

Hello and welcome to our very 1st Northland Branch newsletter.

For each issue, we aim to profile a branch member - aiming to network and help link people to people, what they have contributed to in the past, currently and in the future in the wonderful world of Health and Safety.

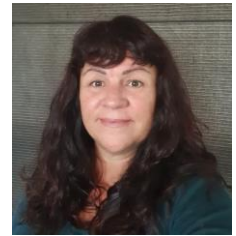
We are also always on the lookout for interesting speakers and topics to address the branch locally, or via webinar. For all contributions please email northland@nzism.org.

Early in June I participated in the NZISM subsidised EMA 2-day Machinery Risk training (Unit Standard 18410) as I felt this would be a great opportunity to refresh, having undertaken the unit standard way back in 2013.

Facilitated by Brent Sutton, I was pleasantly surprised by the course content and delivery. Brent is an inspiring and extremely knowledgeable trainer when it comes to Machinery Risk, HEAL Risk Assessment Model and both NZ and International Standards. I learnt so much, particularly taking onboard the value of upskilling and competency, currency also being equally important to continually improve what we do in our daily safety roles.

Along with the newsletter and a newly-developed Facebook page soon to be launched, an additional goal for our 2 year term will be to grow the Northland branch membership, and the committee look forward to coming up with some ideas on what we would like to achieve and how we plan to do it – watch this space!

Kathleen Ferguson – Northland Branch Manager



**2020/2021 Branch Committee
(from L-R)**

- Jeanne Mackenzie - Secretary
- Vaughan Clyma
- Rachel Elliott
- Andrew Saunders

Northland Branch gives a warm welcome to new members:

- Sheree Camilleri
- Mark Mangham, TBS Group
- Wendy Mosley, Contracts Administrator, Kaipara District Council

Upcoming Events to put in your calendars:

- 30 July 4:30 pm**- Safety Differently/Safety II with Moni Hogg at Building & Fire (2018) Ltd, Kioreroa Road Whangarei
- 5 August 5:00 pm** – Steve Young (NZISM Senior Leadership Team (Tertiary Lead) Buffet Dinner & Presentation, Distinction Hotel Riverside Whangarei
- 3 September 4:30 pm**- Contaminated Site Safety with Andrew Saunders, North Tec Lecture Theatre

Northland's 1st Webinar: Asbestos – The Need for Regulatory Review - 1 July 2020



Alistair Goodland – local branch member and Health & Safety Consultant from System Drivers has a specialist interest in Asbestos Assessment and Management and recently undertook the challenge and delivered a very informative webinar.

Alistair was pleased to have the opportunity to share his knowledge of the asbestos industry, with the view to raising awareness amongst other safety professionals. Asbestos and other fibres are a significant health risk factor to trades persons and the DIYer, and these groups are generally unaware.

It is Alistair's passion to change this.

OVERLAPPING DUTIES – by Andrew Saunders

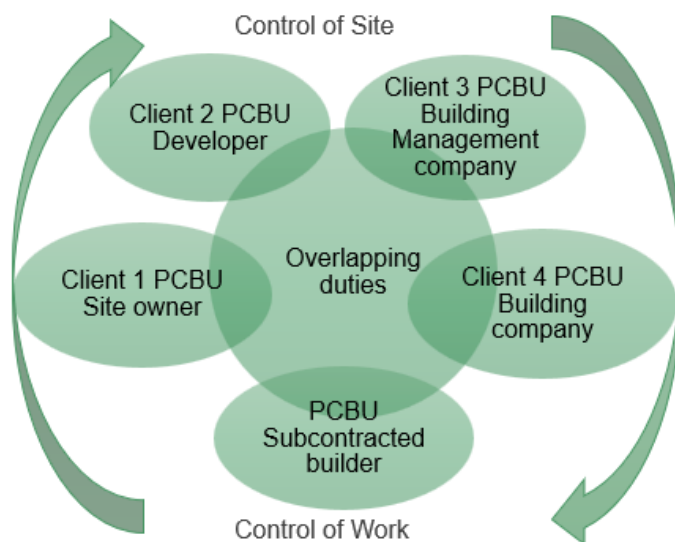
Both contracting and contracted PCBU's often fail to answer the simple question: "who is responsible for contacting Worksafe NZ in the case of a notifiable incident". This fundamental duty remains either unresolved or misunderstood.

It is important that PCBU sharing a site resolve each party's duties *before* beginning work.

The extent of each PCBU's responsibility to carry out their duties will depend on what ability the PCBU has to influence and control the health and safety matter. Typically, the more influence and control a PCBU has over a health and safety matter, the more responsibility it is likely to have. A PCBU can have influence and control over health and safety matters through:

- Control over the work activity
- Control of the workplace; and/or
- Control over workers.

A PCBU with a higher level of influence and control will usually be in the best position to manage the associated risks. The PCBU with less control or influence may fulfil their responsibilities by making arrangements with the PCBU with the higher level of influence and control. It is important these arrangements are documented, communicated, understood, and agreed.



Despite the sharing of duties, all PCBU's still retain the responsibility to meet their duties. They must monitor each other to ensure everyone is doing what they agreed. They must intervene if they identify an uncontrolled hazard or risk and resolve it before continuing with the work.

Note that the size of a PCBU or its financial resources does not equal its ability to have control or influence over health and safety matters. The PCBU with the most financial resources does not automatically have most of the responsibilities.

Please remember your Northland Branch committee is working hard for you to continue providing quality speakers and events as a part of your membership. There is also a lot of work that goes on in behind the scenes. Efforts put in are purely voluntary and it is vital the branch is supported.

If you know of anyone who would like to be added to the newsletter mailing list please let us know or if you have any questions, please email northland@nzism.org.

Thank you