



<p><b>Monthly update</b></p>	<p>Our first event of the year was well attended and it was great to see so many familiar faces.</p> <p>Phil Lewis-Farrell presented an overview of what mentoring is and how everyone can benefit from it. The challenge to Branch members is to give reasons why they wouldn't sign up to be either a mentor or mentee, rather than all the excuses of why we can't.</p> <p>The future of the profession depends on each of us sharing knowledge and being prepared to support and guide others as we navigate a risk management pathway across many different industry types.</p> <p>Following a question from the audience, Phil highlighted that mentoring can be as simple as working with members of a HSC.</p> <p>Phil is asking all NZISM Branch Committee members to sign up as a demonstration of leadership with the program. Further information can be found at <a href="https://www.nzism.org/mentors/">https://www.nzism.org/mentors/</a> and you can download an application from there. I encourage you to find out more.</p>
<p><b>Next event:</b> <b>Tuesday 3 March 2020</b> <b>12.00-1.30pm</b> <b>National Library</b></p>	<p><b><i>“Sex, drugs and rock’n roll” - the unique challenges of managing event site health and safety</i></b></p> <p>We are delighted that Wellington Branch member, Cathy Knowsley, has agreed to share the unique challenges faced when managing the health and safety of both the crew and punters on an event site.</p> <p>It's a big deal presenting to your peers, so please come along and support Cathy.</p> <p>Please rsvp using the <a href="#">eventbrite</a> link. Tea, coffee and water will be available.</p> <p>See you there!</p>
<p><b>Local H&amp;S scene / What's going on</b></p>	<p><b>Government Health and Safety Lead (GHSL) panel discussion – Friday 24 January 2020, Wellington</b></p> <p>Mike Cosman (Chair), Selena Armstrong (CEO), along with NZISM Wellington members Kim Payton and Joshua Dorman, participated in a panel discuss with 2019/20 cohort of GHSL interns. As well as passing on the benefits of being a member of NZISM and the importance of professional development, Kim, Josh and Mike were able to share the good and gross stories from their H&amp;S careers to date. Josh definitely had the best work stories!</p> <p>We look forward to having some of the interns at the monthly seminars in Wellington over the coming months.</p>



	<p><b>Committee members</b> We are delighted to welcome Matt Campbell to the Branch Committee. Thanks for volunteering Matt!</p> <p>There's still a need for 2-3 others by the time the AGM rolls around in May. This will ensure continuity in 2021 when most of the current Committee will step down.</p> <p>So, if you have been a member of NZISM for a year or more, have attended the lunchtime seminars on a fairly regular basis (so you know what's needed), and would like to contribute to growing the profession body of NZISM, please get in touch @ <a href="mailto:well.nzism@gmail.com">well.nzism@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Health and safety landscape</b> There's a lot happening out there. Please read the fortnightly NZISM updates from the NZISM CEO and President which includes a variety of articles and information.</p> <p>Things I have highlighted are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hazardous substances regulations - understand the types and quantities needed that may trigger a <a href="#">location certificate</a> - this is a total amount of ALL those categories.</li> <li>• WorkSafe have created an asbestos management plan <a href="#">template</a>. As long as what needs to be managed isn't complex, this document is a big help.</li> <li>• The inclusion of transport industry stats in <a href="#">WorkSafe death statistics</a> - it's good to see the anomaly addressed and it should be seen as the first step in verifying the PCBUs in this industry group have the required safe systems of work, management and governance practices to keep their workers safe.</li> </ul> <p>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>.</p>
<p><b>Other Information</b></p>	<p><b>Contact information</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Important stuff to know</b></p>	<p>Wellington monthly events are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month at The National Library, Thorndon. Keep an eye on the <a href="#">NZISM calendar</a> on the website for more information.</p> <p>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.</p>