

Bay of Plenty Branch Newsletter – January 2024

Message from your Branch Committee

Welcome to another year of interesting events geared for your professional development in health and safety. Late last year we reviewed the annual member survey results and have an action packed year planned for you based on those results. Make sure to get along and meet our other members.

NZISM BOP Committee

Upcoming Local Events



First Thursday of the month

Tauranga After 5
5pm onwards | Hop House
Wharf Street, Tauranga

We're kicking off the first of our informal Tauranga After 5 events, held on the first Thursday of every month. These are informal opportunities to get to know other H&S professionals. This is not a funded event, so grab a drink or grab dinner, it's up to you how long you stay for. This is open to non-NZISM members. No registration needed.



Friday
16 Feb

Site Visit - The Sands
8.30am | Henry & Ted
5 Golden Sands Drive, Papamoa.

A new billion dollar town centre is planned for Papamoa East. With an estimated 15,000 jobs split between construction and permanent after completion, the centre will provide an aquatic centre, large health hub, retirement village, library, government services, supermarket and retail outlets. [Register here](#) for session one.



Third Thursday of the month

Coffee Catch Up
7am
Location changes monthly - check website

On the third Thursday of every month are our local coffee catch ups. These are a great opportunity to ask that curly H&S question, get support for your accreditation journey or just get to know other members better. The first drink is on us. February catch up is in Papamoa, [register here](#).



Date
TBA

Health Risk Assessments
Time and Location TBA

The second of a four part series on Occupational Hygiene, this session will cover Health Risk Assessments. The February date and location is being finalised shortly, keep an eye out for when this is confirmed.

Sector Forums

Want to connect and collaborate with other H&S professionals in your industry? The online Sector forums are an opportunity to catch-up and share developments, challenges and ideas related to an industry sector. Advertised through the fortnightly national NZISM newsletter, these are available in the following sectors:



LOCAL GOVT



AGRICULTURE



MANUFACTURING



LOGISTICS



CONSTRUCTION



NOT FOR PROFIT

Meet the Locals

It can be daunting walking into a room full of people you don't know, so here's a new segment for our local newsletter to help you get to know some of our local members.

First up is our Bay of Plenty Branch Committee Member Helen Bishell.



Who do you work for and what's your position? Classic Group - Health and Safety Advisor

Why did you become a committee member? After being an NZISM member for years – sometimes actively participating and sometimes not – I decided it was time to step up and do my bit.

What's the biggest obstacle you've faced in your career so far? Working for a company where H&S was given very little regard and only paid lip service to.

What's the best part of your job? Having a supportive H&S team and feeling valued and appreciated for the service that I provide (most of the time!)

What's the weirdest fact you know? The curve on the top of a very full glass of water is called a meniscus.

Keep Up To Date

Make sure you join our branch [Facebook](#) group to stay up to date with what's happening in the Bay of Plenty.

If you change your contact details, make sure to update them so you receive our news and upcoming event information. Update through the [NZISM website](#) / *Members Area* / *Your Account* / *Update Account*