

Canterbury Newsletter

January 2021

WELCOME TO 2021

Like most of us I am glad to see the back of 2020. With saying this NZISM Canterbury did manage a few face-to-face meetings and the CPD Christmas event held with the Occupational Health Nurses. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped put these events together and everyone who supported the committee during 2020.

During 2020 like others, I felt burnt out and running on empty. While I am personally a sucker for punishment and will work until I can't anymore, I have realised that this is not a lifestyle choice I want anymore. I have decided to try a better work, study, life balance for 2021, and I hope others do as well.

For 2021 we have planned events out to May already. We are going to mix up the times for Canterbury meetings in 2021 doing a range of morning and evening sessions. We have some site visits planned as well, that I am excited about.

North and South Canterbury Network Group aim to host meetings every three months. I know for some coming to meetings is hard as you don't know anyone, but these groups will only work if members support them. CPD day is locked and loaded for July, back at the Hornby Club.

Thank you all for your support over 2020 and look forward in seeing you all in 2021.

Claire Johnson – NZISM Canterbury Branch Manager



South Canterbury Network Group first meeting

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2020

Our last meeting before COVID was Helen Farley from the Department of Corrections. She works on

national and regional prison education projects. This was a real insight into what happens in prison in regard to retraining the offenders, so they can adjust when they integrate back into society. Our first COVID webinar was Michael Hempseed. Given the situation and the uncertainties around what was going to happen etc, it was good to have Michael presenting. From this webinar Michael has presented a 16-part series which you can watch in your own time.

During lockdown we also had another webinar on Hazardous substance. This had one of our members Kelvin Spark speak about his training towards becoming a hazardous substance location certifier and Lynn Osmer from WorkSafe. We will be having Lynn come and speak later in 2021 about the changes to the Hazardous Substance Legislation and what it means.

One of the highlights from 2020 was Mates in Construction. This was our first meeting after lockdown, and we opened this up to non-members as well given the work, mates do in the Construction Industry.



Mates in Construction commenced delivery into the New Zealand construction industry in November 2019, with a single-minded purpose: to promote the prevention and control of mental illness for people engaged in the construction industry, by raising awareness of depression and suicide prevention in the workplace, and ensuring the help offered is practical, professional, and appropriate.

COVID from the Front-Line panel discussion: provided insight from some major businesses in Canterbury and how they dealt with COVID-19 from an essential business. It was interesting to hear the challenges each company faced during these times.

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We ended the year with a joint CPD afternoon followed by networking and Christmas event with the Occupational Health nurses. While we didn't count on Black Friday shoppers putting our city into gridlock it was a good event, with some amazing speakers.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

Our branch wouldn't be able to provide events and support to our local members without our committee. Your committee is working hard to continue to provide quality speakers and events for our membership.

Branch Manager: Claire Johnson

Branch Secretary: Helen Bairds

New Member Support: Duncan Bryant

Comms & Tech Support: Whitney Tahau

NCNG: John Woodrow, Kate Brooks

SCNG: Jennifer Woods

General: Tina Lange, Steph Hembury, Dave Boivin, Glen Johnson

Please remember that all the committee members are volunteers, so it is vital that you, our members, let us know, if you have attended any speakers or events you would like to see again. Just drop us a quick email at canterbury@nzism.org for us to follow up.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Robyn Bennett - NZISM President Road Trip
17th February 2021**

Robyn will be doing a road trip around our 3 local groups and have an informal discussion on her role as the new President and what she wishes to achieve

7:30 – 8:30am Hornby Working Men's Club

<https://www.nzism.org/book/MMenT7I5ppJ5aOLbR23oz7pd/>

12.00 – 1.00pm Mainpower, Rangiora

<https://www.nzism.org/book/NAwNTwPTobjBa6mKIRSdCSi/>

5.30 – 6.30pm Thompson Engineering, Timaru

<https://www.nzism.org/book/i2H2dGEDpyslvckSln0A90v/>

April – Lynn Osmer WorkSafe, Hazardous Substance update

May – AGM – Selena Armstrong, NZISM CEO

July – CPD Day

NATIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS**WEBINAR SERIES: NEW ZEALAND, NEW SAFETY WITH CRAIG MARRIOTT**

The world of safety is changing, with disruption by new thinking and new approaches. Why is this? And what should we do about it? In this series we will explore the drivers for these changes and what they mean for safety in New Zealand and look at why we should not be content to follow others but, instead, can lead the charge to better outcomes
<https://www.nzism.org/book/6N11r8pG3sqXnH46gJ9cz78p/>

WEBINAR SERIES WITH CHRIS PEACE

As H&S Practitioners and Professionals we can sometimes struggle to find good information about the risks we are managing. In this series, Chris Peace will present a monthly webinar on various topics of interest. He will reference formal research and identify other quality sources of information.
<https://www.nzism.org/book/wdcZYPHFtPOAh1ZH0BxppSR7/>

WORKSAFE

Interested in forklift safety? Register your interest for WorkSafe's nationwide forklift safety roadshow to enable better understanding of the risks associated with forklifts on worksites, and to promote current technology and systems available to mitigate risk.

The roadshow will focus on both the safety of forklift operators as well as people working around forklift operations on work sites. Each event will comprise of two workshops and demonstrations of four proximity warning devices.