

Waikato Safety Liaison Group meeting
Friday 18 October 2019 at 12.30pm - Site Safe Offices 67A Seddon Road

Rodger Hollins (Site Safe), Karen Goodburn (WSF), Grant Wharry (Downey), Kevin Lindsay (Stride), Dave Sopp (ISS), Jade Walker (Fosters), Andrew Mellor (Fosters), Juen Rila (McArair), John Dennis (Roy Dennis Builders), David Holmes (Transformation Ltd), Brent Austin (WorkSafe), Laura Risbrook (St Johns – Speaker),

Apologies:

Gary Lightfoot (WSF), Karl Emslie (Edge Protection), Sandra Williams (WorkSafe), Stephan Geldenhuys (SiteSafe), Kim Wihare (LBL), Kelly Pilkington (Cheal), Lisa Taylor (ACC), Bobby (Just Heatpumps)

Apologies Accepted

Welcome

- Health & Safety - Site Safe Venue

Minutes of previous meeting – Accepted

Matters Arising

- Only matter was to follow up with Sandra re Safe Plus – possible speaker / presentation / information

Focus Group Presentation

Laura Risbrook from St Johns

- Presentation on the New Mental Health First Aid Course
- <https://buy.stjohn.org.nz/first-aid/first-aid-courses/mental-health-first-aid-public>
How to recognize symptoms or “have that talk”
Course helps to change attitudes towards mental health
Mental health website also has a lot of resources
<https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/>

Text 1737 to Talk

ACC Update – Lisa Taylor – No Report – Lisa Away

WorkSafe Update – Brent Austin

It was really great to have Brent at the meeting, this was also apparent with the lengthy discussion following on from Brent’s Update.

There is a lot going on at Worksafe at the moment

- increase in non-harm related prosecutions - proactive prosecution
- Accelerated Siclicosis Alert - Engineered stone
- Excavation Safety
- Working with Building inspectors with regards to Public Safety on sites particularly within the city
- Increase in vehicle related incidents on construction sites.
- falls from height – internal

Education – BSM roadshow – Still running

Trying to change attitudes – make people Want To do health and safety rather than Have To!

Brent asked the question:

"What is important for the Waikato safety liaison group to do to Benefit the Waikato region? What can we do?"

- Have an Example Residential Worksite for directors / management / workers to see what a good worksite looks like.
- Brainstorm ideas to get the H & S message through
 - With 3 ideas to implement
 - Have someone who has had an injury or lost someone to a worksite injury to talk about it
- A lot of the discussion was also on standardize rules for all
 - Safety Minimum Requirements

We have penciled in the February 2020 meeting for a Brainstorm

Useful link for resources – WorkSafe British Columbia

<https://www.worksafebc.com>

SiteSafe Update – no report given due to time running out

WSLG Around the table:

Most of those present brought up a few issues with Brent from WorkSafe, so no formal round the table was done (also time ran out)

General Business:

None

Meeting closed at +- 2.30pm