High Voltage WA Conference

10th & 11th November 2020
Novotel Perth Langley - Perth, Western Australia

Your Keynote Speakers

Stephen Palmer
- Managing Director at Safearth, Australia’s leading earthing specialists
- Committee Member for IEEE Std80 and Std81
- Convenor of the International CIGRE Working Group B3.54
- Secretary of the CIGRE & CIRED Joint Working Group B3.35 who produced TB 749

Brett Cleave
- Director, Electrical Engineer, Electrical Safety Specialist, and Project Manager - Engineering Safety Pty Ltd
- Snr Electrical Engineer – Streamlined Energy
- 20 years of engineering and project management including 10 years in arc flash safety

What You Will Gain From Attending?
- Update your knowledge of international grounding design and testing Standards worldwide
- Find practical solutions to your HV design and installations issues
- Discuss and review the changes to the AS 2067 standard in relation to earthing
- Learn how to extend the life of your HV equipment through effective condition monitoring, testing and diagnostic techniques
- Understand earthing risk and determine appropriate safety criteria
- Discover the most effective partial discharge detection techniques
- Hear about the latest arc flash standards and how they will affect the HV industry
- Learn how to avoid transformer failures with oil and electrical testing
- Understand best practice for life management of power transformers
- Hear relevant local case studies from the Australian electrical industry
- Network with specialists in the field and your peers
- No sales pitches – non commercial presentations

Who Should Attend?
- Substation engineers and technicians
- Generation, transmission engineers and technicians
- Electrical engineers, technicians and electricians
- Maintenance engineers and asset managers
- Plant, project and design engineers
- Industrial organisations with high HV electrical distribution
- Engineering and safety managers
- Renewable energy specialists
- Government safety regulators/inspectors
- Network, protection and distribution engineers and technicians
- Risk assessors
- Maintenance specialists
- And all other engineering professionals who have an interest in HV design, standards, installations, operations and maintenance.

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Introduction to High Voltage

This conference has been created for those working with high voltage systems in the mining, industrial plants, oil and gas and utilities industries. The event will focus on earthing, design, testing, installation and maintenance topics.

The high voltage installation can range from a substation, auxiliary systems, interconnecting cables/lines and naturally the user’s facilities such as a plant, factory, office facility and mine site. Equipment includes switchgear, transformers, converters, cables, lines, batteries, earthing systems, capacitors, reactors, buildings and structures. The conference will cover the AS 2067:2016 HV standard which provides minimum requirements for the design and installation of high voltages above 1kV (ac) so as to provide safe functioning in operation.

In addition to HV design and installation, HV maintenance is a challenging undertaking and the Australian industry needs to have the sustainability and reliability of ageing HV equipment at the forefront of their minds when planning and designing their upcoming projects. The conference will discuss problems that arise from HV equipment maintenance and how industry can overcome these issues through well planned maintenance programs, adherence to standards/regulations and forward thinking.

8:00am – Registrations Open

8:25am – Opening Address

Chairperson: Andrew Maunder
Managing Director, Safetylec Management Solutions

8:30am – Session 1

International Update - An update on Grounding Design and Testing Standards Directions and Changes around the World

Stephen Palmer – Managing Director at Safearth Convenor of the International CIGRE Working Group B3.54

In many countries, including the Americas, asset owners and designers rely on the guidance of IEEE standards including Std 80, 81, 837, 1546 & 1268, for most aspects of substation earthing. However, there are a number of other international earthing documents with international significance. Documents such as IEC 61936 and EN 50522 are relied on extensively, but these are all heading for further change. Of significance is the growing value placed on measurement of actual performance rather than traditional reliance on estimates using complex tools and limited models. This presentation will summarise the most significant changes of recent history and the directions that are being signalled for current and future revisions. Consideration of a number of possibilities will be provided along with a discussion of the possible consequences of following or not following these international directions.

9:30am – Session 2

Arc fault Standards, what's changed, what's changing and what does it mean for the HV industry

Brett Cleaves – Electrical Engineer/Director, Engineering Safety Pty Ltd

The evolution of arc flash standards and guidelines has accelerated in the last 5 years. In many ways the principles have evolved to be consistent with accepted risk control processes and the hierarchy of controls. Incident energy models are now more accurate, but also require more detailed input data. The welcome focus on non PPE solutions and integration of arc fault controls in equipment standards has resulted in numerous developments and innovations in equipment design. Careful consideration is also required to make sure changes to legacy equipment and equipment and operations hazard exposures are understood and correctly implemented.

10:00am – Morning Tea

10:45am – Session 3

Partial Discharge (PD) Testing of HV Assets: Periodic or Permanent?

Neil Davies - Managing Director, EA Technology

The use of instruments to detect and measure Partial Discharge (PD) activity is well established as a way to identify HV substation assets which are in danger of failing. But which makes the better business case - ongoing PD monitoring or periodic PD surveys? The paper will discuss how different types of defects can manifest and how the period from the time the condition indicator can be detected to when failure occurs (P-F interval) can vary significantly. The business decisions driving different adoption methodologies will be explored. Real life examples and case studies will be presented from the application of periodic surveying using hand held equipment, through to temporary and permanent monitoring solutions installed onto HV switchgear and cables.

11:30am – Session 4

Making Predictive HV Testing Effective

Jackson Hill – Director and Principal Engineer, Live HV

For several years high voltage cable testing had been provided for a prominent mining site in NSW. The testing had predicted several potential failures and provided an exact location of where these failures would be likely to occur. Three years after these failures were identified the cables began to fail at the exact locations identified. Although this proved the effectiveness of the testing it was a bad outcome for the mining site and highlighted several areas for improvement. From site personnel changes, a lack of belief in partial discharge testing, infrequent testing and a lack of following up from all partied led to the lack of proactive action on the incipient faults detected. In order for testing to be effective there must be a complete cycle where both asset owners and testers are fully engaged with each other’s capabilities and requirements. This presentation provides a history of the identified faults and failures, examines why they were not actioned and presents what improvements were made and how failures are now being prevented.

12:15pm – Lunch
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Earthing obligations under AS2067 have changed: What has changed, why, and what you need to do next

Stephen Palmer - Managing Director at Safearth.

The much-anticipated revision to AS 2067 was published in September 2016. This standard is the primary standard for HV earthing system design and earthing system management and it includes significant changes, particularly the development of more transparent and site-specific risk-based safety criteria, enabling more effective assessment and management of earthing-related risk. This workshop will review the key understanding, principles and issues foundational to earthing, present the AS 2067 requirements and recommendations, explain the reasoning behind the changes, and provide guidance on how asset owners, designers, testers and inspectors should seek to maximise their compliance and derived benefits. It will also examine how these changes are being seen internationally and what may come with future changes to IEC 61396 and AS 2067. This half day workshop will include explanation of case studies and the opportunity to present and discuss attendees’ own cases.

About the Workshop Presenter

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Morning Tea from 10:00am – 10:30am

12:00pm - Lunch

1:00pm - Session 11

HV Joints and Terminations - Developments in Technology and Installation Practices

David Flinn - EHV Cable Jointer 420KV and Trainer for Südkabel

Cable installations are only as good as the cables and accessories specified and selected, and with cable installation often lasting well beyond the life of the apparatus its connected to its important to understand what is being specified and why. With over 30 years of cable jointing experience across the globe including Oil and Gas filled cables, and XLPE jointing up to 420 kV on almost all of the leading manufacturers accessories, David has practical in-depth knowledge on all things cable jointing. David’s presentation provides a unique jointers eye perspective on the evolution of cable technologies, jointing techniques, and development and improvements in cable accessories and their implications for the life of your installation and the safety of your installation crews or subcontractors.

1:45pm - Session 12

Condition Based Maintenance of High Voltage Assets

Marc Foxall – Director, Business Development & Test Services - HVPD

The primary focus for many operators across WA is operational excellence through systematic recognition of HV assets in poor condition, localising the root cause, taking remedial action, and efficiently returning them to service, in order to avoid costly unplanned outages. The implementation of Condition Based Maintenance (CBM) regimes and more specifically, the use of the latest on-line partial discharge technology provides an early warning indicator of insulation degradation in critical HV assets. Marc will present solutions for this technology using real world case studies in various industries across WA.

2:30pm - Afternoon Tea

3:00pm - Session 13

Partial Discharge Testing on Rotatory Machines

Vikas Bhandari – Electrical Engineer, Machinemonitor Pty Ltd

This presentation will discuss partial discharge testing as a predictive maintenance tool for stator winding insulation system in motors and generators to optimize the sustainability and reliability of ageing HV assets. Vikas will discuss his site work and data analysis experience, which includes; testing techniques on site; failure mechanisms; interpretation of partial discharge testing (PDA, PD Variables, PRPD) and his site experiences predominantly in Western Australia.

3:45pm - Session 14

HV Arc Fault Incidents and Practical Steps for Prevention

Brett Cleave – Electrical Engineer/Director, Engineering Safety Pty Ltd

Electrical workers PPE is an injury mitigating control that’s rightly sits at the bottom of the hierarchy of hazard controls but dominates the discussion around arc fault safety. Reliance on PPE alone still leaves people at risk of injury and does little to protect plant and equipment from damage form arcing faults. Using examples from arc fault incidents Brett will discuss some of the other higher order arc fault hazard controls and some of the latest products available to improve arc fault safety for people and damage to equipment.

4:30pm - Closing
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Brett Cleaves
Founder and director of Engineering Safety Pty Ltd Brett Cleaves brings a wealth of experience in the practical application of electrical safety solutions with over 20 years of engineering and project management including 10 years in arc flash safety. Brett is an electrical engineer with a passion for electrical safety and a wealth of experience in the area of arc flash hazard review and the practical application of arc flash mitigation techniques. Brett worked for BlueScope Steel for over 18 year starting as an electrical engineering cadet and eventually having the Electrical Engineer Governance role managing the works Electrical Safety Committee, carrying out electrical incident investigations and performing numerous arc blast & flash modelling and review studies. His final role at BlueScope was as the works high voltage operations engineer. Since then Brett has been working with Endeavour Energy managing the construction of HV transmission lines and has launched Engineering Safety Pty Ltd providing assistance to companies with arc flash studies and strategies for reducing exposure levels through PPE policy assistance.

About the Keynote Presenters

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