

Wellington Branch Newsletter – May 2021

Monthly Update

Who knew you could get a life-sized display of a forklift into the NZR rooms? Seen Safety were pretty confident it could be done and they didn't fail to deliver. This allowed them to give a live demonstration of how their technology picks up Hi Vis vests and alerts the driver to someone in the critical safety zone. Presenting to a small, but enthusiastic group of members at our April seminar, about the technology they have designed to improve safety around forklifts, they also shared some of the feedback from the nationwide forklift roadshow hosted by WorkSafe in February and March. A positive conversation followed covering management of risk, behaviour of workers and role of technology, and the PCBU duty of care to take all reasonably practicable steps.



AGM

The noise of 20 members catching up and talking all things health and safety was a welcome start to the AGM. If you missed it, the draft minutes have been separately with this newsletter, along with a summary of the information shared with us by guest speaker, Mike Cosman.

We farewelled Liliana Martin, who is stepping down from the Committee to spend any free time she gets from overseeing H&S at MIQ locations, with her family. Thank you for all you have done Liliana, particularly with giving leadership to the Membership function on the Committee.

We welcome Evette McClure and Marta Fonseca as general members to the Committee. Thanks for volunteering your time and committing to supporting NZISM Wellbeing Branch.

Next event – June

What: You review your insurances every year, so why not your ACC invoice too?

When: Tuesday 1 June 2021
12.00pm – 1.00pm

Where: Webinar

Sue Walton of Manage Company will explain why it is important to check your ACC each year, what to look for with invoices, things that you can do to lower your levies.

The information will be of particular interest to small to medium businesses, so if you work for or consult to one of these types of organisations, please register.

Please register for this event using [this link](#).

Rescheduled event – July

Do you need to get your board or senior management onboard for your health and safety journey and perhaps some guidance on how to start that conversation?

Margaret Van Schaik will be the speaker at our July NZISM forum. She has extensive experience of working in the health and safety governance area with boards, CEOs, and senior leaders across a variety of sectors and has kindly agreed to share some insights into what has worked for her in the past.



What: Safety governance – why does it matter?

When: Tuesday 6 July 2021

12.00pm – 1.00pm

(the talk will start at 12:10pm)

Where: NZRU

100 Molesworth Street, Wellington

Please register for this event using [this link](#). For COVID-19 recording purposes, **registrations will close on midnight, 5 July 2021.**

If you are bringing a guest, they must be entered separately to ensure we have all names.

Can you help?

Branch member, Chris Peace, is seeking volunteers willing to be photographed while doing something interesting as part of their OHS job. The photo will be used in a revamp of the brochure promoting the OHS Master's programme at Victoria University. The photograph could be in any workplace setting but ideally not identifying any specific PCBU. Perhaps two people looking at an iPad, clipboard or similar, as if deciding something. Or pointing at something of interest to them. Or a group meeting showing engagement. Whatever seems to be illustrative of your work.

Chris will ask the University's photographer to take the photos to make sure they are high quality. The results will be shown to the volunteers who will have the right to refuse the use of an image. The University will not use or allow the images to be used for any other purpose without the consent of the volunteers.

And, of course, the volunteers will be given the digital images to keep!

If you can help, please email Chris at christopher.peace@vuw.ac.nz.



Your wellbeing moment

Here is a picture of sunset at Raumatī Beach. It fulfils two purposes:

1. It covers up some of the white space of the newsletter.
2. It makes us feel hopeful that the shortest day is not too far away and then we can start crawling our way back to summer.