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HIGHLINE

The
Highpoint
Access and
Rescue quarterly
newsletter



Above: Access and retrieval system for strata repair work on Carborough Downs mine highwall.

Welcome to the first edition of Highline for 2010. We hope every reader had a safe and enjoyable festive season!

Highpoint Access and Rescue is now open and in full swing for 2010. We look forward to delivering expert advice, superior training, professional services and premium product to all industries and customers.

We are pleased to announce that we will be running regular Nationally Accredited public courses for Safe work at heights, safe entry and work in confined spaces, First aid, CPR and Low Voltage Switchboard Rescue. These public courses will be

delivered in our Rockhampton training facility.

We are also excited to announce our Rope Rigging Professional Development Series dates for 2010. These courses are proving more popular with each workshop we deliver, and we look forward to running three Fundamentals Workshops and one advanced concepts workshop in 2010.

Highpoint Access and Rescue has secured the Latchways Installer/Service provider certifications. We hope we can extend our installation capabilities to your site in 2010.

The month of March will see the launch of Highpoint Access and Rescue's new website. This

website will cover all business streams of Highpoint, along with our product lines and services.

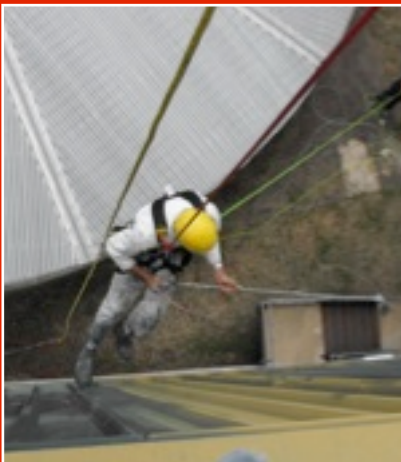
As a reminder, Highpoint can deliver on site inspections of all your Height Safety and Rescue equipment. Alternatively, if you have the opportunity to drop your items to our shop we can generally turn these around within a day to keep you "on top" of your game. With a comprehensive report and friendly reminder service, Highpoint can look after all your inspection needs.

We look forward to working with each one of our readers towards a safe and efficient workplace in 2010.

ACCESS IN ACTION...



Above: Visual inspections of chlorinated rubber coating on the 220m level of a chimney wind shield



Above: Painting a section of wall in an area that is inaccessible to other access methods



Above: Ultrasonic thickness measurements of the lower cone section of a coal storage bin

WHAT IS ROPE ACCESS?

Source - Australian Rope Access Association
ARAA.net.au

The modern rope access industry has grown rapidly since its inception, and not without reason. Since early beginnings in Britain in the 1980's, the adoption of mountain climbing techniques was quickly recognised by industry worldwide as a valuable method of gaining access to work areas previously considered either difficult, expensive or just plain unattainable.

Rope access now enjoys international recognition as a fast, cheap, practical, and most importantly SAFE solution for workplace access at heights. It is used daily around the globe for performing tasks ranging from window cleaning and facade inspections on basic sites to the most complex of tasks, such as radiographic and ultrasonic inspection, welding and communications installation at the most complex and challenging of locations.

Quick setup times often mean that jobs can be completed in far less time and at far less cost than if using traditional access methods. Rope access anchorage installations are often cheaper and more unobtrusive than traditional installations, and can take far less time to install, thus minimizing disruption to occupants of pre-existing sites e.g. office buildings.



Otherwise impossible tasks made easy by Highpoint!

Above: Clinker removal from the platen superheater elements in a power station furnace.

Highpoint Access and Rescue can deliver professional, prompt and reliable Rope Access services. If you'd like to discuss this service further or how Rope Access can be utilised on your site, please contact us! It may shock you how easy and cost effective a project may become by calling us! There is no job to big or small!

If you are contemplating a change of career and can see yourself working in the rope access industry, now is the time to act. With four rope access courses planned for 2010 in our Highpoint training facility, you are sure to get the best training and assessment available. Highpoint delivers training in accordance with the ARAA (Australian Rope Access Association) guidelines and uses independent ARAA accredited Assessors.

The best products, with the best training, industry knowledge, sales and service.

"ACCESS THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS"

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS STOCKED AND DISTRIBUTED BY HIGHPOINT ACCESS AND RESCUE

PETZL "RIG" COMPACT SELF-BRAKING DESCENDER

December 2009 saw the Australian release of the Petzl "RIG" professional descent device. The "RIG" displays some very efficient improvements for professional use ONLY on the traditional Petzl I'D.

- Designed for rope access work (expert users only)
- Multi-functional handle allows the user to:
 - unblock the rope and control the descent with the hand on the free end of the rope
 - position himself while on the rope without tying off the device
- The automatic return system on the handle limits risks in case of an involuntary action by the user
- Handle storage position reduces the risk of snagging when the descender is being carried on the harness
- The safety gate on the moving side plate helps prevent dropping the device and facilitates installation of the rope and passing intermediate anchors
- Pivoting cam facilitates taking up the slack in the rope.
- Can also be used to make a reversible haul system, and for short ascents (in conjunction with a FOOTPRO foot loop and an ASCENSION handled rope clamp).
- For single ropes between 10.5 and 11.5 mm in diameter
- This device is for users that already have considerable experience. For professionals that are still learning technical rope access skills, we recommend the I'D S descender, which has additional safety features such as an anti-panic function and an anti-error safety cam.



MSA ALTAIR 4 - CONFINED SPACE GAS MONITOR

From over 95 years of developing life saving devices and products comes the MSA Altair 4 Multigas Detector. The Altair 4 has revolutionised the Gas Monitor markets with it's ruggedness, extra features and impeccable warranty and service options. Some of the features include:

- MotionAlert feature plus audible, visual and vibrating alarms.
- InstantAlert feature to sound a manual alarm.
- Most rugged instrument available
- Large buttons for easy operation.
- 16-hour battery run time when fully charged.
- IP67 Rated and Intrinsically Safe.
- Global approvals.
- Economically priced.
- MSA Link Software-ready.
- Galaxy and QuickCheck station ready.
- Economical service requirements.
- Computerised training simulator.

Contact us for an onsite demonstration on how the Altair range can make your monitoring needs economical and stress free.



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

ROPE RIGGING WORKSHOPS

Our Rope Rigging Professional Development series dates have now been set for 2010. With new content, state of the art testing apparatus and our all new training and research facility, you can't miss being a part of our 2010 workshops.

Fundamentals workshops:

March 11th to 18

July 15th to 22nd

September 2nd to 9th

Advanced Concepts Workshop

Oct 29th to Nov 5th

ROPE ACCESS TRAINING

Our rope access training is conducted in the Highpoint training facility. The course fees include an independent assessment to the ARAA assessment criteria.

Training dates:

May 10th to 14th

July 26th to 30th

September 20th to 24th

November 22nd to 26th

PETZL 2010 CATALOGUE

2010 has seen the release of the latest Petzl Industrial catalogue.

As always, Petzl has set the benchmark with developing an up to date comprehensive product guide which not only complements their range, but becomes a valuable reference tool for the access and rescue specialist.

To obtain your copy of the Petzl catalogue, contact us or visit the Petzl website to download.

STAFF CHANGES

We welcome Jaclyn Carrington and Warren Elgar to the Highpoint team. Jaclyn started with us in February and has just commenced her traineeship - Certificate 3 in Business Administration. Warren is taking up the client liaison role within the business and is looking forward to sharing his experience with our current and future client base. After a short stay with Highpoint Access and Rescue, Mick Richards has decided to leave us to pursue a new role with MSA Australia. Mick will still play a vital role with Highpoint's business as our manufacturer representative for MSA. Mick's move will complement our capabilities within MSA's technical product range such as their fall protection, gas monitors, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and Engineered fall protection systems. We wish Mick all the best for the future!

NEW LOGO...



As part of our new website and branding strategy, we have had a new logo and slogan developed - "high on safety and experience." We would like to thank Bronwyn Fenech and the team from FM Studio's for their hard work and professional service!

MAKING OF THE "GALLOWS"

Highpoint and Kuttabull Engineering are feverishly working on the construction of the "GALLOWS" testing unit. With the engineering design stage complete, construction of the main support structure and working platforms is well underway.

This will be Highpoint's purpose built drop test apparatus with the capability to perform testing as prescribed in rope access and fall arrest standards. In addition to the standard testing we will be able to arrest falling rescue loads of up to 300kg in simulated field conditions, beyond that prescribed by the British Columbia Council for Technical Rescue.

The unique part of this test unit will be the ability to arrest falling rescue loads onto the incorporated safety systems within highlines.

Along with the completion of the Gallows, we will also incorporate an interactive roof working display on our building, easily accessible from the "Gallows" walkways.

The "Gallows" will play a vital role in the 2010 Rope Rigging Professional Development series!

SPONSORSHIP FOR 2010.

Highpoint Access and Rescue are very keen to be a part of local sport and charity events. We have recently committed to the sponsorship of the Gracemere Swimming Carnival, along with the Jersey sponsorship for the Panther's Junior AFL club. We wish each of these sporting clubs all the best for their 2010 competition!

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NEXT PUBLIC COURSES

Safe Work at Heights:

March 08th

April 09th

June 16th