

## Manawatu Health and Safety Forum- Manual Handling and Occupational Health

Notes from:

<b>Date:</b>	25/11/15	<b>Venue:</b>	UCOL
<b>Chair:</b>	Tony Greeve	<b>Time:</b>	4.00pm – 5.30pm
		<b>Host:</b>	Worksafe / Midway Occupational Health Services

### Attendees:

	Name:	Company:	Name:	Company
1	Michael Morris	ACC Palmerston North	Matt Hillas	TDDA
2	Allyson Harwood	Midway Occupational Health Services	Roger Little	Colspec Construction
3	Stu Malins	Maycroft Construction	Peter Mantell	Colspec Construction
4	Yvonne Watson	NZ Post	Stuart Lind	Colspec Construction
5	Ronny Boblea	RCR Engineering	Steve Hirst	Colspec Construction
6	Cecelia Butler	Canterbury Spinners Ltd	Michael Adair	Colspec Construction
7	Anthony Jahnke	Worksafe NZ	Paul Goss	Colspec Construction
8	Carl Baker	Worksafe NZ	Duncan McKie	Colspec Construction
9	Debbie Perrins	Worksafe NZ	Russ Kirton	Colspec Construction
10	John Valentine	Valentine Engineering	Tom Kimberley	Colspec Construction
11	Lew Thompson	Lews Creative Flooring	Jacky Buckley	Manawatu Security Fencing Ltd
12	Raymond Beveridge	Martin Beveridge Ltd	Andrew Joe	UCOL
13	Ashleigh Clarke	Martin Beveridge Ltd	Dave Freebairn	UCOL
14	Lindsay McBride	Manawatu Pothole Maintenance	Garry Robert	Kynoch Construction Ltd
15	Anna Matthews	Manawatu Pothole Maintenance	Donna Craig	Nebulite Aluminium Palmerston North Ltd
16	Ivan McQuillan Ltd	Ivan McQuillan	Nigel Pritchard	Riverbank Engineering
17	Occupational Support Services Ltd	Annette Newbery	Occupational Support Services Ltd	Kylie Brown
18	NZ Army	Jim Josephs	Humphries Construction Ltd	Stu Power
19	Mitre 10 Mega Palmerston North	Bevan Brabyn	Mitre 10 Mega Palmerston North	Stefan Guy
20	T & J McIlwaine Ltd	Tim Whitehouse	Grant Smith	PNCC
21	T & J McIlwaine Ltd	Rebecca Gray	Barry Hunt	PNCC
22	Site Safe NZ	Tony Greeve		

### Apologies:

	Name:	Company:	Name:	Company:
1	Keith Sandilands	Business Central	Darren Savill	Savill Construction
2	Lysa Huband	Long Panel	Julian McBrearty	Davis Contracting Levin
3	Phillip Thompson	NZDF	Bruce Lambie	Blackley Construction
4	Phil Round	Avenue Construction	Lesley Johnson	PowerCo

### General Topics:

The forum was attended by 43 representatives of industry and construction, from the Manawatu Region.

### Welcome:

Tony opened the forum with a welcome and introduced Debra Perrins from Worksafe and Allyson Harwood from Midway Occupational Health Services as the presenters. Debbie spoke about the requirements for managing hazards regarding manual handling and the effects that poor management of this activity can have on workers.

The link for the Code of practice is as follows: <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/all-guidance-items/manual-handling-code-of-practice-for/manual-handling-cop.pdf>

Allyson then spoke about Occupational Health, Health Monitoring and Well Health Programmes.

Anthony Jahnke from Worksafe NZ spoke and encouraged people to make contact with Worksafe if they had any problems or felt they needed some help with their Health and Safety processes. He reiterated the philosophy for Worksafe was that they were to engage, educate and if those avenues did not provide the required result, there would be a time for them to enforce the legislation. That is the philosophy for the current legislation and will continue with the new act coming into force in April 2016

There were some questions from the floor with a particular concern noted that most business owners are not in a position to spend long hours in searching for information that may have changed or been updated on the Worksafe website.

Michael Morris from ACC pointed out that Worksafe do have an email service which people can register on to receive legislation updates relevant to the sections the person asked for. The link to that part of the Worksafe Website is as follows: <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/about/subscribe>

If you have any questions or would like someone to follow-up with you, please feel free to contact one of the following people:

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This the final forum for 2015 but they will continue on 2016. We have a smaller coordinating group who plan and facilitate these forum and who meet between the forums for this activity. Please feel free to email or contact Tony Greeve if you have any ideas for subject matter for 2016.

At this stage no date have been set for 2016 but from feedback received it is expected that the march Forum will look at what is available in regard to the new legislation.

A big thank you to all of the people who have facilitated the meetings, to UCOL for hosting us for most of the year and also to you all for coming along.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	TBC 2016	<b>Venue:</b>	TBC, probably UCOL
<b>Subject:</b>		<b>Time:</b>	
<b>Chair:</b>		<b>Host:</b>	