

Canterbury Newsletter September 2021

BRANCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

I hope everyone is safe and well given the recent challenges we have all faced due to Covid-19 and the wild weather – I am currently hoping my battery lasts as I write this, as its been gale force winds since early morning and my village and surrounding areas are without power and having to conserve water, feels just like camping 😊



Yay we have reached the big 350 in Canterbury Branch Members 😊

COMMITTEE MEMBER REVIEW – KATE BROOKS

WorkSafe NZ Conference - Asbestos Management for the Public Sector - Wellington 10-11th Aug.

The conference was designed to assist public sector organisations understand their duties around asbestos management. The conference was well attended with approximately 200 attendees from various organisations such as DHBs, Ministry of Education, Regional Councils, and LINZ.

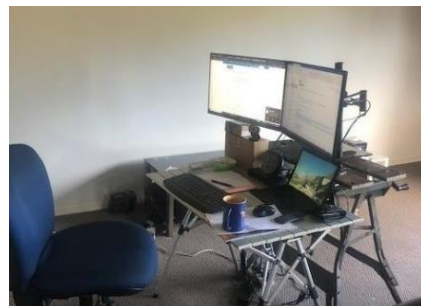
WorkSafe provided a clear indication of their expectations and how the public sector should be leading asbestos management standards. There were presentations from various organisations on how they have managed the asbestos risk within their sector, including sharing their challenged as well as their innovations and wins. The highlight for me was the keynote speak - Dr Jim McLeod, who is WorkSafe NZ Occupational Health Clinician. He provided a very heartfelt and thought-provoking presentation that boiled down to - Asbestos Management is all about preventing cancer.

WHAT SOME OF THE COMMITTEE GOT UP TO IN LOCKDOWN

John Woodrow – Pippin the chihuahua with 15-year-old Penny in the pushchair enjoying the views while Dexter has a good workout.



Steffan ST Clair Newman - Picture of my home office set up, please note the sensational multipurpose folding saw table screen holder and camping picnic table/desk



HASANZ CONFERENCE 2021

New Dates Announced!!

It is pleasing to see that the HASANZ conference may still go ahead after all.

The plans now are to hold the conference on Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th November in Wellington subject to Covid-19 alert levels.

Registrations will be carried over to the new dates so there is no need to do anything

HASANZ SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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.

HASANZ Scholarships include:

- a financial contribution of \$5000* each year for up to two years.
- practical learning and the ability to work on real life issues.
- mentoring by an industry professional.

*Scholarship value may vary at HASANZ's discretion.

Application forms can be accessed [here](#)

Alternatively, enquiries should be directed to scholarships@hasanz.org.nz

MENTORING - What is Mentoring?

Mentoring is a learning partnership between an experienced professional person (mentor) and a member (mentee) for the purpose of sharing knowledge and information. Mentoring provides all persons with the opportunity for and access to professional growth and development

The Benefits of Mentoring - Why mentor or be mentored?

Please see the NZISM website for further information <https://www.nzism.org/mentoring/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please register for all events via NZISM website - <https://www.nzism.org/info/branch/canterbury/>

Unfortunately, due to Covid Alert Level restrictions a decision has been made to cancel all face-to-face events until November when hopefully we will still be able to have our Xmas Function



CANTERBURY BRANCH: NZISM & NZOHNA JOINT CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

3rd Nov - 3:00pm to 6:00pm– Venue: Hornby Working Men's Club - Details to follow

SAVE THE DATE!

Feb 2022 – More details to follow

Rescheduled HAVS Presentation

Vibration Action/Jason Johnstone

Jason has been diagnosed with hand-arm vibration syndrome. (HAVS)

He won a commendation award at the recent SAFEGUARD New Zealand Workplace H&S Awards and would like to share his journey with us.

INDUSTRY UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDANCE



WorkSafe NZ - <https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/managing-health-and-safety/novel-coronavirus-covid/>

CHASANZ - COVID-19 and working at the current Alert Level

The New Zealand COVID-19 Construction Protocols provide 'how to' guidance which sit below the COVID-19 Standard for New Zealand Construction Operations. These protocols are live documents, which will be kept updated by a working party of health and safety practitioners from across industry and can be adapted on a site-by-site basis.

MIA (Meat Industry Association) [Protocols to Manage Risk of COVID-19 for Continuation of Meat Processing](#)

You can download the protocols here:

[Alert Levels 3 and 4 Protocol 24.08](#) - at 31 August 2021

MPI's acknowledgement of the Alert Level 4 MIA Protocol can be downloaded [here](#).

[Alert Level 2 MIA Protocol 10.09](#) - at 10 September 2021

NATIONAL EVENTS



Health and Safety is seen as a career about knowing everything about everything and at the committee level, we have organised questions about everything in health and safety.

Please join us for our virtual health and safety pub quiz, remember to organise your own refreshments and snacks to find out who knows everything and who needs to read up on their health and safety general knowledge!

<https://www.nzism.org/book/2yCalxMopLqdPA13Kp1D6R3L/>



NATIONAL AGM – ZOOM 21/09/2021 05:30pm to 7:00pm

Join NZISM for our National AGM with guest speaker the Hon. Michael Wood, Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety.

<https://www.nzism.org/book/72YABYODOWLiVj3eVXz97SB/>