

Canterbury Newsletter October 2021

BRANCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Update from Branch Manager –

Unfortunately, we do not hold the crystal ball that is going to tell us when we can give each other a handshake or socialize in an environment where we don't need to be seated.

On that note, I have decided to not hold any events for the rest of the year for Canterbury. This includes our annual Christmas function. We are going to open the new year with a bang in February and host a networking/speaker function in Christchurch and have networking events in South and North Canterbury.

Canterbury Branch will not be hosting any webinars during this time, it gives the committee a good break as they prepare the 2022 event schedule with hopefully a lot less bumps in the road. All national and other branch webinars can be found via <https://www.nzism.org/calendar/>

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



External Links

Mental Health Awareness
Week Survey

Complete the survey by 12pm Friday 22 October 2021 and
you will go into the draw to win a \$250 Prezzy Card

[Read More](#)

What did you get up to?

We would really like the opportunity to highlight what our Canterbury members got up to send in your photos so please to Canterbury@nzism.org so we can showcase them in the next newsletter 😊

In the meantime, click on the above icon to take part in a Mental Health Awareness survey being run by The Mental Health Foundation with a chance to win a \$250 Prezzy Card

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Government has announced changes to a range of outdated, complex, and incomplete health and safety requirements. New health and safety regulations will provide more clarity and certainty for businesses and better safety and health for workers.

The outline lists the key regulatory changes to expect under the following headings: Working with plant, working with mobile plant, working with high-risk plant (cranes, pressure equipment), Amusement devices, Upstream businesses (anyone who designs, manufactures, imports, supplies or modifies plant), Working at height and Evacuation work.

Public consultation on the draft will follow, with the regulations expected to be in place by the end of next year.

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/15569-health-and-safety-at-work-reform-pdf>

EMERGING SAFETY LEADERS (ESL) NETWORK - Jen Dransfield- Canterbury Lead



I began my health and safety career journey 10 years ago (has it really been that long?) starting in construction security and emergency coordination.

I am technically minded and enjoy connecting with people, so it was easy to fall

in love with the investigative, problem-solving, and people-focussed nature of this profession. These days I have interests in organisational psychology and biological risks. My roles have progressed from Health & Safety Officer to Manager, trainer, Field Officer, and consultant. Although my experience is primarily construction-focussed, I have also enjoyed branching into manufacturing, agriculture, hospitality, and many other sectors.

Today I am Health & Safety Advisor for Naylor Love at the Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement project- a complex project with many new initiatives, and an embedment of Safety II modelling. I am also the Canterbury Lead for the Emerging Safety Leaders Network (ESL), which focusses on providing career and peer support to those looking to enter the H&S profession, and those in junior or intermediate positions.

I coordinate the ESL Canterbury calendar with 6-weekly events alternating between afternoon workplace visits and evening speakers/networking. Since the beginning of 2021, the local ESL network has exploded, and it has been exciting seeing friendships form among regular attendees. Alongside being a space where emerging leaders can learn, have a laugh, and feel a little less isolated, ESL has unexpectedly become a channel into professional membership for those who see NZISM as a valuable resource. I also have a few ESL side projects on the go with the hopes of creating more opportunities for those studying health and safety and looking to get a foot in the door.

If you're interested in ESLs work, would like to be added to our emailing list or know someone else who might, please send me an email at jen.dransfield@naylorlove.co.nz. And no, you don't have to be an NZISM member to be a part of our ESL network, and our events are always free!

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UPCOMING EVENTS – Please register for all events via NZISM website –

<https://www.nzism.org/info/branch/canterbury/>

FIRST 2022 DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!!

Feb 2022 - Jason Johnstone- Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS) – This will be held at Hornby Club to replace 2021 xmas function.



Hand-Arm Vibration Syndrome

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 overtime. Sure, he had known about pitch 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 hope to 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.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

We are after event volunteers for next year especially regarding the CPD Day Committee

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 set up, 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

UPCOMING EXTERNAL EVENTS



Please join us for the launch of BIMSafe NZ

The New Zealand Construction Industry has one of the highest rates of accidents and injury. **BIMSafe NZ** is set to be a 'game changer' for construction safety worker outcomes and is an exciting opportunity to bring about meaningful industry change.

Hear about the Project from guest speakers:
BIMSafe Advisory Group, ACC, MBIE and Ngāi Tahu.

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**FRIDAY 29th
OCTOBER
2021**

Tait Technology Centre

245 Woolldridge Road,
Harewood,
Christchurch 8051

**Morning tea from 10.30am
Presentation 11am - 12pm**

Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/bimsafe-launch>

For more information on the BIMSafe NZ Project, please contact Paul Duggan. Paul Duggan, General Manager, Canterbury Safety Charter 027 274 6474 | paulduggan@safetycharter.org.nz