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HONOURING THE MEMORY OF FALLEN WORKERS

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA: 28 April 2016 - Workers who have lost their lives as a result of a workplace incident or occupational disease will be honoured today at a special memorial service in Reflection Park, Sydney as part of the International Day of Mourning.

icare CEO Vivek Bhatia said the day provides an important opportunity for the people and employers of NSW to pause and remember those who have tragically lost their lives through a work-related incident or illness.

“Today we honour and pay tribute to the people we have lost to workplace incidents or occupational disease,” Mr Bhatia said.

“The devastating impact on family members, workplaces and the wider community of losing a loved one in these circumstances cannot be understated.

“One death in the workplace is simply one too many.

“The International Day of Mourning is a time to come together and share the stories of those we’ve lost - it ensures their memory lives on.

“It also reminds us that we all must do better to make our workplaces safer.

“Everyone has a part in achieving this and since its formation late last year, icare has been working directly with businesses to improve their safety regimes - but more needs to be done.

“Today, at 11am, we will share a minute’s silence and reflect on those we’ve lost and again remind ourselves of the importance of work, health and safety in our community,” Mr Bhatia said.

The official State memorial will be held at 11:45am at Reflection Park in Darling Harbour, Sydney. Members of icare’s Board and Executive team will be among the attendees, along with Karen Banton and Rod Smith, founders of the Bernie Banton Foundation.

In honour of workers who have passed away, families are invited to add 'memory cards' and flowers to the Memory Lines sculpture at the service at Reflection Park.

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