

28 April 2017

Service to honour lost workers

Today's International Workers' Memorial Day service in Adelaide will commemorate South Australians who died as a result of their work.

Twenty-three South Australians were fatally injured at work in 2016 and thousands were affected by injuries or work-related illness and disease.

SafeWork SA Acting Executive Director Dini Soulio said everyone affected by a work-related death or significant trauma was welcome to attend the service and could also contribute a personal item or photograph for the memorial display.

"It is important that we take this opportunity each year to remember the people who never returned home from work," Mr Soulio said.

"It is also a time to reflect on the experiences of the families, friends and colleagues left behind, as well as people who have been injured or made unwell because of their work."

International Workers' Memorial Day, held annually on 28 April, is supported by the Government of South Australia, Pilgrim Uniting Church, SA Council of Churches, SA Unions, Asbestos Victims Association, Asbestos Diseases Society of SA and Voice of Industrial Death.

The ecumenical service will be held at 10am at the Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders St, Adelaide.

It will feature a candle-lighting ceremony and a release of doves.