

## Canterbury Newsletter August 2021

### BRANCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

#### We start with a big Helloooooo - It's a Girl!!



Branch Committee member Whitney Tahau gave birth to a beautiful little girl in May and would like to introduce Miss Aislin Amelia Tahau King who arrived two weeks ahead of time weighing in at a very healthy 6lbs 11oz.

We look forward to Whitney's return to the committee and update photos as Aislin grows 😊

#### And then we have to say Goodbye!! 😞



Unfortunately, we are losing one of our much-appreciated Committee members, as David Bovin is leaving the Canterbury region to relocate to Nelson with his new job. However, before he

leaves, he has promised to provide us with one final webinar review, which leaves us with big boots to fill.

The Committee and I'm sure all the members as well, would like to say a great big THANK YOU to David for the valuable work he has done to support the committee and wish him all the best for his next chapter up in Tasman Region

#### MEET THE COMMITTEE – Andrew Kenny – Welcome to our 2<sup>nd</sup> new Committee Member



Hello team.

It is my absolute delight to be on the Canterbury Committee. I've been wanting to join for some time now, ever since I became an NZISM member back in 2012.

I have always had a great passion for Health and Safety. My father has been a volunteer firefighter for 48 years, so fire safety has always been a big thing in our household growing up.

However, my HSE professional journey began on 30 January 2012 when I was appointed as a Health and Safety Advisor for Terra Cat (formally Gough Group). In my role, I work with our operational teams in the Lower North Island and South Island.

Before I found my calling to HSE I started my working life by selling motorcycle parts, heavy transport parts and purchasing and logistics for a large engineering company.

When I'm not working, I've volunteered for Scouts Aotearoa

at a national level and NZ Cadet Forces as an Officer. I enjoy attending a few beers and wine festivals as well as being an avid traveller, wanderer, explorer both here and abroad (can you remember those days?)

In Scouts, I've been a member of the Board and a senior leader responsible for a section of 300 young adults aged between 18 -26. I've also been the purchasing manager at two Jamborees responsible for acquiring and disposing of all the equipment needed to run the event. I have also been the Risk and Safety Manager for two Ventures which is an event for 14 – 18-year-old over eight days that involves a lot of high-risk adventurous activities such as scuba diving, mountain biking, learning to drive and sailing America's Cup yachts on the Hauraki Gulf.

In Army Cadets, I've been an Officer for 20 years working with some of the most amazing young people aged between 13 – 18. I was a Unit Commander and recently finished up as an Area Support Officer for the Units based in Mid and South Canterbury.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all and support the efforts of our committee. Stay safe and see you at the next event.

**UPCOMING EVENTS – Please register for all events via the NZISM website –**  
<https://www.nzism.org/info/branch/canterbury/>

**20th August Canterbury Branch Breakfast Meeting: Pike River Mine - Re-Entry Challenges and Risks – Our Journey**



**Location: Tait Communications 245 Woodridge Rd, Harewood Time: 7 am to 9 am**

The Pike River Coal Mine explosion on the 19th November 2010 claimed the lives of 29 men. 31 were working underground at the time of the explosion, only 2 were able to escape.

The subsequent explosions resulted in the mine being sealed. Before the 2017 general election, the families of the lost miners and the New Zealand public were promised that a Labour-elected government would support and fund a re-entry if it was deemed technically viable and safe to do so. After the election, on 31 January 2018, the Labour Party established the Pike River Recovery Agency Te Kāhui Whakamana Rua Tekau mā Iwa (the Agency) as a stand-alone government department.

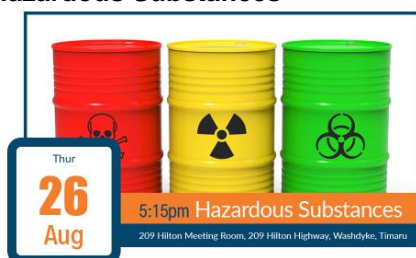
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The Agency's objectives are to conduct a manned recovery of the mine drift

**Presenter: Dinghy Pattinson Chief operating Officer – Pike River Recovery Agency**

Dinghy oversees the planning and operational elements of the Pike River re-entry work and has responsibility for ensuring activities at the mine comply with statutory health and safety requirements, and he will be providing us with an insight into the Re-Entry Journey.

### 26th August South Canterbury Network Event – Hazardous Substances

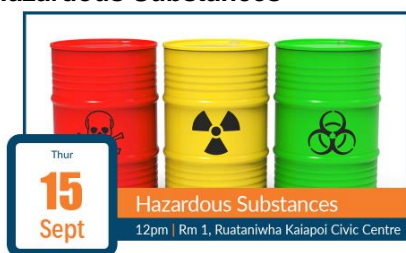


**Location: 209 Hilton Meeting Room, 209 Hilton Highway, Washdyke, Timaru Time: 05:15 pm to 06:00 pm**

Please join the South Canterbury Network as they welcome Lyn Osmer, Hazardous Substances Inspector - WorkSafe NZ, who will deliver a 30-minute presentation on the following topics, to be followed by a Q&A session:

- General overview of HSW Hazardous Substances Regulations 2017 and proposed changes
- Overview of GHS 7 classification system adopted on 30 April 2021

### 15th September – North Canterbury Network Event – Hazardous Substances



**Location: Room 1, Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre  
Time: 12pm to 1pm**

Please join the South Canterbury Network as they welcome Lyn Osmer, Hazardous Substances Inspector - WorkSafe NZ, who will deliver a 30-minute presentation on the following topics, to be followed by a Q&A session:

- General overview of HSW Hazardous Substances Regulations 2017 and proposed changes
- Overview of GHS 7 classification system adopted on 30 April 2021

### 29th September Canterbury Branch Breakfast Meeting – Jason Johnstone- Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS)



**Location: Tait Communications 245 Woodridge Rd, Harewood Time: 7 am to 9 am**

Jason Johnstone is a 49-year-old male with hand-arm vibration syndrome.

Jason worked with power tools and machinery for most of his working life and developed hand-arm vibration symptoms.

Like all workers in New Zealand, he had no idea that the tools and machinery he used daily would slowly but surely damage his hands and fingers over time. Sure, he had known about pinch point, cuts, electric shocks, and all the other common injuries relating to tools and machinery use, but the vibration no.

In 2015 he lost his employment due to his injury. Medical advice says do not go back to using power tools or machinery because the injury will only get worse. However, it is the only option available to most...

New Zealand health and safety has this grey area when it comes to vibration within the workplace and how to measure and monitor.

Jason's journey has led him to develop Vibration Action. "I love educating people about the dangers of vibration and the human cost. I am living proof."

We will also be hosting WorkSafe on the same day to provide us with an update on recently published guidance from the legislator on how to manage Hand Arm Vibration in the workplace.

**CHANGE OF DATE for your diary!!**

### NZISM Canterbury Branch Christmas Function

**Location: Hornby Working Men's Club**



**Due to venue restrictions, we have had to move that date to 3rd November**



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### REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

We are after event volunteers for next year as well as this year's Xmas event.

You must be able to attend face-to-face meetings 1st Monday of every month and be able to help with our larger events such as CDP day.

This is not the NZISM Canterbury Branch Committee, it is a group of volunteers that help the committee with larger events i.e., CPD Day

CPD Committee role involves, but is not limited to:

- Helping on CPD Day (early setup, registrations)
- Coordinating between trade stands and committee
- Packing goody bags
- Finding high calibre speakers
- Creating marketing material
- Promoting CPD Day

If you are interested, then please email [Canterbury@nzism.org](mailto:Canterbury@nzism.org)

### WORKSAFE NZ CONSULTATIONS

#### Road And Roadside Worker Health and Safety Good Practice Guidelines – Closes 6<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 5 pm

You are invited to review and provide feedback on the draft good practice guidelines.

When reviewing these draft guidelines, please note:

- The target audience for these guidelines is PCBU's (persons conducting a business or undertaking) that fund, plan and undertake work activities on or near roads in New Zealand.
- After the content of these guidelines has been confirmed, additional shorter guidance will be developed for workers. However, these guidelines should be able to be understood by any person who chooses to read it.
- These guidelines are intended to sit alongside Waka Kotahi's Code of the practice of temporary traffic management (COPTTM). COPTTM is currently being reviewed. The good practice guidelines will be updated as required to make sure they align with COPTTM updates as and when they occur. This may be before or after the good practice guidelines have been published.
- As the guidelines are in a draft format, some illustrations may appear in low resolution. Once the content has been confirmed, the guidelines will be reformatted and made beautiful by our design team.
- Please use the feedback form provided.

Consultation documents

[Draft for consultation - Road and roadside worker health and safety GPG \(PDF 3.2 MB\)](#)

[Consultation feedback form - Road and roadside worker GPG - draft guidelines \(DOCX 56 KB\)](#)

### How to respond

Feedback is due by 6 September 2021.

Completed feedback forms can be sent to:

[GuidanceandEducationDevelopment@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:GuidanceandEducationDevelopment@worksafe.govt.nz)

### WORKSAFE NZ PROSECUTIONS

#### Safe systems save lives

#### Worker poisoned – basic health and safety obligations not met

### HASANZ SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

The 2021 round of HASANZ Scholarships is now open for applications.

Applications close on 10 September 2021.

The HASANZ Scholarship Programme was established in 2018 to encourage further education in workplace health and safety to help build the capability and capacity of New Zealand's professional health and safety workforce. Scholarships are awarded annually.

There are six categories of scholarship.

- **General:** for practitioners and health and safety representatives who want to upskill to a diploma or degree)
- **Poutama:** for Māori health and safety practitioners who want to take their skills to the next level
- **Postgraduate:** for people wanting to specialise in health and safety by undertaking a postgraduate qualification at a university.
- **Occupational Hygiene:** for people wanting to become an occupational hygienist or to do further training in this field (*funded by WorkSafe*).
- **Women in Safety:** for people to encourage and support women health and safety practitioners to upskill from a technical level into leadership and governance to influence health and safety leadership and governance practice in New Zealand
- **Applied Research:** not open for applications in 2021