



Centre for WHS

Strategic Plan

2018 - 2022



Our Pillars

The Centre for Work Health and Safety is committed to producing quality research that has a real impact on NSW workplaces. These pillars embody how we work, what we strive to achieve and to what we hold ourselves accountable.

KNOWLEDGE

Drive the development of work health and safety research knowledge.



Conduct and publish peer-reviewed research in line with our Research Blueprint.



Look at WHS challenges differently to create new knowledge to manage old problems.



Examine our changing work environment to research future issues and solutions.



Make the Centre's research findings freely available and easy to access.



Analyse data and intelligence to identify at-risk workplaces and emerging issues.

CREDIBILITY

Be recognised as a credible work health and safety research body in Australia.



Gather and contribute to reliable WHS data.



Be recognised as the preferred partner for WHS research in Australia.



Balance traditional and alternative research methods with delivering fast outcomes while ensuring scientific rigour and quality.



Foster a team culture of innovative thinking, positivity and mentorship.



Draw on the strength of our team's varied experience.

COLLABORATION

Collaborate with workers, industry, government, academics, and the NSW community in work health and safety research.



Engage in varied WHS research utilising the resources of a diverse range of partners.



Co-design research with our partners, ensuring practical outcomes for NSW workplaces.



Bridge the gap between industry, academia, government and the NSW community, providing the opportunity to develop partnerships and networks.



Provide opportunities for students and new researchers to participate in real WHS research.

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

Design our research to deliver practical, positive change to NSW workplaces.



Build WHS awareness and influence positive changes in behaviour by reaching workers through our growing network.



Support the implementation of the recommended actions of our research in NSW workplaces.



Carefully design our messaging to put our research in the hands of those who can create positive change.



Use behavioural insights strategies in our research to provide a better understanding of human behaviour.



Generate evidence to inform WHS policy change in NSW.

Our Story



The story of the Sea Cliff Bridge, pictured on this page, represents what we see as the Centre's purpose: innovative solutions to age old or difficult problems.

The narrative behind building this bridge speaks to a different approach; utilising the power of diversity, recognising the importance of cultural fit as much as technical ability, and demonstrating the power of collaboration and co-design to drive an inventive solution.

The Sea Cliff Bridge was a solution to a section of road connecting the communities of Clifton and Coalcliff. Stricken by rockfall and landslips for 123 years, the norm was challenged to identify a sustainable solution to the problem.

The NSW Government formed an alliance with specialists, designers, and other key partners, who picked team members on a "best for project" basis demonstrating not just the technical skills required, but also the readiness to embrace the desired culture.

The bridge was opened three months ahead of schedule, representing an innovative solution, unconfined by the original boundaries.

This approach is comparable to our Centre - our approach includes challenging the traditional approaches, believing in diversity to enable innovative thinking, and using the power of the collective to create practical solutions.