

## Waikato Safety Liaison Group meeting

Friday 14 December 2018 at 12.30pm - Site Safe Offices 67A Seddon Road

### **Present:**

Rodger Hollins (Site Safe), Karen Goodburn (WSF), Grant Wharry (Downey), Kevin Lindsay (Stride), Lisa Taylor (ACC), David Sopp (ISS), John Dennis (Roy Dennis), Mark Levin (AP Group), David Holmes, Olga (IC Scaffolding)

### **Apologies:**

Gary Lightfoot (WSF), Sandra Williams (Worksafe), Chris Jobson (Sitesafe), Mark Sweeney (Gibson Construction), Hiren Sheth (Safety n Action), Kim Wihare (LBL), Rae (RTE), Karl Emslie (Edge Protection) Missed an e-mail from Karl

Apologies Accepted

Welcome

- Welcome to our final meeting of 2018!
- Big Thank you to Rodger and SiteSafe for the use of their Venue and the lunch supplied.
- Health & Safety - Site Safe Venue

### **Minutes of previous meeting – Accepted**

Matters arising?

- Change of date for April meeting – it is the Friday after Anzac Day
  - Change to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018
  - Recap of Next year's dates
    - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019
    - Friday ~~26<sup>th</sup> April 2019~~ – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019
    - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019
    - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019
    - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019
    - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019??

### **Focus Group Presentation**

None this month

- Look at a Mental Health Focus presentation for the new year

### **ACC Update – Lisa Taylor**

- ACC restructure – Claims Management changes
  - New Stream System (Less contact with Businesses) – Still in Pilot Stage
  - Will take a while to get up and running
  - Give feedback if you are involved the pilot
    - Minor injuries
      - Employee to register with ACC for requirements like a Taxi or Medication costs
      - Will no longer have a Case Manager
    - More serious Injury
      - Will move up the stream

- If very Serious Injury
  - a Case Manager will be assigned
- Lisa also touched briefly on the update from the last meeting

### **WorkSafe Update**

Not available

But Dave Sopp mentioned that the consultations for the 1995 have been pushed out to February 2019 (Dave, I may need some clarification on this one☺)

Grant also mentioned a SafeGuard Newsletter +- \$300/year, but worth it.  
Have media reviews as well on Health and safety incidents nation-wide

### **WSLG Around the table:**

- Kevin from Stride brought up the issue of Public climbing on scaffolding / fencing
  - This is a big thing overseas – people climbing scaffolding to take selfies.
  - ACC will cover an injury whether it is legal or not
  - Company covered as long as you have taken all practicable steps and have everything documented.
  - Grant mentioned an incident with a body that had been found on a site
    - “broken into” site, accessed a scaffold and fallen
    - The site was fully fenced, had daily inspections, and a security guard at night.
    - The point here is that all practicable steps were taken to secure the site and someone still got in and fell to their death
      - Asses risks
      - Document all steps taken
    - Also – trespassing is not illegal unless you are caught
    - Unlawfully on site also only if caught stealing or with tools to do damage
    - Same with vehicles
      - Unless site is secure – all site are public access roads
  - A verbal trespass is legal if issued and all details recorded
- For unsafe scaffolding
  - Best to ply over basses of scaffolding & remove all ladders at access points
  - Not just tag unsafe
- Mobile scaffolds
  - Need to be competent to use – EWP Training does not cover mobile scaffold use
  - If anyone has a 1-page user guide – please let Grant know
- Re rescue plans – make sure your plan includes someone going to the roadside to direct the EMS to the site
  - That time could save a life
- [www.Workwell.health.nz](http://www.Workwell.health.nz)
  - WorkWell is a free, workplace wellbeing initiative which supports workplaces to ‘work better through wellbeing’.
  - Great resources e.g.
    - Sun Safety Action Plan Template
    - Physical Activity Action Plan Template
    - Smokefree Action Plan Template
    - Alcohol and other drugs Action Plan Template
    - Infection Control and Immunisation Action Plan Template
    - Mental Wellbeing Action Plan Template

- Also EAP – Employment Assistance Programme - [www.eapservices.co.nz](http://www.eapservices.co.nz)
- Also suggested <https://worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/work-related-health/work-related-health-updates/health-isnt-just-physical/>

**General Business:**

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Everyone have a Safe & Happy Christmas!

Meeting closed at 13.25pm