

## Editorial

Times are tough! Or are they? The more optimistic of us believe that times have never been better. Whilst many of the indicators presented daily by the media portray a very negative picture, many people that I come across have an opposing view. Overwhelmingly they believe it is a time for renewal, a time to look at their business with an eye on the present, and a view to the future.

In many respects now is a time of rebalancing. A time where the excesses are recovered and the levelling of supply and demand return. Talk of a recession, or indeed a depression is overstated. The world is changing and seemingly for the better. Consider the following:

- Unemployment is 4.6% Full employment is 5%;
- Diesel is cheaper than petrol;
- Petrol is cheaper than it has been in 2 years;
- Interest rates are lower than they have been in decades;
- A sense of community in many places is beginning to re-appear and;
- World leaders are heading us towards a new era of social democracy.

No, life is not all doom and gloom. Stop listening to the media and get out and talk to people. Life is good, get out and enjoy it.

Mark Holding, Principal - Agilistics

## National Safety Code now available

All players in Australia's logistics Supply Chain must take responsibility to ensure safety is given the highest priority. Unfortunately, due to complex regulation, it is often confusing for parties to be certain of their responsibilities. The NLSC is an industry based Code setting out clearly all participant's responsibilities when they control or influence the movement of freight in the Supply Chain, particularly road transport laws and OH&S legislation.

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## OH&S Quiz

Worksafe Victoria has released a quiz to help workplaces quickly identify strengths and weaknesses in their occupational health and safety management systems.

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## Automating Safety Inspections

Over the past few years, automation has proven to be an important tool in the management of safety inspections as it enables effective identification of major OH&S risks.

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## Coached to Succeed

Olympic athletes do it, psychologists do it, teachers do it and now manufacturers are doing it to improve their workplace performance.

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## Contributory Negligence

Ray Schaffer reveals how smart employers are reducing their Workers Compensation premiums. Negligence is the much feared N-word for any employer.

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## Guide to OH&S staff training

There is a legal requirement to provide workplace training in OH&S to assist in achieving the duty of care for the safety, health and welfare of our employees.

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## OH&S (National Standard for Manual Tasks) Code of Practice

Performing some manual tasks can be hazardous, potentially causing musculoskeletal disorders which can lead to death, injury or disease.

[www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au)

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## OH&S implications of obesity for workplace designers

The ABS found in 2008 that more than 7 million Australians aged 18 years and over are overweight or obese.

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## Equipment Inspection and Maintenance

"Safety equipment is highly specialised, and like anything else, requires regular checking to ensure it's still in 100% working order," Cadzow told Safety First.

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## The golden rules of risk assessment

At its worst, the risk assessment is a bureaucratic time-waster that does nothing to make workplaces safer.

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## The state of Australia's OH&S laws

Ken Wood looks at how the harmonisation of OH&S laws will impact on industry. Annually my small consulting company conducts a forklift safety forum for clients in South Australia covering a myriad of issues affecting the sector.

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## Towards a future of zero harm

Nathan Cartwright uncovers the complex relationship between safety and environmental responsibility. The 80's and 90's saw introduction and refining of environment protection legislation in the various state and territory jurisdictions.

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## Protection of workers from the ultraviolet radiation in sunlight

This guidance note provides practical guidance to employers on the protection of workers from the ultraviolet radiation in sunlight.

The Australian Safety and Compensation Council (ASCC)

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## 6 ways to weather an economic downturn

Unless you have been living under a rock you will realise that Australia is in the grip of an economic downturn.

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## 2009 Logistics Rate Outlook: Window of Opportunity

As 2008 came to a close, world markets were in slow-motion freefall, retail spending was off significantly, and overcapacity was the prevailing condition of virtually every transportation mode.

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## Lots of Ideas for Supply Chain in Tough Times

Well, we may be lacking in orders, but during these tough economic times we certainly aren't lacking in ideas for what to do with your Supply Chain during the downturn.

by Dan Gilmore  
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## Survive The Slowdown By Benchmarking

With talk of Australia teetering on recession, there is no doubt that businesses need to work smarter if they are going to keep their head above water.

by Sarah Cumberland  
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## 10 ways to recession-proof your business

When it comes to guiding your business through tough economic times, are you an ostrich, a bull or a fox? Read on to find out how foxes thrive during a recession. When the economy is moving forward robustly, most executives focus on growing sales.

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## Strategy in a downturn – 10 lessons from the last recession

The economy is slowing, but don't panic – you can still grow in a downturn. Here are 10 tips from companies who sailed through the last recession.

By James Thomson

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## Supply chain: Play it safe in 2009

Manufacturing Insights predicts companies will take a pragmatic approach to business this year, in response to the recession and world economy.

by Sean A. Murphy  
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## Recession survival kit for businesses

We need to be clear about one thing: real success is sustainable. It lasts and it happens in any economic climate in spite of any external influence and is not exclusive to soaring economies or to businesses that are lucky.

by Mal Emery  
[www.mybusiness.com.au](http://www.mybusiness.com.au)

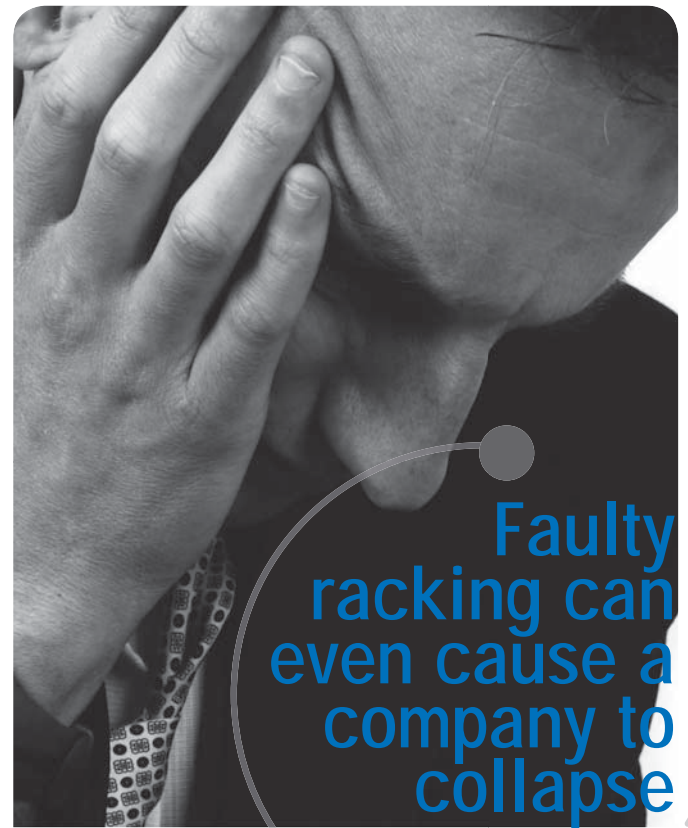
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## 8 marketing tips for thriving in the recession

If you turn on your television, open up the newspaper, listen to the radio or browse some of the major news site – the dreaded 'R' word (recession) is almost certain to be crammed down your throat!

by Mike Preston  
[www.smartcompany.com.au](http://www.smartcompany.com.au)

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## Racking Audit Technology (RAT) Developed to Aid Industry in Making Steel Pallet Racking Safe.

Independent Racking Inspections and Audits reduce the risk associated with the safe management of your steel pallet racking. Utilising state of the art processes and technology IRIA provides regular, unbiased, fully documented racking inspections and audits.

IRIA has developed the first locally produced mobile computing solution aimed at keeping steel storage racking safe. The system has been developed in conjunction with key providers and clients ensure that all identified faults are recorded and captured for storage in a centralised database. Integral to the system is the ability to print a damage report on site upon completion of an inspection.

Mark Holding, a Manager with Agilistics said,

*"This is the first locally produced hand held software application that ensures all identified racking faults are recorded in a standard format and stored on a centralised data base. In addition, clients are able to get a printed report on site upon completion of the inspection as well as access their audit results via the internet. This is completely at odds with the current inspection regimes completed within the sector."*

IRIA fully support both the Australian Standard for Steel Storage Racking as well as the European FEM standard.

Holding went on to say,

*"Many companies with Steel Storage Racking in their business do not realise their responsibilities within the Australian Standard. These responsibilities include annual inspections of all installed racking. In addition, many State Government OH&S Authorities require that businesses be able to demonstrate a clear and auditable trail of inspections and repairs."*

Agilistics have worked with a range of clients within Australia to support them in compliance with both the Australian Standard and the European FEM Standard. For further information on racking audits and the RAT system please call 1300 136 649 or contact:

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