

**Minutes For: Waikato Safety Liaison Group Meeting**

**Meeting Number:** 37 **Venue:** Placemakers, Clarence St, Hamilton  
**Date:** 11 February 2014 **Time:** 1000hrs  
**Chair:** Chris Graney **Minutes:** Steve Tuck

**Attendees:**

Name:	Company:
Dave Sopp (DS)	ISS
Chris Graney (CG)	Site Safe NZ
Steve Tuck (ST)	Foster Construction
John Dennis	Roy Dennis Construction Ltd
Alex Ruwhiu (AR)	VHNZ

Name:	Company:
Phil Hokianga (PH)	VHNZ
Kim Wihare	Livingstone Construction
David Holmes	ACC
Annette McKenzie (AM)	Placemakers

**Apologies:**

Name:	Company:
A J Staples (AJS)	Hawkins Construction
Margaret Taylor (MT)	Mitchell Construction
Kris MacCauley	Naylor Love
Scott Mclean (SM)	Hawkins Construction
Michael Davies (MD)	University of Waikato
Garry Menhennet (GM)	Strada
Leonie Lightfoot (LL)	Waikato Steel Fabricators
Michael Davies (MD)	University of Waikato

Name:	Company:
Russell Parker (RP)	Site Safe NZ
Garth Bromfield (GB)	Strada
Darryn Jonson (DJ)	WSF
John Mayne (JM)	WorkSafe NZ
Nigel Lamborne (NL)	Naylor Love
Alanna Paterson (AP)	Paterson Burn Optomotrists
Gary Lightfoot (GL)	Waikato Steel Fabricators

**Agenda:****1. Welcome:**

Item	Action
Chris Graney chaired the meeting as Michael Davies could not attend. He thanked everyone for attending and Steve Kinsey JV Operator for the use of Placemakers Clarence Street venue.	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
a) No speaker for the meeting	

**4. General Business:**

Item	Action
<p>a) <u>ACC Update</u>. David Holmes discussed the forth coming NZISM CPD Day on the 21st of February with Sidney Dekker as guest speaker. Illustrated on the white board was the Best Practice guidelines and how they relate to the HSE Act, regulations and standards. ACC will no longer fund Employee H&amp;S reps training once the current contracts with Providers expire. Pike River investigations have highlighted the need for draft legislation to be more specific. WorkSafe NZ is to be notified “immediately” a serious harm injury has become known by the employer or has occurred. According to WorkSafe NZ “immediately” means ‘within 24 hours’.</p> <p>b) <u>Site Safe NZ</u>. Chris Graney indicated that Working at Height safety training was still busy and safety training in general through Passport renewals was in high demand. The BP Guide for MEWP was due for release very soon and one the main recommendations was Unit Standard training for all operators. As an alternative to 2 yearly passport renewals a series of Safety Awareness Workshops is to be 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 Site Safe Safety Advisor service. These are renewals only, first time trainees would still have to attend the 4 hour PP 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) <u>WorkSafe NZ</u>. No one available for the meeting</p> <p>d) <u>VH NZ</u> Phil Hokianga indicated that they will run unit standard based MEWP training and it was a 6 hour course with the practical session taking place at Hire Equip's yard. Phil is now the National Training Manager for New Zealand with 49 trainers throughout the country. Alex and Aaron will be opening a new office in Hamilton in the very near future to compliment the new office in Tauranga. VHNZ have recently received a prestigious business award for the Tauranga area. VHNZ has been delivering NEBOSH Oil &amp; Gas courses overseas, in Australia &amp; the middle east With Fire Safety/Confined Space courses in addition to Height and Harness which has been well patronised by painters. Alex attended a NEBOSH course last year which is highly recommended with a big emphasis on safety and emergency planning.</p>	

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<p>e) <u>ISS</u>. Dave Sopp talked about the way Petsol hard hats had been central in saving one of those involved in the recent gas explosion in Auckland, and recommended the presentation organised by Ian Vincent from Watercare in Auckland. Also talked about the high demand and shortfall of Riggers with his company needing a further 86 in the near future. WorkSafe NZ will be issuing the Scaffold Best Practice Guide in the future taking over from SARNZ as the producer and distributor.</p>	

**5. Recent Accidents/Incidents/Prosecutions :**

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

**7. Other Business:**

Item	Action
<p>a) <b>Safety Alerts</b> and <b>Safety Innovations</b> None for this meeting</p> <p>b) <b>Waikato Workplace Safety Week</b> - The group discussed the possibility and feasibility around running a locally based and focused Workplace Safety Awareness workshops. The Liaison Group taking the safety message out to sites and workplaces, this would hopefully raise the profile of the group at the same time provide relevant information and support. Overall enthusiasm for the event was very positive and further discussions to formulate a plan and determine the content of the event would take place over the coming months. Likely timeframe for this would be September or October with the final day event linked to the builder's breakfast at Placemakers in Clarence Street. Any ideas or suggestions please bring to the next meeting for discussion.</p> <p>c) Next meetings for 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 June 2014</li> <li>• 12 August 2014</li> <li>• 14 October 2014</li> <li>• 9 December 2014</li> <li>• Venues to TBC</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>

**Meeting Close:** 11:40 hrs.

**Next Meeting:**

**Meeting Number:** 38

**Venue:** TBC

**Date:** 8 April 2014

**Time:** 1000hrs

**Chair:** Michael Davies

**Minutes:** Chris Graney (Site Safe)