



<p>Monthly update</p>	<p>Hello and Happy New Year. Hopefully you were able to take some time to rest and relax over the Christmas break. If not – hopefully there is some leave planned soon.</p> <p>With the start of this new decade, this LinkedIn post from Mike Cosman, the NZISM Governance Board Chair, dated 10 January 2020, deserves a wider audience.</p> <p><i>“Five deaths in less than 10 days on top of record numbers in 2019 (excluding Whakaari White Island). What’s going wrong? No one goes to work expecting to get hurt but it’s easy to get absorbed in the task, normalise risk taking behaviour because everyone does it, push the envelope a bit further as nothing bad has happened so far or just underestimate what can go wrong.</i></p> <p><i>Work and workplaces are complex environments with different factors influencing each one – so there is no silver bullet. But my New Year’s resolution is to keep asking the basic questions – what can hurt someone, how can it occur, what prevention and mitigation controls are there in place, are they best practice, effective and understood, what more can we do?</i></p> <p><i>Look after yourselves and your work whanau in 2020.”</i></p> <p>The article he was referring to can be found here https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/118674642/2020-shocker-five-preventable-workplace-deaths-in-six-days</p> <p>Our thoughts are also with those working hard in Australia to bring those monster bush fires under control. None of us can imagine the scale and terror being faced by so many, and the loss of people, animals, buildings, towns, and livelihoods is heart breaking.</p>
<p>Next event: Tuesday 4 February 12.00-1.30pm National Library</p>	<p>NZISM Mentoring Programme - Phil Lewis-Farrell</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming our Wellington Branch members back to our first seminar event for 2020.</p> <p>Phil (Philomena) Lewis-Farrell MSc CMIOSH CNZISM is the National Mentoring Manager for NZISM and has been mentoring NZISM members since 2011.</p> <p>As our first speaker for 2020, Phil will give an overview of the programme, its intent, and how access to a mentor can help develop and grow your health and safety career.</p> <p>The event will be held at the National Library, 70 Molesworth Street, Thorndon. Doors open at 12pm and the event will run from 12.15-12.45pm with time for questions and networking until 1.15pm.</p> <p>Please rsvp using the eventbrite link. Tea, coffee and water will be available.</p> <p>See you there!</p>
<p>Local H&S scene / What’s going on</p>	<p>Government Health and Safety Lead (GHSL) panel discussion – Friday 24 January 2020, Wellington</p> <p>NZISM are delighted to have again been invited by the GHSL to participate in a panel discussion as part of the GHSL Health and Safety Summer Intern Programme. Mike</p>

	<p>Cosman, Selena Armstrong (CEO), along with NZISM Wellington members Kim Payton and Joshua Dorman, will discuss the benefit of NZISM membership for the interns as they start their health and safety careers, as well as reflecting on their health and safety journeys to date – the good, the challenging, and the small wins that make it all worthwhile. An update on the event will be included in the February newsletter.</p> <p>https://www.healthandsafety.govt.nz/about-us/health-and-safety-summer-intern-programme/</p> <p>WorkSafe appoints a new Chief Executive Just in case you missed it, here’s the link to the media release announcing Phil Parkes appointment as the new Chief Executive. https://worksafe.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/worksafe-appoints-new-chief-executive/</p> <p>Be a Safe Guy - https://campaigns.worksafe.govt.nz/be-a-safe-guy</p> <p>Committee members – Yes – we’re still looking for new members to ensure continuity of the committee. It isn’t arduous and many hands make light work. Please get in touch via well.nzism@gmail.com if you’re interested.</p> <p>If you’d like to promote an event or share information that would be of interest to NZISM members, please email well.nzism@gmail.com.</p>
Other Information	<p>Contact information A reminder to ensure your profile on the NZISM website – https://www.nzism.org 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>
Important stuff to know	<p>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.</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>