

Wellington Branch Newsletter – May 2023

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Farewell to Kim Payton

After 4 years as the Wellington NZISM Branch Manager, Kim Payton stepped down at the recent AGM. Kim has been an integral part of growing our branch membership in Wellington and organising some fantastic speakers to present to the group. One of Kim's personal highlights was the panel discussion in 2019 with Steph Dhyberg and Julie Williamson about preventing and responding to bullying at work.

Thank you Kim on behalf of the committee and the Wellington branch members for all the hard work and dedication that you have put in over the last 4 years. We look forward to still seeing your face around at the monthly branch events.

Welcome to our New Branch Manager



We are very pleased to share with you that Thomas (Tom) Jones is our new Wellington NZISM Branch Manager.

Tom has over 17 years in the construction and manufacturing sectors, with 8 years of that time working professionally in various Health and Safety areas from emergency medical, high-risk manufacturing, to commercial and residential construction.

Tom sees himself as a culture disruptor, passionate safety leader and focused on transforming the H&S industry for the better. If you asked Tom to give you three words to describe himself they would be - inquisitive, passionate and personable.

If you have a question for Tom please reach out to him via well.nzism@gmail.com or tap him on the shoulder at the next NZISM event.



Upcoming events

Remember to keep an eye on other [NZISM events](#) that are happening online throughout the year, including sector forums on various industries where you can connect and network with other practitioners and professionals working in the same sector across NZ. We also have a [Wellington page](#) which shows our upcoming Wellington events and previous newsletters.

Wellington Branch

Risk and control velocity

Presenter - Robyn Parkin

When - Tuesday 13 June

Where - National Library

Register [here](#)



Using social identity to increase wellbeing and H&S

Presenter - Hugh Norris

When - Tuesday 12 July 12pm

Where - NZ Rugby, 100 Molesworth St, Thorndon or online via Zoom. [Register here](#)



June Zoom Webinars

[Keeping young workers alive to become old workers](#) - 8 June 2013 - 12.30-1.30pm

[Manufacturing Sector Forum](#) - 12 June - 12pm

[Not-for-profit Sector Forum](#) - 13 June - 2pm

[Agriculture Sector Forum](#) - 20 June - 12pm

[Occupational Hygiene](#) - 23 June - 12pm

[Automation Transition](#) - 28 June - 12.30pm

National Roadshow with Dr Nippin Anand



NZISM members have had the pleasure of working with Nippin before. In 2020, when COVID hit and our plans for a touring roadshow were abruptly scuppered, Nippin worked with us to develop our first online masterclass series. We learnt a lot about accident investigation from a human perspective. Through Nippin's own thoughtful and reflective style we also began to realise the power of

language and the art and value of listening. So when we started to hear about the positive reviews of Nippin's new "iCue" programme, we wanted to know more.

We are delighted that Nippin will be flying in to join us this year to provide members with a personal introduction.

For more information click [here](#).

WorkSafe Strategic Priorities and Q&A

If you didn't manage to watch the session with WorkSafe CEO, Phil Parkes, then click [here](#) for the recording. Well worth the watch for any H&S Professional,

In a 15 minute lead-in, Phil covers:

- How lifting the capability of the health and safety profession will contribute to a safer, healthier more equitable Aotearoa.
- How WorkSafe's executive structure change will help us to deliver our strategy and collaborate for better outcomes.
- Recent successes and challenges, and future opportunities.

The remaining 30 minutes is dedicated to a very informative Q&A session where our host, Selena Armstrong put member questions to Phil. Thank you to Phil for answering them head on.

Engineering Stone - Occupational Hygienist Perspective

Almi Bradfield-van Wyk a Senior Occupational Hygienist from ChemSafety joined us at the May Wellington NZISM event to talk to us about the health effects of engineering stone. It was a very insightful but concerning conversation.

Almi talked about the Accelerated Silicosis Assessment Pathway which is launched by ACC, for more information click [here](#).

It's great to see the NZ Panels group, who is a major supply of engineering stone implementing the following areas to reduce the risk to workers:

- They will no longer supply fabricators who aren't registered with the Voluntary RCS Accreditation Programme
- Silver / Gold status will be required by end of 2023 to continue being supplied with engineered stone
- Shifting to engineering stone <40% Crystalline Silica & will regularly have material tested to ensure supplied material complies to specifications

If you missed it then please read the presentation that is attached to the May newsletter email. For more information

- <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/131820506/major-engineered-stone-supplier-to-cut-of-f-fabricators-who-dont-protect-workers-from-toxic-dust-that-causes-incurable-silicosis>
 - <https://www.nzpanels.co.nz/news/nz-panels-group-moves-to-replace-its-engineered-stone-with-a-low-silica-alternative/>
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