



## Canterbury Newsletter September 2022

### NZISM & NZOHNA JOINT CONFERENCE

It's go time this week with the **Sharing Solutions for a Stronger Future** conference on Thursday and Friday. The Committee are all pretty pumped for it, and we look forward to seeing a few of you there. Hopefully during the Dinner we can all get to know each other a little more personally.

### MEET A BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBER

This year Clair passed the torch over to Andrew Kenny as Branch Manager.

Hello team, it is my absolute delight to be your new Branch Manager. I joined the committee in 2021 and have been a NZISM member since 2012. I'm really looking forward to working with my new team/committee to deliver the best membership experience for our Branch. But, we cannot do it alone. All of our members have something to offer one another.



In just a few days' time we will be hosting our first conference in many years. With a confirmed attendance of over 150 NZISM and NZOHNA members, it is shaping up to be a truly awesome experience. A huge thanks to the Events Committee and the NZISM Office team for pulling this together.

I have always had a passion for Health and Safety. My father has been a volunteer firefighter for 49 years, so volunteering, community involvement and safety has always been in my life.

My professional health and safety journey began on 30 January 2012 when I was appointed as a Health and Safety Advisor for Terra Cat (formally Gough Group) thanks to a fellow branch members Tina Cameron and Tania Graham taking a chance on me as an internal recruitment from the floor, and the rest is history. I work within our Operational teams in the South Island.

When I am not working, I volunteered for Scouts Aotearoa, looking after a small camp site called Rimu Scout Park in Selwyn. I also volunteer with NZ Cadet Forces as an Area Support Officer looking after Navy, Army and Air Force Cadet Units in Ashburton and Timaru. In Scouts, I've been a member of the Board and Senior Leadership Team. We're responsible for a section of 300 young adults aged between 18 -26. I have also been the Risk and Safety Manager for two Ventures, which is an event for 1000 14 – 18 year olds over eight days (you can imagine the risks!)

I enjoy attending a few beer and wine festivals as well as being an avid traveller, wanderer, explorer both here and abroad (thanks goodness the borders are open!)

I look forward to meeting and working with you all and supporting the efforts of our amazing Committee.

Stay safe and see you at the next event,

Andrew Kenny

### ANNUAL REPORT - WORTH A READ

NZISM's ["50 Year Anniversary" Annual Report](#) for 2022 is now available. In it we celebrate not just 50 years of leading the way for the Health & Safety profession in New Zealand but a major milestone in reaching 2,500 members. We estimate we are now connecting with, and supporting, half of Aotearoa's generalist OHS practitioners and professionals.

**PractNZISM** | 

New Zealand Institute of Safety Management

Congratulations to our Canterbury members who progressed to become an accredited Practitioner during August:

- Novella Coombes
- Kate Brooks
- Immagina Murray-Bartlett

**ProfNZISM** | 

New Zealand Institute of Safety Management

Congratulations to our Canterbury members who progressed to become an accredited Professionals during August:

- Gigeesh Nirappath - Canterbury

### WISE – Women in Safety Excellence

The WISE NZ network was established by Margaret van Schaik and Helen Parkes in 2010 and now approx. 300 members around New Zealand.

The network promotes the equity and advancement of women in the safety profession, striving to continuously influence industry to address current and future safety challenges affecting women in the workforce locally, nationally and globally. Read their: [Mission Statement](#)



To become a member of the WISE network register on the database and then start engaging with the LinkedIn page. You will then receive communication on relevant events, initiatives and outcomes, and enable WISE to understand a little more about you and how they can best support you.

[WISE Network sign up](#)

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Our local Rep for Canterbury, Kate Sutcliffe, has been working in health and safety for over 17 years. Starting out as a Health and Safety Inspector, before moving into auditing, consulting / coaching and training. She is now a self-employed Health and Safety Specialist and Auditor, helping a number of companies make health and safety part of their everyday business. She is also part of the Avid Plus Ltd group of health and safety professionals. Kate is pleased to be part of a national group with the focus of promoting and supporting the profession.

