

Minutes For: Waikato Safety Liaison Group Meeting

Meeting Number:	39	Venue:	Placemakers Clarence Street, Hamilton
Date:	20 August 2014	Time:	1400hrs
Chair:	Chris Graney	Minutes:	Steve Tuck

Attendees:

Name:	Company:
John Mayne (JM)	WorkSafe NZ
Chris Graney (CG)	Site Safe NZ
Ray Malone (RM)	ISS
John Dennis (JD)	Roy Dennis Construction Ltd
Steve Tuck (ST)	Foster Construction

Name:	Company:
Charlie Crocker (CC)	VHNZ
Kim Wihare (KW)	Livingstone Construction
Andy Overall (AO)	Greenstone Group
Hayley Wilkinson (HW)	Greenstone Group
Doug Atkinson (DA)	Gibson Contracting

Apologies:

Name:	Company:
A J Staples (AJS)	Hawkins Construction
Margaret Taylor (MT)	Mitchell Construction
Kris MacCauley (KM)	Naylor Love
Alex Ruwhiu (AR)	VHNZ
Dave Sopp (DS)	ISS
Kylie McNeil (KN)	Paterson Burn Optomotrists
Leonie Lightfoot (LL)	Waikato Steel Fabricators
Steve Tuck (ST)	Foster Construction
David Holmes (DH)	ACC

Name:	Company:
Russell Parker (RP)	Site Safe NZ
Garth Bromfield (GB)	Strada
Darryn Jonson (DJ)	WSF
Phil Hokianga (PH)	VHNZ
Nigel Lamborne (NL)	Naylor Love
Annette McKenzie (AM)	Placemakers
Gary Lightfoot (GL)	Waikato Steel Fabricators
Scott Mclean (SM)	Hawkins Construction
Michael Davies (MD)	University of Waikato

Agenda:**1. Welcome:**

Item	Action
Due to illness the Chair, Michael Davies was unable to attend. Chris Graney stood in and welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those attending for the first time and thanked everyone for their continued support.	None

2. Previous Minutes:

Item	Action
a) Read and accepted.	None

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Item (previous minutes item)	Action
a) Nil	

3. Guest Speaker(s):

Item	Action
<p>a. Dr John Kempthorne delivered a very interesting presentation and practical demonstration around a ladder safety and a ladder safety system he has invented and manufactured. Ladders Safety Legs offer anyone using ladders extra stability stopping ladders slipping backwards and sideways. Ladder safety is of tremendous concern for all as many New Zealanders get caught out and suffer life changing injuries resulting from these falls. For more information regarding the product contact the website at the following http://www.safetyladderlegs.co.nz/products/ladderlegs. Some of the main features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be fitted to any type of ladder A frame or Extending Ladders • Are adjustable to fit any size of ladder • Safety Ladderlegs correctly fitted the ladder will remain fully compliant with AS/NZS 1892.1:1996 safety standards • Designed and engineered in New Zealand 	

4. General Business:

Item	Action
<p>a) ACC Update. None</p> <p>b) Site Safe NZ update. Working at Height safety training is still busy and safety training in general through Passport renewals was in high demand. As an alternative to 2 yearly passport renewals a series of Safety Awareness Workshops has been launched for the industry. This would require the attendance of 4 x 1 hour workshops over a 2 year period to re-qualify. The workshops are to be held on site and delivered by the local Site Safe Safety Advisor service. These are renewals only, first time trainees would still have to attend the normal 4 hour safety awareness Industry Passport course in the first instance. The approved contractor process AppCon, continues to grow with a growing number of main contractors requiring subcontractors to be assessed as an important part of the preferred contractor protocols.</p> <p>c) WorkSafe NZ. John Mayne informed the group the BP Guide for MEWP was due for release very soon with one of the main recommendations Unit Standard training for all operators. A brief discussion around WorkSafeNZ position on enforcement action. John outlined the department main focus was to promote good workplace health and safety practice and work closely with Clients,</p>	

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<p>employers and employees. To deter non-compliance with law which they are engaged to enforce. Proactive enforcement approach is seen as key to achieve reductions in injuries and fatalities in the workplace. A factsheet outlining examples of where enforcement action may be taken is attached for reference.</p> <p>d) Ray Malone thro Dave Sopp at ISS made available to the group a report commissioned by SARNZ. The report entitled <u>A cost-benefit analysis of improved working at heights regulation</u> the report is attached for information with the minutes.</p>	

5. Recent Accidents/Incidents/Prosecutions :

Item	Action
a) Construction workplace fatalities and injury rates are listed on the new WorkSafe NZ website for anyone wishing to access the information.	All
b) The latest prosecutions can be viewed on line under news releases at <u>www.worksafe.govt.nz</u>	All

7. Other Business:

Item	Action
a) Safety Alerts and Safety Innovations None for this meeting	
b) Waikato Workplace Safety Week. Further discussions would be required to move this proposal on can be discussed next meeting.	All
c) Next meeting for 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 December 2014 • Venue to TBC 	All

Meeting Close: 15:30 hrs.

Next Meeting:

Meeting Number: <u>40</u>	Venue: <u>TBC</u>
Date: <u>12 December 2014</u>	Time: <u>1000hrs</u>
Chair: <u>Chris Graney (Site Safe)</u>	Minutes: <u>Dean Wills (Site Safe)</u>