



Profile

Michael Lawrence



Specialisations

Michael's expertise is in workplace health particularly occupational musculoskeletal disorder prevention. He has been providing expert evidence in occupational health and safety for 20 years. Michael approaches physical ergonomics from extensive hands on experience in hard physical work coupled with thorough professional training and research in injury prevention, recovery and work performance.

Experience

"Sheep shearer turned Occupational Therapist"

With a background of having worked hands-on in heavy manual handling and high-risk industries, Michael is trained in occupational therapy, (physical and psychological training) with further research in workplace design and hazardous manual handling-related injury prevention.

Michael has worked in injury prevention and ergonomics in a range of industries, including mining, horse racing, shearing, agriculture, manufacturing, transport and health. Michael says that having worked as a shearer for so many years in his earlier years has provided an expert grounding in manual handling workloads and injury prevention.

Michael Lawrence approaches work safety and physical ergonomics from experience in hazardous and heavy physical work coupled with thorough professional, clinical and work safety training.

Qualifications

- Master of Health Science
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Occ. therapy), registered Occupational Therapist, member Australian Association of Occupational Therapists
- Chartered Generalist OHS Professional SIA
- Member of the Human Factors & Ergonomics Society of Australia Inc.
- Certificate IV Shearing Shed Supervision
- Previously on boards of Farmsafe Victoria, Farmsafe Australia, Victorian Primary Industries Training Board and the safety committee International Wool Secretariat.
- Member of Minerals Council of Australia Victorian and National Mine Safety committees 2011 – 2015.

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