



# Work Health and Safety News

March 2019

We've got a bumper newsletter this month with lots of safety news. The SafeSys Interim Solution has been delivered, we've got important notices for you on safely using LiPo batteries, maintaining your plant and equipment and working with synthetic



RMFs or SWPs no longer in circulation but required for record keeping purposes.

The SafeSys Interim Solution Team has been disbanded and support should now be requested via the [IT Service Centre](#).

The SafeSys Interim Solution Team would like to thank all users for their assistance and support during the system development, testing and roll-



We had 1,554 participants in 222 teams in 2018 and won the title of Most



Can we keep our winning streak going? Join up and help us do it!

The Global Challenge is a team-based health and wellbeing event that runs for 100 days from 22 May, encouraging participants to increase their activity levels and aim for over 10,000 steps a day. Sections of the Challenge are also devoted to nutrition, life balance, focus and sleep. Registrations will open shortly. If you'd like to find out more, come to our lunchtime information session on Wednesday 13 March; [book here](#).



## Safe Use of Synthetic Mineral Fibres

Several codes of practice exist to manage the safe handling of synthetic mineral fibres such as refractory ceramic fibres and high biopersistence fibres. These fibres are manufactured for high temperature, high performance insulation applications. They do not break down in the lungs and are presumed to have the potential to cause cancer by inhalation.

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## Medibank Health Insurance Reviews

Federal Government Health Insurance reforms will be rolled out from the beginning of April 2019. Medibank consultants will be available for one-to-one appointments in March for staff on the Kensington, Paddington, Canberra and CBD campuses.

Any staff who are interested in discussing their health insurance needs or reviewing the policy they may already have are invited to make an appointment. Whether you are with Medibank or another insurer, or have no health insurance at all, this could be a good time to review your situation and understand the government's new changes.

Appointments are available as follows:

- x UNSW Sydney CBD - 8am-3.30pm Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 March (phone appointments)
- x UNSW Canberra - 8am-3.30pm Tuesday 26 March (phone appointments)
- x UNSW Art & Design - 8am-3.30pm Tuesday 26 March (phone appointments)
- x Kensington Campus - 9am-4pm Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 March - onsite in Penny Lane meeting room

UNSW employees are entitled to a 9% discount on the Medibank Corporate Inc product suite.

[Click here](#) to make an appointment.

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LiPo batteries are designated dangerous goods and following general guidelines should be observed when in use:

- x Only use the manufacturer's recommended charges, connections or accessories
- x Keep battery away from heat/sparks/open flames/hot surfaces and moisture
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