



June 2019 Newsletter

Monthly update	<p>We're almost midway through the year! Where is the time going?</p> <p>From the photos shared on the Safeguard Facebook page, it was great to see so many Wellington branch members at the Safeguard Conference.</p> <p>If you haven't already, there are still tickets available to the Todd Conklin roadshow. Todd is a great speaker and well worth the investment of dollars and time.</p> <p>In case you missed it, the latest webinar from NZISM was <i>Tackling Workplace Violence in the Hospital Environment</i>. You can access the webinar on the Members Only section of the NZISM website.</p> <p>By now, you should have received Notice by email of the NZISM AGM on Thursday 8 August 2019 at 3.30pm in Christchurch. I will be attending as the Branch Manager for NZISM Wellington so if you'd like to assign your vote by proxy to me, please email the National Secretary at grading@nzism.org with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name • State that you are assigning your vote by proxy • Name of the member who will vote on your behalf <p>This email must be received 48 hours prior to the AGM for your proxy vote to be valid, i.e. prior to 3.30pm on 6 August 2019. The email will be acknowledged.</p>
Review of last event	<p>Tuesday 4 June – 12.00-1.30pm</p> <p>Pat Copp shared with Branch members and visitors, her heartfelt experiences of an episode in her life where she was the victim of an unrelenting harassment and bullying from her Supervisor. This had occurred 'from day 1' of her new job and, despite her efforts to change the situation, until she finally left her dream job because of it.</p> <p>The efforts taken by Pat included engaging with her superiors, HR and the Union, becoming the Health and Safety Representative for her work location to try to address this from a H&S perspective - all to no avail.</p> <p>Pat's not untypical (sadly) story led to multiple questions and comments from the audience and would have continued but for the constraints of time. The Committee has concluded that this may well be a suitable subject for a later workshop-type exercise amongst the Branch to attempt to tease out potential strategies that H&S professionals can adopt.</p> <p>Pat also made the meeting aware of the second bullying prevention conference being held on 19-20 August 2019 at Victoria University in Wellington. You can find more about the event https://bullyingprevention.help/.</p>
Next event Tuesday 2 July 12.00-1.30pm National Library Molesworth Street	<p>This will have a networking focus for our newest branch members. As well as an opportunity to get to know each other, we will also give an overview of NZISM and CPD.</p> <p>Branch Manager, Kim Payton, will give an overview of the Branch Manager role and what the focus for the committee will be over the next year.</p> <p>She will also share a simple approach she uses to understand the business of the</p>

	<p>organisation she works for, and how to identify the hazards and associated risks in the work of that business. The intent is to help those just starting out on their health and safety professional career and show others how this approach has introduced other managers in the business to overlapping PCBU duties.</p> <p>Doors open at 12.00pm and the meeting will start at 12.15pm. Tea, coffee and water will be available. Please rsvp using the Eventbrite link. This is a member-only event.</p>
Local H&S scene / What's going on	<p>WorkSafe website</p> <p>The News and Media section on the WorkSafe website is a good way to stay up to date with safety alerts, WorkSafe news, and recent prosecutions. Whilst the latter can make for grim reading sometimes, it can help NZISM members understand how the Regulator is applying the HSAW Act when investigating workplace accidents.</p> <p>NZISM Webinars</p> <p>You can access NZISM webinars you may have missed by logging on to the Members only page on the NZISM website.</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</p> <p>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>