

### Wellington Branch August 2019 Newsletter

#### New Zealand Institute of Safety Management

#### Monthly update

Kim Payton represented the Wellington branch at the National Executive and NZISM AGM meetings in Christchurch on 8 August. The meeting was an opportunity for all NZISM branch managers to meet and receive updates on strategic planning by the Advisory Board Chair, Mike Cosman, and the NZISM's national focus for the next year by CEO, Selena Armstrong, and President, Greg Dearsley. The networking was invaluable and the following issues emerged as the main concern across all branches:

- 1. Attendance numbers at seminars is low when compared to the number of members in each branch.
- 2. It is a challenge for volunteers to organise regular events
- 3. Branches would like more support from NZISM central with organising CPD events
- 4. There is unanimous support for NZISM central to continue organising a road show or similar for all branches

#### After discussion, we agreed:

- 1. Attendance numbers are not a measure of success. Engagement of members is. What other mechanisms could be used to engage members who don't come to seminars?
- 2. The only official roles on a committee are Branch Manager and Branch Secretary. The rest of the committee can be made up of as many volunteers as you need to organise events/activities.
- 3. NZISM can provide admin support for Branch CPD events. Just give them the date, venue, speaker details, costs, etc, and they can organise the rest.
- 4. The Road Shows (or similar) will continue.

Thank you to those who provided feedback about the word 'Graduate' in the NZISM accreditation programme. The National Executive Committee discussed the proposal and agreed that aligning the descriptions with an international benchmark such as INSHPO is preferred. The NZISM management team will now consider next steps and keep members updated via the CEO update.

The new Constitution (previously called Rules) were approved at the NZISM AGM. Thank you to those who gave their proxy. Wellington was well represented (which made me happy – Kim).

The Annual Report is now available on the <u>NZISM website</u> for you to review and digest. Please take the time to read it so you have an understanding of the journey NZISM is on and how far we've come in the past 3 years. The governance of the organisation has worked hard to ensure there is funding their appointment of Selena Armstrong as CEO has been a positive decision.

#### **Review of last event**

#### **Tuesday 6 August 2019**

Philip Aldridge, the Executive Director of HASANZ, provided an update on HASANZ business strategy and findings of the recent stocktake/pipeline project. The presentation has been uploaded onto the Wellington Branch page on the NZISM website for anyone who missed the event.

Philip also touched on the benefit to NZISM members of registering with HASANZ and encouraged members to review the scholarship information as a means to further their health and safety careers.



It is worth clarifying to members that the HASANZ umbrella covers 9 OHS organisations in the health and safety sector (see slide pack), of which 2 are health and safety professional bodies – NZISM and New Zealand Safety Council.

Next event Tuesday 3 September 12.00-1.30pm National Library Molesworth Street

## The evolution of the Occupational Health and Safety profession in New Zealand, Chris Peace

Health and safety has developed rapidly since 2010 and Pike River. It is easy to miss or forget the lessons of our professional and national history. But there are other, earlier lessons we should not forget.

During this forum Chris will talk about the evolution of our profession in New Zealand from 1880 to now, covering some of the highlights and the lowlights. He will provide insights into why we were so far behind other countries 10 years ago and what has been done since to help catch up. **Please rsvp using the eventbrite link.** 

An article with the same title has just been published in Safety Science and a copy can be downloaded free of charge from <a href="https://authors.elsevier.com/a/1ZOzv3IVV9czIW">https://authors.elsevier.com/a/1ZOzv3IVV9czIW</a> until <a href="https://aut

Chris Peace is a risk management consultant, trainer and mentor who has worked for a diverse range of organisations in New Zealand and other countries.

**Doors open at 12.00pm** and the meeting will start at 12.15pm. Tea, coffee and water will be available. Please rsvp using the <u>Eventbrite link</u>.

# Local H&S scene / What's going on

**60** years practising occupational medicine – Professor Bill Glass – a public lecture hosted by Massey University. More information can be found on the <u>NZISM website</u>, 21 August 2019, 5.00pm – 7.00pm.

Action for Wellbeing: The theory and practice of promoting mental wellbeing – a workshop offered by the Mental Health Foundation, 11-12 September 2019, 9.00-4.30pm

**MBIE** – <u>consultation</u> on plant, structures and working at height regulations. This is a biggie and if your workplace could be impacted, you should be across this. NZISM will provide feedback and information will be coming out soon on how you can participate. This does not exclude your organisation providing feedback either individually or through their industry body.

**WorkSafe** have updated their guidance on how to build health and safety into contract management. See their latest publication – <u>PCBUs Working Together</u>.

	NZISM Webinars  The next NZISM webinar is 20 August 2019, 7.00-7.45pm. Book your place via the website.  You can access NZISM webinars you may have missed by logging on to the Members only page on the NZISM website.
	If you'd like to promote an event or share information that would be of interest to NZISM members, please email <a href="mailto:well.nzism@gmail.com">well.nzism@gmail.com</a> .
Other Information	Contact information
	A reminder to ensure your profile on the NZISM website – <a href="https://www.nzism.org">https://www.nzism.org</a> is up to date. The success of the Wellington branch relies on the input of its members and our ability to send communications to you.
Important stuff to know	Wellington monthly events are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month at The National Library, Thorndon. Keep an eye on the NZISM calendar on the website for more information.
	A reminder also to check out our neighbouring regions' events on the NZISM Calendar. There may be something on in another Branch that is relevant to you.