE

## **11–20 USERS**

For mid-sized operations

Full technical support

5G secure storage

Contract term 12 months



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