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Welcome to the New Year and our first newsletter for the year.

What a marvelous summer we have had, with great blue bird days here in the Bay. Hope you have all enjoyed the beach, barbeques, and a little tippie over this period.

Unfortunately, though with Covid, we have returned to being a red-light district as Covid and its many variations have returned to our country and the Bay. Please use the NZISM website as it has some great guidance and articles around this.

The local BOP NZISM committee met over Coffee early one morning last week to start working out our program and budget for the year. At this stage we are starting our CPD (Continuing Professional Development) meetings on March the 2nd and have a strong agenda at this stage till May. Even under the Red Traffic light we can have meetings of up to 100 people as long as we are vaccinated and wear masks (Meetings will be held as per the NZISM guidelines outlined last year).

At this stage our budget has had tentative approval but needs to be signed off by the NZISM Board.

Next, a very warm welcome to our new members: -

Kevin Webb – Venture Developments

Angela Simons – Student member

Tammy White – Tammy has transferred from the Waikato Branch

Things about to happen: -

Wednesday 2 March 2022: 12.00 – 1.00pm at the Mount Ocean Sports Club, followed by a light lunch.

Vance Walker – “Turning Maori Culture into Health and Safety Practice”

Vance Walker: I improve worker wellbeing and business performance, by connecting Māori culture with environmental, health, and safety systems and practices.



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Wednesday 6 April 2022: 12.00 -1.00pm at the Mount Ocean Sports Club, followed by a light lunch.

Sean Heasman – Senior HSEQ Advisor POWERCO

Sean would like to introduce, present, and discuss the code of practice for Electrical Safe Distances NZECP34. This standard has been around for a number of years but is not commonly known and has an impact for businesses represented at our NZISM branch consider construction, infrastructure, utilities, vegetation/Arborists, sign installers ... the list goes on

The standard determines safe distances around overhead electricity conductors and ground mounted structures etc.

Thanks Sean. It is always good to have one of our members passing on their knowledge.

May

We are having **Maritime** come and present to us – Date and time to be confirmed

Site Visit

At this stage we are looking to visit a Major Hazard Facility, though the committee is still working through the logistics with the company.

Workshops

The committee is also looking to arrange some small after work workshops on specialized subjects. We will keep you informed once we get the first topic. Perhaps you have a specialized topic you would like to talk on.

Member News

It was good to see one of our members **Heather Johnston** getting a good write up in the Bay Sun over her work with Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) and how this has been adopted In the Comvita workplace. Heather is Comvita's Head of Safety and Sustainability.

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